

LEGAL & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Collin County Law Library
Located in the lower level of the Collin County Courthouse
2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 02536
McKinney, TX 75071

972-548-4255 or email: lawlibrary@co.collin.tx.us
www.collincountytexas.gov/law_library/index.jsp.



LEGAL ADVICE PHONE HOTLINES- FREE

Texas Advocacy Project

www.texasadvocacyproject.org

1-800-374-HOPE (4673) – Family Violence
Free legal advice for domestic violence,
sexual assault and stalking

Legal Line – Dallas Bar Association

Held every Wednesday, 4pm-8pm
Register: dallasbar.org

Legal Line – Tarrant County Bar Assoc.

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm only
Register: tarrantbar.org

Legal Aid of NW Texas Hotline

1-888-529-5277 (toll free)
Monday and Wednesday, 4-6:30pm
Low-income only

Legal Hotline for Texans

Texas Legal Services Center

1-800-622-2520 (toll free) or www.tlsc.org
Seniors age 60+ & Medicare beneficiaries
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Access & Visitation Hotline

www.txaccess.org

(For non-custodial parents)

STATE BAR OF TEXAS LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

1-800-252-9690

You will receive a 30-minute consultation with an attorney for \$20. If you and the attorney agree to continue with the case, the attorney's standard rates will apply. Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

FREE LEGAL CLINICS

Plano Legal Clinic

972-542-9405
6:00 pm, 3rd Thursday of the month
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
920 E. 14th Street, Plano
Low-income applicants only

Allen Legal Clinic

972-542-9405
6:00 pm, 2nd Thursday of the month
First United Methodist Church
601 S. Greenville Ave., Allen
Low income applicants only

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas

www.legalaidtx.org

972-542-9405

901 N. McDonald, Ste. 702, McKinney
Low-income applicants only

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The Family Helpline

1-844-888-6565

There are no eligibility requirements- we accept all callers with questions about Texas Child Protective Services.

LASSA STATEWIDE HOTLINE

1-844-303-SAFE (7233)

You must be a survivor of sexual assault

VETERANS FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROJECT

1-800-622-2520

You must be a Texas resident. You must be a veteran or the spouse, surviving spouse, or a depended of a veteran. Your household income must be at or before 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas

1-800-580-6651 Open records, open meetings information

1-877-673-6839 Attorney General's open government hotline

www.foift.org

Adoption Resources

www.adoption.com

www.uscis.gov/adoption (Foreign Adoptions)

LEGAL & GOVERNMENT RESOURCES & INFORMATION

**Attorney General of Texas
Child Support Division**

www.oag.state.tx.us

469-241-6500 phone or email

childsupport@texasattorneygeneral.gov

2020 G. Ave. Suite #1004

Plano, TX 75074

Bankruptcy Court – Eastern District of TX

www.txeb.uscourts.gov

972-509-1240

660 N. Central Expwy, #300B

Plano, TX (Satellite Office)

U.S. Attorney's Office –Eastern District

972-509-1201

101 E. Park Blvd., Suite 500

Plano, TX 75074

State Bar of Texas

www.texasbar.com

1-800-932-1900

Attorney grievances

General Legal & Government websites

www.co.collin.tx.us Collin County

www.texas.gov Official Portal of TX

www.findlaw.com Learn more about legal topics

www.law.cornell.edu Search US codes, constitution and federal regulations

www.lawsources.com American law info

Texas Legislature

www.legis.state.tx.us

View Texas statutes, bills & constitution online

Texas Vital Statistics

www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/

Birth, death, marriage, divorce, paternity certificates, adoption

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Dispute Resolution

Dispute Resolution Services of North Texas

Drsnorthtexas.org

817-877-4554

P.O Box 172661

Arlington, Texas 76003

Collin County Children's Advocacy Center

www.caccollincounty.org

972-633-6600

Physical, sexual, emotional abuse & neglect

2205 Los Rios Blvd, Plano, Texas 75074

Hope's Door

www.hopesdoorinc.org

972-276-0057 24-hour hotline

Shelter & counseling for victim's of domestic violence

Family Place

www.familyplace.org

214-941-1991 – 24-hour crisis hotline

Shelter and counseling for victims of domestic violence

COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOURCES

Assistance Center of Collin County

www.assistancecenter.org

972-422-1850

Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm

Primary contact point for all Collin County residents who need social services

Collin Cares

www.collincares.org

Online directory of human services in Collin County

Child/Elder Abuse & Neglect Hotline

Texas Dept. of Family & Protective Services

1-800252-5400, available 24/7

Collin County Family Justice Division

972-548-4323

2100 Bloomdale Rd, Suite 2004, McKinney
Juvenile, Protective Orders, Domestic Violence, Child/Adult Protection

Tenants' Rights Information

www.txtenants.org

214-823-2733

Texas Tenants Union – online tenants' rights workshop 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm

Samaritan Inn

www.saminn.org

972-542-5302

1725 N. McDonald St., McKinney 75071

Homeless shelter/program in Collin County for single adults & families

Texas Guardianship Association

<http://texasguardianship.org>

979-942-3434

Educates professional, family, and volunteer guardians on guardianship basics.

