



Community Legal Information Association of Prince Edward Island, Inc.

Going through Separation or Divorce? PEI services you may find helpful

Where do I begin?

There are many services available for people going through separation or divorce. This pamphlet lists PEI services that may be helpful to you. Some of the programs and services cost money. Be sure to ask about this when you call.

Legal services...

Community Legal Information Association (CLIA), 1-800-240-9798 or 892-0853.

This free service provides legal information but not legal advice. It is a confidential service so the number will not show up on your phone bill or call display.

Lawyer Referral Service, 1-800-240-9798 or 892-0853. If you need legal advice you can use this service to get a 30 minute consultation with a lawyer. The cost is \$10.00 plus tax. After the half-hour, the lawyer's usual fee is charged.

Family Legal Aid, 368-6540 or 368-6043 (Kings and Queens) or 888-8066 (Prince).

This program may provide you with a lawyer for some family law issues. There are income and other criteria that you must meet to be accepted.

Family Court Counsellors' Office, 368-6928. Family Court counselors conduct court-ordered homestudies and make written recommendations to the court about custody and access of children. They also provide free mediation services in family matters focusing on custody and access issues.

Child Support Guidelines Offices, 368-6220 or 888-8188. This free service will give you information on the amount of child support your child is entitled to under the Child Support Guidelines. The clerks will help you make an application to the Court for child support or for a variation of child support. This office also has forms for cases proceeding under the *ISO Act*. If the other party lives in another province or country, you may be able to complete your application here and have it forwarded to the other location without having to go there or hire a lawyer there. Not all situations qualify. For more information, visit the website: www.gov.pe.ca/iso/ .

Administrative Recalculation Office, 368-4109. If you have a child support order or agreement that provides for yearly recalculation of child support, you can register your order or agreement with this office to get your child support recalculated annually. If your order or agreement does not contain a recalculation clause, you cannot use this service.

Maintenance Enforcement Program, 894-0383. This office collects and distributes child and spousal support and takes steps to enforce support orders and agreements when they are not paid. You must register your order or agreement with this service to use it.

Collaborative Family Law (www.collaborativelawpei.com)

This is a new option for PEI. In this process, family lawyers who have been trained in the collaborative law process meet together with both spouses to work out the issues without going to court. For more information, call CLIA at 892-0853 or 1-800-240-9798

PEI Supreme Court website (www.gov.pe.ca and click on link to Supreme Court)

This website contains the PEI Statutes (laws) and Regulations dealing with family law and the Rules of Court and Rules of Court Forms that are part of court applications.

Island Information Services, 368-4000 or 1-800-236-5196.

Provides copies of provincial acts and regulations for a small fee.

Support services...

Positive Parenting from Two Homes, 1-877-203-8828 or 368-4333.

Free education sessions are offered in various Island communities for parents separating or divorcing or parenting from two homes. Sessions help parents deal with concerns about children getting caught in the middle of parental conflict. If both parents participate they will attend separate sessions. There is a program for children in some age groups to help them with their parents' separation or divorce.

Community Mental Health, Charlottetown 368-4430; Summerside 888-8180; Montague 838-0960. Offers counseling for individuals and families who are having mental health difficulties.

Victim Services, Queens and Kings County 368-4582; Prince County 888-8217/8218.

Assists victims of crime with information and referrals, short-term counseling, assistance through the Court process, victim impact statements and criminal injuries compensation.

Community services...

Anderson House Shelter, 892-0960; 1-800-240-9894. Provides a crisis information line and shelter for women and children who are leaving abusive homes.

Catholic Family Services Bureau, 894-3515. Offers counselling, education and support services. Also offers an eight week course called "Parenting after Separation and Divorce" (call for information).

Community and Family Services of PEI, 892-2441. Offers counseling and mediation services.

Prince County Family Service Bureau, 436-9171. Offers counseling and mediation services.

Private counsellors and mediators Check the yellow pages under counselling and mediation for registered professionals. You may also find information at Family Mediation Canada's website at www.fmc.ca

The information in this pamphlet has been provided by Community Legal information Association of Prince Edward Island Inc. It contains general information only. The contact information is correct at the time of printing.

As changes in services occur the information may become outdated.

ISBN: 978-1-894267-47-2

Revised January 2005