



# Quick Resource Guides: Child Custody and Support

## How to:

- Asking for a Custody Order: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/child-custody/filing-options>
- Changing a Custody Order: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/request-for-order/custody-visitation>
- Establishing Paternity: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/parentage>
- Asking for a Child Support Order: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/child-support/options>
- Changing a Child Support Order: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/request-for-order/child-support>

## Forms

- Custody/Visitation Forms: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/form/child-custody-wayfinder>
- Child Support Forms: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/child-support/options>
- LawHelp Interactive Parentage Petition  
<https://lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/6242/engine>
- LawHelp Interactive Parentage Response  
<https://lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/6164/engine>

## Library Books/Computer Applications

### *Family Law Basics*

KFC115 .F36 2019, shelf 109B.

### *California Child & Spousal Support: Establishing, Modifying & Enforcing*

KFC133 .C353 2010, shelf 109B. Also available as an eBook through CEB OnLaw.

### *California Child Custody Litigation & Practice*

KFC130 .C35 2006, shelf 109B. Also available as an eBook through CEB OnLaw.

### *Nolo's essential guide to child custody & support.*

KF547 .D67 2023, shelf 108B. Also available as an eBook through Nolo (Ebsco).

### *Child and Spousal Support: Bench Handbook*

KFC133 .B46 2019, shelf 108B. Also available as an eBook at

<http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/protem/pubs/SupportBHB.pdf>

**XSpouse**, available on the Law Library's research computers 1-8

This program is a child and spousal support calculator certified for Court use by the California Judicial Council. XSpouse also has a YouTube channel with tutorials and updates.

<https://www.youtube.com/@xspouse>

## Free Legal Help

### Alameda County Court Self-Help Center

<https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/self-help>

Contact the SHC via phone or chat to ask a questions, make an appointment, or register for a workshop. The Self-Help Center does not take walk-in patrons, but you may make an appointment to talk to someone in person.

**Family Law LiveChat** - Monday – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM; Friday, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

- Access via “Chat now” chat widget: <https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/divisions/family-law>
- Login early. They may stop taking chats before the stated hours end if they reach capacity.

#### **Phones**

- Self-Help Center: (510) 272-1393, Mon-Thurs, 2PM-4PM
- Voicemails can only be left during phone hours; Messages are returned within 5 business days

### **Bay Area Legal Aid**

1735 Telegraph Ave. Oakland, CA (510) 663-4744

Assist survivors of domestic violence with child custody and visitation forms.

### **Alameda County Dept of Child Support Services**

5669 Gibraltar Dr, Pleasanton, CA- (866) 901-3212

Help parents establish paternity, open a child support case, or enforce a child support order.

### **Dads Evoking Change – Drop in Family Law Clinic**

AIMS College Prep High School Campus, 765 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA

Clinic is held Tuesdays from 1:30-4:30 pm.

### **Community Legal Assistance Saturday Program (CLASP)**

<https://lawlibrary.acgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Virtual-CLASP-Flyer.pdf>

Free all-topics telephone legal clinic on the first Saturday/month. Volunteer attorneys speak with individuals for 15-20 minutes.

To make an appointment, call the intake line at (510) 485-9933 between 10:00 am - noon on the first Saturday/month and an attorney will call you back later that day.

### **Hire an Attorney**

#### **BALI - Bay Area Legal Incubator**

125 12<sup>th</sup> St. Oakland, CA Mezzanine Level

Affordable legal services. Some attorneys offer sliding scale fees. In-take form available on website, and you can also read the profiles and get contact information for the BALI attorneys.

<https://www.bayarealegalincubator.org/>

#### **ACBA Lawyer Referral Service - (510) 302-2222 x4**

\$40.00 for attorney referral and 30-minute consultation. Attorneys charge \$200 – 400/hour for services.

Can also self-book consultations online: <https://www.acbanet.org/need-a-lawyer/>