

# State & Local Resources related to Effective Co-Parenting and Legal Information related to Parental Rights and Duties



## Statewide

### Telephone Assistance:

**Access & Visitation Hotline:** To speak with an attorney, call this toll free telephone hotline at **(866) 292-4636** weekdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The hotline provides easy access for non-custodial parents across Texas to basic legal information, education and resources.

**Texas Advocacy Project Hotlines:** These hotlines are staffed by attorneys who provide assistance to Texans on a variety of legal concerns related to domestic violence, sexual assault and family law. Hotline information is below:

- family violence legal line: 800-374-HOPE
- family law hotline: 800-777-FAIR
- sexual assault legal hotline: 888-296-SAFE

**State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Service:** This service helps find lawyers for persons in counties where there is no local lawyer referral service. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call toll free: 1-800-252-9690 or 1-877-9TEXBAR

### Websites:

**Access & Visitation Hotline Web Site:** [www.lanwt.org/txaccess/](http://www.lanwt.org/txaccess/) for legal information and forms.

**Access and Visitation Online Directory:** [www.oag.state.tx.us/cs/access/](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/cs/access/) List of community services, including supervised visitation centers, mediation, co-parenting education, parenting coordination, legal services for enforcement, and neutral pick-up and drop-off centers throughout Texas, to help parents with shared parenting.

**Texas Law Help:** [www.texaslawhelp.org](http://www.texaslawhelp.org) A one-stop, online resource for free and low-cost civil legal assistance in Texas. Learn about your rights, self-help resources for legal problems, and where to find legal aid. For access to and help using this site, go to your local public library.

## Local

### Local Legal Resources:

**Lone Star Legal Aid:** In Houston, call (713) 652-0077 for assistance with civil legal problems. Some of the issues this office can help you with include family law, consumer problems, housing issues and public benefits.

**Fort Bend Lawyers CARE:** Fort Bend County residents only. Assistance with civil legal problems. Some of the issues this office can help you with include family law, consumer problems, housing issues and public benefits.

**Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse:** In Houston, call 713-224-9911 for assistance with legal problems concerning spousal and child abuse.

**Houston Volunteer Lawyers:** In Houston, call 713-228-0732(intake line) for assistance with civil legal problems including family law.

**UH Law Clinic:** In Houston, call 713-743-2094 for assistance. They have a General Civil Clinic; Family Law, Bankruptcy, and Guardianships. Call the number to set an appointment. Once an appointment is set, you can meet with an attorney and have an intake done to establish eligibility.

**South Texas School of Law:** In Houston, call 713-652-0009 for assistance. The clinic handles Social Security Disability Appeals, Name Changes, Wills & Probate, Uncontested Divorces, and Guardianships.

### **Access & Visitation Mediation/Supervised Visitation Centers:**

**SAFE Family Programs:** In Houston call 713-755-5625 for assistance. The administrative office is located at 1310 Prairie, Houston Texas 77002. They charge a flat fee for their screening process and their services.

### **Dispute Resolution Services:**

**Dispute Resolution Center of Harris County:** Call 713-755-8274. Be sure to inform them this will be family law mediation. Family law mediation requires advance notice and preparation.

**Dispute Resolution Center of Fort Bend County:** Call 281-242-1621. Family law mediation.

### **Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Resources:**

**District Attorney Intake Division (Protective Orders):** In Houston, call 713-755-5888 for assistance. This is an information line only. Intakes for Protective Orders are done in person. Clients seeking a Protective Order should be at their office by 7:30 am and should expect to be there all day.

**Fort Bend County** residents call 281-341-4480.

**Domestic Relations Office:** In Houston, call 713-755-5706 for assistance. Those applying for child support must call to be screened. After screening, an appointment can be made. There is a flat fee depending on the services a client requires.

**Harris County Victims Assistance Unit:** In Houston, call 713-967-5800 for assistance. They provide information on Criminal Justice Support, Crime Victims Rights, referrals to social service providers, and assist in Crime Victims Compensation.

### **Houston Police Department- Family Violence Unit:**

Main Unit:	1200 Travis #1101 Houston 77002	713-308-1100
Westside Unit:	3203 Dairy Ashford, 77082	281-584-4900
North Unit:	9455 W. Montgomery, 77088	281-405-6460
South Unit:	8300 Mykawa, 77048	713-731-5960

Arrests abusers and assists victims in obtaining services and filing charges. Informs women of legal rights and provides lists of agencies. Interviewing hours are Mon. thru Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Harris County Sheriff's Department:** Dispatch: 713-221-6000  
601 Lockwood Houston 77011 Domestic & Sexual Assault: 713-967-5743  
Performs criminal investigations into domestic violence and sexual abuse.

**Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department:** 281-341-4704

**Crime Victims' Compensation:** In Houston, call the information line at 1-800-983-9933.

This program provides financial assistance to victims of violent crime for related expenses that cannot be reimbursed by insurance or other sources. The program is administered through the Attorney General of Texas. The application is available online at [www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/cvc.shtml](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/cvc.shtml) or in the local offices.

**North Channel Coalition/Betty's Haven Project:** In Houston, call 281-457-6775 for assistance. They provide resource information for transitional living. Job location and counseling services are also available.

### **Crisis Counseling and Substance Abuse Treatment:**

**Abundant Health Counseling Center:** In Houston, call 281-558-1900 for services. They are located at 12000 Westheimer # 206 Houston 77077. They provide individual, group, and family counseling for abuse, adjustment problems, adolescent behaviors, depression, grief/loss, anger and marital problems. There is a sliding fee. Medicaid is accepted, and evening appointments are available.

**Bay Area Consultation Services:** In Houston, call 281-286-6011 for services. They are located at 1560 W. Bay Area Blvd. #195, Clear Lake 77546. They provide solution focused family centered treatment for a wide array of individual and relationship issues. Insurance/Medicaid is accepted. Certified Domestic Violence Counselor. Areas served are Clear Lake, Friendswood, Brazoria County and Pasadena.

**Beal & Associates:** In Houston, call 713-463-9449 for services. They are located at 3003 S. Loop W., #330 Houston 77054. They provide counseling for emotional and behavioral problems of children and adolescents. They also handle peer, school, gangs, adolescent, and drug problems. Afternoon appointments and Saturday anger management class are \$20/hour for 3 hours. There are individual, family, and group sessions. They accept Medicaid and Insurance.

**Behavioral Health Consultants:** In Houston, call 713-463-9449 for services. They are located at 9055 Katy Freeway # 312, Houston, 77024 and their hours are M-F 9am-6pm. They provide diagnosis, counseling, psychotherapy and medication management for children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families. Comprehensive psychological services are available. They accept Medicaid, Medicare, CompCare, sliding scale, and private insurance.

### **Catholic Charities: Mamie George Community Center—Helping our neighbors in Fort Bend County:**

1111 Collins Road, Richmond, Texas, 77469 Main Number - 281.202.6200

Website: [www.catholiccharities.org/mamie-george](http://www.catholiccharities.org/mamie-george)

Information Brochure: <http://www.catholiccharities.org/document.doc?id=28>

In Houston, call 713-526-4611 for services. They are located at 2900 Louisiana, Houston TX 77006. They provide counseling for marital or couple difficulties, grief issues, stress, parent/child conflicts, chronic or terminal illness, and divorce adjustment. They have a sliding scale to determine cost of service.

**Center for Counseling:** In Houston, call 713-263-0829 for services. The Administrative Office is located at 2916 W. T.C. Jester, #102 Houston 77018. They provide professional Christian counseling. Call the main number for locations. They use an adjusted fee scale. Other offices are located in: Alief, the Galleria area, Northwest Community, Kingwood, Clear Lake, Pasadena, the Heights, League City, Southeast, Forest Cove, Kirby, and West Houston

**Center for Family Consultation:** In Houston, call 713-526-4751 for services. They are located at 2524 Nottingham, 77005. They provide family and individual assessment and counseling. Adolescent, and school related problems. Spanish speaking services are available. They have offices throughout Harris County.

**Champions Christian Counseling Center:** In Houston, call 281-357-4111 for services. They are located at 333. S. Cherry, Tomball 77375. Their website address is: [www.cccctomball.com](http://www.cccctomball.com) They provide Christian perspective counseling and counseling for children, adolescents, families and adults. There are free monthly

workshops, play therapy, divorce recovery, depression-anxiety, self esteem issues and individual and support groups

**Christian Family Counseling:** In Houston, call 713-681-9598 for services. They are located at 710 N. Post Oak # 500, Houston, 77024. They provide all types of counseling, classes and workshops for families, individuals, or couples. They have an adjustable fee scale and accept insurance. You must call for the center nearest you.

