

Are you going to represent yourself in your Family Law Case?

Most family law cases involve serious and, often times, complex legal issues. You may want to consider consulting with an attorney before you make the choice to represent yourself. Many family law attorneys charge only a small amount or nothing at all for an initial consultation.

If you elect to represent yourself, Butte County offers two programs to assist self-represented persons in family law cases. These programs are the **FAMILY LAW FACILITATOR'S OFFICE** and the **SELF-HELP ASSISTANCE AND REFERRAL PROGRAM (SHARP)**. Although, each operates under the supervision of an attorney, neither program gives legal advice that could be obtained from a privately retained attorney.

These programs provide service to all parties in a case; neither program represents one side or the other. There is no attorney-client relationship created as a result of any information or services provided to a party by the program(s). *The emphasis of each program is to provide legal information and education, not legal strategy and advice.* Program staff will provide information about procedure, substantive law and choices the litigants may have, allowing people to make informed decisions about their case. The services are provided to everyone; there is no income qualification required.

The **FAMILY LAW FACILITATOR'S OFFICE** provides:

1. Educational materials to parents concerning the court process of establishing parentage & establishing, modifying and enforcing child/spousal support.
2. Any necessary court forms and voluntary declarations of paternity, and provides assistance in completing the forms.
3. Support schedules based upon statutory guidelines
4. Referrals to the local child support agency, family court services and/or other community resources for parents and/or children.
5. Assistance with child support issues.

The **SHARP** program provides assistance in initiating or responding to:

1. Final Divorce Decrees (final judgment)
2. Order to Show Cause or Motions (for issues other than child/spousal support)
3. Change of Venue Motions
4. Summary Dissolutions
5. Domestic Violence Restraining orders
6. Guardianships
7. Civil Harassment

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