

How We Can Help You

Using a holistic approach, CLG provides many services to individuals who meet our financial guidelines. Our team can offer support through:

- Providing you with information about your rights and next steps
- Explaining the family law and criminal law system
- Providing safety planning and emotional support
- Connecting you to organizations that can help you
- Giving you a lawyer or telling you how to find a lawyer
- Providing a support person to accompany you to court if you are testifying
- Consulting with other CLG programs (Immigration, Homeless Outreach, Social Benefits and Elder Law)

Please call our office to find out other services we provide and how we can help meet your needs.

WE CARE WE LISTEN WE CAN HELP

Do you need legal help?

CLG staff lawyers and advocates may be able to help you with your legal problem if:

- You cannot afford a lawyer, and
- You do not qualify for Legal Aid

As a client centred organization, CLG provides free and confidential legal representation, information, advice and advocacy to individuals in a positive, inclusive and supportive environment.

How to Contact the Family Law Program:

Address: 100, 840 – 7 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 3G2

Phone: 403.234.9266
Fax: 403.234.9299

Email: familylaw@clg.ab.ca
Website: clg.ab.ca

Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Friday: 9:00am to 4:00pm



CALGARY LEGAL GUIDANCE
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We're here to support you through a stressful experience and help you move forward.



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Bridging the Justice Gap

Family Law Program

We can help you with problems arising from family breakdown, especially if you have experienced abuse and trauma from your partner or other family member(s) like:

- Physical, emotional or sexual violence
- Threats of deportation
- Threats to deny access to your children
- Denial of child/spousal support or adequate access to money, food, medical care

Our lawyers and social work advocate can answer questions and give advice about:

- Guardianship, Parenting, Custody and Access
- Child Support
- Spousal or Partner Support
- Divorce, Separation
- Property Division and Exclusive Possession of the Home
- Child Protection
- Restraining and Protection Orders



Types of Abuse

Sometimes it can be hard to know if you are, or have been abused. Here are some of the types of abuse that can happen to a person:

Emotional/Mental/Verbal Abuse:

When someone uses name calling, threats and controlling behaviour; checks up on your phone calls, texts or computer usage; shows jealous behaviours, stalking and harassment.

Financial Abuse:

When one partner controls all of the money and makes all the financial decisions about how money is spent on food, medication, medical and dental care.

Physical Abuse:

When your partner hurts you by hitting, spitting, shoving, biting, choking, kicking, starvation or other types of physical force to control you.

Sexual Abuse or Sexual Assault:

When you are forced into a sexual activity, or are ignored, threatened, or pressured when you don't want to participate. Sexual abuse/assault also occurs when someone refuses to use protection or when someone prevents you from using birth control.

If you are, or have experienced any form of abuse, please call us. CLG will provide confidential, legal assistance and support for your needs. We can also connect you with other helping resources.



Community Outreach

Do Your Own Divorce Clinic (DYOD)

Open to people who have already settled their child support, property and debts and now want to divorce. Family lawyers explain how to fill out the forms needed to complete the divorce.

Families and the Law Public Legal Education

We offer free education workshops at various Calgary Public Library locations throughout the city for people wishing general information on topics such as Child Custody and Parenting, Financial Support, and Property Division. We do not answer questions about your specific legal situation at these presentations.

For more information or to sign up for a clinic or presentation, call **403.234.9266** or visit our website for workshop topics, dates, times, and locations at **clg.ab.ca**.