**Community Family Center:** In Houston, call 713-923-2316 for services. They are located at 7524 Ave. E. Houston 77012. They provide services for the Spanish speaking community. They offer emergency assistance/counseling for basic needs, counseling for marital, family, individual, children, youth, drug, and domestic violence issues.

**Compass Counseling Solutions:** In Houston, call 281-807-9252 for services. They are located at 12902 Haynes Rd. Ste B, Houston 77066. They provide counseling for individuals, couples, and family therapy. Evening and weekend appointments are available. They accept Medicaid and most private insurance. They provide services in both English and Spanish

**DePelchin Children's Center:** In Houston, call their Central Intake at 713-730-2335 for services. They are located at 4950 Memorial, 77007. They provide individual, family, group therapy, parenting classes, substance abuse counseling, and medication management. You must call their central intake number to schedule appointment at the nearest center to the client. CHIPS and Medicaid are accepted.

**Evergreen Counseling Center:**

14355A Torrey Chase Blvd. 77014

Phone: 281-631-9977

2203 Timberlock, #100 The Woodlands, 77380

Phone: 281-296-5740

They provide counseling and psychological services for children, adolescents and adults. They also provide marital counseling and substance abuse counseling. They accept insurance.

**Fort Bend County Women's Center:** 281-342-4357 The Fort Bend County Women's Center helps survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children with comprehensive services that help them live violence-free, away from their batterers and abusers.

**Hope Alive Ministries:** In Houston, call 281-656-2548 for services. They are located at 16151 Carinway, Houston, 77084. They provide non-profit Christian counseling service, individual, marriage, and family counseling, youth counseling, and a women's abuse group.

**Houston Center for Christian Counseling:** In Houston, call 281-277-8811 for services. They are located at 13333 Southwest Freeway, Ste 230 Sugarland 77478. Their website is [www.christiancounselinghouston.com](http://www.christiancounselinghouston.com)

They provide outpatient individual, family, marital and group counseling for adults, adolescents and children. They have a satellite office in Katy. They have a sliding scale fee structure. Medicaid and insurance are accepted.

**La Rosa:** In Houston, call 713-699-3974 for services. They are located at 5203 Fulton, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Houston 77009. Their website is [www.larosafamilyservices.org](http://www.larosafamilyservices.org). They provide emergency crisis intervention, one-on-one counseling, Adult and teen support groups, family therapy. Their services are free but are in Spanish ONLY.

**Lee's Counseling Services:** In Houston, call 281-772-8407 for services. They are located at 6630 Harwin, Ste 215G, Houston, 77036. They provide individual, group, and family counseling. They are a non-profit agency with sliding scale fees.

**Memorial Hermann Counseling and Worklife Center:** In Houston, call 713-868-2908 for services. They are located at 1801 North Loop West, Ste. 12, Houston, 77008. They provide evaluations and counseling for children, adolescents, and families. They are bilingual with a sliding scale fee. Insurance and Medicaid accepted.

**Northshore Counseling Center Inc.:** In Houston, call 713-637-6000 for services. They are located at 333 Freeport St., Houston, 77015. They provide counseling and psychological services for children, adolescents and adults as well as marital counseling. By appointment only. Most insurance, CHIPS, and Medicaid accepted.

**Post Oak Center:** In Houston, call 713-963-9272 for services. They are located at 4605 Post Oak Place # 225, Houston, 77027. They provide outpatient bilingual counseling services for adolescents, couples, and families. They also provide group counseling for girls. There is a sliding scale fee and some free services are offered.

**Robbie Burnett:** In Houston, call 281-580-7845 for services. They are located at 14343 Torrey Chase Ste I, Houston, 77014. They are trauma specialists dealing with problems such as depression, suicide, abuse, family conflicts, school problems and self-esteem. They have Sexual assault and crime victims' specialization. Both individual and family therapy are available.

**Victim's Resource Institute:** In Houston, call 713-743-8614 for services. They are located at 4505 Calhoun, Houston, 77024 (on the UH Campus). They provide low cost treatment and referral for victims of violent crimes and their families. They also provide consultation to legal professionals who work on their behalf.

**Vital Issues Projects:** In Houston, call 713-771-0405 for services. They are located at 9055 Katy Freeway, Ste 312, Houston, 77024. They provide school-based and in-office counseling for individuals and families. Spanish speaking services are available. They accept Medicaid, insurance, private pay and sliding scale fees.