

# 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](mailto:lawlibrary@co.collin.tx.us)  
[www.collincountytexas.gov/law\\_library/index.jsp](http://www.collincountytexas.gov/law_library/index.jsp).



## LEGAL ADVICE PHONE HOTLINES- FREE

### **Texas Advocacy Project**

[www.texasadvocacyproject.org](http://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](http://dallasbar.org)

### **Legal Line – Tarrant County Bar Assoc.**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm only  
Register: [tarrantbar.org](http://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](http://www.tlsc.org)  
*Seniors age 60+ & Medicare beneficiaries*  
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

### **Access & Visitation Hotline**

[www.txaccess.org](http://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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church  
920 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Plano  
*Low-income applicants only*

### **Allen Legal Clinic**

972-542-9405  
6:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.foift.org)

**Adoption Resources**

[www.adoption.com](http://www.adoption.com)

[www.uscis.gov/adoption](http://www.uscis.gov/adoption) (Foreign Adoptions)

**LEGAL & GOVERNMENT RESOURCES & INFORMATION****Attorney General of Texas  
Child Support Division**

[www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us)

469-241-6500 phone or email

[childsupport@texasattorneygeneral.gov](mailto:childsupport@texasattorneygeneral.gov)

2020 G. Ave. Suite #1004

Plano, TX 75074

**Bankruptcy Court – Eastern District of TX**

[www.txeb.uscourts.gov](http://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](http://www.texasbar.com)

1-800-932-1900

Attorney grievances

**General Legal & Government websites**

[www.co.collin.tx.us](http://www.co.collin.tx.us) Collin County

[www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov) Official Portal of TX

[www.findlaw.com](http://www.findlaw.com) Learn more about legal topics

[www.law.cornell.edu](http://www.law.cornell.edu) Search US codes, constitution and federal regulations

[www.lawsources.com](http://www.lawsources.com) American law info

**Texas Legislature**

[www.legis.state.tx.us](http://www.legis.state.tx.us)

View Texas statutes, bills & constitution online

**Texas Vital Statistics**

[www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/](http://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](http://Drsnorthtexas.org)

817-877-4554

P.O Box 172661

Arlington, Texas 76003

**Collin County Children's Advocacy Center**

[www.caccollincounty.org](http://www.caccollincounty.org)

972-633-6600

Physical, sexual, emotional abuse & neglect

2205 Los Rios Blvd, Plano, Texas 75074

**Hope's Door**

[www.hopesdoorinc.org](http://www.hopesdoorinc.org)

972-276-0057 24-hour hotline

Shelter & counseling for victim's of domestic violence

**Family Place**

[www.familyplace.org](http://www.familyplace.org)

214-941-1991 – 24-hour crisis hotline

Shelter and counseling for victims of domestic violence

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOURCES</b>
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**Assistance Center of Collin County**

[www.assistancecenter.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.txtenants.org)

214-823-2733

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

**Samaritan Inn**

[www.saminn.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.greenpath.com)  
1-800-550-1961  
Non-profit financial education

#### **CITY House**

##### **(Collin Intervention to Youth)**

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

#### **National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline**

[www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)  
1-866-331-9474  
Real-time one-on-one support for ages 13-26

#### **The Turning Point**

[www.theturningpoint.org](http://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, the hours Monday-Friday 9am to 6pm CST, and a note that all calls are anonymous. It also lists common questions such as CPS investigations, family based safety services, service plans, legal terms, kinship care, and what to expect in court. The website www.texaslawhelp.org is provided at the bottom.

**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](http://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.

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### **TexasCourtHelp.org**

[www.texascourthelp.org](http://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.

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### **Texas.FreeLegalAnswers.org**

[www.Texas.FreeLegalAnswers.org](http://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.

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## **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>