

## RESOURCES

### **FROM THE COURT (FREE):**

**Legal Self Help Services** (drop-in): Staff members will guide you through the required paperwork to complete your family law case. Located in Room C-27 on the court floor of the Marin Civic Center. (415) 444-7130.

**Family Law Facilitator** (drop-in): Assistance with child and spousal support issues and other family law matters. Mediation is available by appointment only. Located in Room C-27 on the court floor of the Marin Civic Center. (415) 444-7130.

**Early Assistance Mediation Program** (by appointment): For self-represented parents, in the early stages of their legal matter, who agree to meet with an attorney and a child-development expert to mediate the child-related issues that may arise in separating families. (415) 444-7369.

**Family Court Services:** Provides child custody recommending counseling for parents who have a pending court date regarding child custody and parenting time.

**Settlement Conferences:** An informal process in which a judge and/or experienced attorneys meet with the parties and their attorneys, hear the facts and issues in dispute, and suggest a resolution that the parties may accept or use as a basis for further negotiation.

**Websites:** [www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp) for statewide information and forms. [www.marincourt.org](http://www.marincourt.org) for local information (including referrals to counseling and parent education services), rules, forms, and links to *I-Can!* (a free form-completion program).

### **OUTSIDE OF COURT:**

**DCSS:** The Department of Child Support Services is *free* for parents who want to establish, modify, or enforce child and spousal support orders. (866) 901-3212.

**Family & Children's Law Center:** Legal advice and representation with fees on a sliding scale. Ask about FACLC's low-income mediation program. (415) 492-9230.

**Legal Aid:** Legal advice and representation that is *free* for income-qualified individuals. (415) 492-0230.

**Lawyer Referral Service:** Ask about low-cost initial consultations and unbundled legal services. (415) 499-1813.

**Legal Documents Assistants:** Look for licensed LDAs for help with forms and filings.

**Mediation:** A neutral professional helps both parties to resolve their issues without the court's intervention.