LifePath Systems (Collin County MHMR)

www.lifepathsystems.org

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1-877-422-5939 Crisis Hotline
972-562-0190 (office)
1515 Heritage Dr., McKinney 75069
Support to North Texas residents with
special needs and early Childhood
Intervention for ages birth to 3 years for
disabilities or delays in development.

Disability Rights Texas

www.disabilityrightstx.org

1-800-252-9108 Mon-Fri 9:00am – 4 pm
Protection and Advocacy for people with
disabilities in Texas.

Our Friend's Place

www.ourfriendsplace.org

214-520-6268
Therapeutic Group Home for at-risk girls
ages 10-17 and transitional Living Center
for young women ages 18-24

Need to find a Court Record in Collin County?

**You can find information on some Criminal or Civil & Family Cases,
including divorce. Go to the <http://www.co.collin.tx.us>**

- 1. Click on "Online Services"**
- 2. Scroll down and click on "Case Search"**
- 3. Put in the name of the party you want to search for and click "Search"**
- 4. Click on the "Case Number" to bring up the outline of the case history.**

Emily's Place, Inc.

P.O. Box 860911
Plano, TX 75074
972-424-7775
www.emilysplacetx.org
info@emilysplacetx.org

Emily's Place mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence for women and their children through long-term transformational care that seeks to restore faith, hope and health. In addition to community living, the holistic transformational program at Emily's Place includes counseling, vocational assistance, life skills development, transportation and childcare – all within a structured environment with 24/7 staff who are dedicated to offering the support and accountability needed to transition from a difficult past into a bright future. Emily's Place offers up to 24 months to women and children who are survivors of domestic violence.

LAW LIBRARIES

SMU Underwood Law Library

214-768-3383
<http://library.law.smu.edu>
6550 Hillcrest Ave., Dallas 75275

Texas State Law Library

1-844-829-2843 (toll free)
www.sll.texas.gov

The Texas State Law Library is an excellent resource with a new web portal that makes legal research accessible to all Texans. Their collection covers Consumer, Family, Juvenile, Criminal, & Immigration laws along with a multitude of others topics. Materials are available in e-books or online digital collections.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Green Path Debt Solutions

www.greenpath.com
1-800-550-1961
Non-profit financial education

CITY House

(Collin Intervention to Youth)

www.cityhouse.org
972-424-4626
972-971-0278 (after hours)
Teen shelter/Counseling center

National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline

www.loveisrespect.org
1-866-331-9474
Real-time one-on-one support for ages 13-26

The Turning Point

www.theturningpoint.org
1-800-886-7273 – 24-hour hotline
3325 Silverstone Drive
Plano, Texas 75023
Serving survivors of sexual violence

Family Helpline CPS Cases Only

The poster is for the Family Helpline, specifically for CPS cases. It features a blue background with a red star logo for the Texas Legal Services Center. The text is white and yellow. It includes the phone number (844) 888-6565 and the hours Monday-Friday 9am to 6pm, CST. It also lists common questions and provides the website www.texaslawhelp.org.

FREE LEGAL INFORMATION

TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES CENTER

FAMILY HELPLINE

Ask a lawyer about Texas Child Protective Services and the legal system.

(844) 888-6565

Monday-Friday 9am to 6pm, CST

All calls are anonymous.

COMMON QUESTIONS:

- CPS Investigations
- Family Based Safety Services
- Service Plans
- Do I need a lawyer?
- Legal Terms
- Kinship Care
- What to Expect in Court
- Closed cases

Lawyers offer legal information and education, not legal advice.

www.texaslawhelp.org

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WEBSITES AND HELPLINES

TexasLawHelp.org

www.TexasLawHelp.org is a web site dedicated to providing free, reliable legal information to low-income Texans.

TexasCourtHelp.org

www.texascourthelp.org is an information source to help the self-litigant understand and navigate the Texas court system. It includes step-by-step guides and multilingual video instructions for civil cases.

Texas.FreeLegalAnswers.org

www.Texas.FreeLegalAnswers.org is a project of the American Bar Association. The purpose is to increase access to advice and information about non-criminal legal matters for those who cannot afford it. There is no fee for the use of the system or for the advice and information provided by the attorney.

Program Available to Collin County Residents



Guide and File, a web-based program powered by *Tyler Technologies*, is now available to Collin County residents. The program allows individuals to create certain legal forms for filing online using pre-formatted, step-by-step templates that will generate a completed form.

You can access the forms through **EFileTexas** from any computer. Registration is free and once you sign up, you can save your work and resume working on your document at your convenience from any location. The website has a tutorial and guides you through all of the information required for that particular form page-by-page.

Once a final document has been generated, customers will have the option of printing their form for hand-filing or e-filing using a credit card.

Additional forms are being developed and will be added periodically, so users are encouraged to check back if the form they need is not yet listed.

<https://selfhelp.efiletexas.gov/srl>