

Important Numbers

Family Law Court Staff

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All mediations should be scheduled by emailing mediation@jud14.flcourts.org.

Packets Available for Purchase from the Clerk of Court:

- Dissolution of Marriage
- Modification of Child Support
- Modification of Parenting Plan/ Timesharing
- Paternity & Other Related Relief
- Adult Name Change
- Minor Child Name Change
- Motion for Civil Contempt
- Step-Parent Adoption

Family Law Court Staff can:

- Assist in scheduling hearings
- Explain local court procedures
- Provide general information regarding the court system
- Provide information regarding community service agencies

Family Law Court Staff can not:

- Provide legal advice
- Advise you of your rights or responsibilities
- Refer you to a specific attorney

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-3550 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711 or email ADARrequest@jud14.flcourts.org.

FAMILY LAW COURT STAFF RESOURCE GUIDE



Fourteenth Judicial Circuit State of Florida

Serving Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes,
Jackson and Washington Counties

This guide provides information to
litigants who choose to
represent themselves in family court.

It is always best to seek the
advice of an attorney.

Approved Parenting Courses

There are several local “in person” and “online” courses available. You may find an up to date list of all DCF approved parent education courses along with the contact information for each course at the website below:

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/child-family/child-and-family-well-being/parent-education-and-family-stabilization>

Step by step instructions to access the course list: Visit the DCF website- www.myFLfamilies.com

- 1) At the top of the page, click on “Services” (dropdown menu)
- 2) Click on “Child and Family Services”
- 3) Click on “Child and Family Wellbeing”
- 4) Scroll down the page until you see “Parent Education and Family Stabilization Course Provider List”
- 5) Click on “More Information”
- 6) Click on either “Local Courses” or “Online Courses”

Please note that different providers charge different fees. Also, some providers will accept your Certificate of Indigence; however providers are not required to accept it.

If you have any questions regarding their fees, please contact the provider directly.

Legal Assistance

Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.
(850) 769-3581

Call the number listed above to request information on how this agency may provide legal representation.

Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service
(800) 342-8060

The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service will refer you to a local attorney who has agreed to provide a 30 minute initial consultation at a reduced fee. After your initial consultation, you may pursue the case on your own, or you may retain the attorney’s services. Not all lawyers are a member of this service.

**Florida Department of Revenue—
Child Support Enforcement**
(800) 622-5437 or (850) 872-4165

This office can assist custodial parents in obtaining and enforcing child support.

Bay County Law Library
898 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401
www.nwrls.com/law_library

Access to WestLaw and **ProDOC® Legal Forms**. Online and hard copies of reference materials.

Helpful Websites

- www.flcourts.org
Contains information on Family Court Rules and Opinions. The Florida Supreme Court forms are available at this website free of charge.

- www.jud14.flcourts.org
This is the official website for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. The site includes links to Family Law Forms and all Administrative Orders for the circuit.

- www.flclerks.com
Official website for the Florida Association of Court Clerks. A link is provided for all Clerk of Court offices throughout the state and this circuit.

- www.floridarevenue.com
Click on the child support link to find information on how to locate missing parents, establish paternity and/or child support, and enforce existing child support orders.

- www.leg.state.fl.us/welcome/
Provides a direct link to the Florida Statutes, the Florida Senate, and the Florida House of Representatives.