



District of Columbia Courts

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Volunteer Opportunity Family Court Self-Help Center

The Family Court Self-Help Center is a free walk-in and call-in service at the D.C. Superior Court that provides unrepresented people with legal information in a variety of family law matters including divorce, custody, visitation, and child support.

Over 6,000 customers visit the Self-Help Center each year. Volunteer attorneys play a critical role in helping these litigants understand their rights and navigate the court process so they can more effectively represent themselves.

How You Can Help

Under the supervision of experienced court staff, volunteers meet one-on-one with unrepresented people on site at the Family Court Self-Help Center.

Volunteers help unrepresented people involved in family law matters by:

- Informing them of their legal rights and obligations
- Describing the legal options available to them
- Helping them identify and complete court forms
- Explaining the court process and what to expect in court
- Referring them to other helpful resources

The Family Court Self-Help Center does not provide legal advice, only information. No prior experience in family law is required.

Volunteers are encouraged to staff at least one, three-hour shift per month.

Questions or Ready to Volunteer? Contact Jodi.Feldman@DCCSystem.gov