

LEGAL RESOURCES

If you are facing a legal issue related to your grandfamily, you may wish to consult with an attorney. The following is a summary of some resources in our community that may be helpful. Do note that some program eligibility is based on income level.

Please remember that the following list of resources is being provided for informational purposes only and is NOT legal advice or an endorsement of any single programs services. The only way to get legal advice is to speak with a licensed attorney.

LEGAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO GRANDPARENTS

○ Colorado Legal Services

- Description
 - Provides legal advice and representation to low-income eligible persons and seniors in civil matters.
- Eligibility
 - Eligibility is based on financial and income requirements. Contact the Fort Collins office of Colorado Legal Services or visit the state-wide website to find out if you qualify.
- Contact Information for the local office
 - Address: 211 W. Magnolia St., Fort Collins, CO 80521#
 - Phone: 970.493.2891
 - Toll Free: 1.877.304.1445
 - Website: <http://www.coloradolegalservices.org>
- Find a lawyer; find Pro Bono Services, Legal Aid Assistance and more.
<http://www.cobar.org/For-the-Public>
- Self Help Forms
https://www.courts.state.co.us/Self_Help/Index.cfm

LEGAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO GRANDPARENTS WITH LIMITED INCOMES

If you are a grandparent with a limited income, you may qualify for free or reduced-rate legal representation from one of the following resources.

○ Larimer County Pro Bono Program

- Description
 - Provides referrals, as available, to private attorneys who will provide free (“pro bono”) legal representation for certain legal matters.
- Eligibility
 - Eligibility is based on financial and income requirements, and the program is only available to residents of Larimer County.
- Intake sessions
 - To find out if you qualify, you must attend one of the weekly intake sessions in Fort Collins or Loveland, depending on where you live. Please note that intakes are not held on major holidays, the week of Thanksgiving, and the week between Christmas and New Year’s.

Fort Collins intake sessions: Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon on the 4th floor of the Larimer County Justice Center, 201 Laporte Ave. The Fort Collins intake sessions are available for residents of Fort Collins, Red Feather Lakes, Bellvue, Wellington and areas north of Trilby Road.

Loveland intake sessions: Thursdays at 10:00 am at the Loveland Community Health Center, 450 N. Cleveland Avenue. The Loveland intake sessions are available for residents of Loveland, Estes Park, Berthoud, Masonville, and areas south of Trilby Road

- What to bring to the intake session
 - Proof of income will be required at the Intake. You must bring last year's tax return and 3 months of paystubs or bank statements.
- Contact information
 - Recorded information: (970) 402-2075.
 - Website: <http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/1621/larime/What-does-the-Larimer-County-Pro-Bono-Program-do?/>

• Larimer County Modest Means Program

- Description
 - Many local attorneys are willing to reduce the rates they charge for clients who have limited incomes. A list of these attorneys is available at the Self Help Center, located on the first floor of the Larimer County Justice Center, 201 Laporte Avenue in Fort Collins.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO GRANDPARENTS WITH ANY INCOME LEVEL

If you do not qualify for free or reduced-rate legal representation from one of the resources listed above, there are still many resources available no matter what your income level is.

• Larimer County Self-Help Center

- Description
 - On-site staff can provide free procedural information and will also assist in completing forms. The staff can answer questions about forms, the legal system, court procedure and court processes but CANNOT provide legal advice.
- Contact information
 - Address: The self-help center is Located on the first floor of the Larimer County Justice Center at 201 Laporte Ave.
 - Hours: Monday & Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Wednesdays 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Thursdays by appointment. To schedule an appointment, email 08SelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us or visit the Self Help Center during regular business hours
 - To Make An Appointment:
 - Call 970-494-3500 Press #5 and ask to speak with a clerk. Ask to be transferred to the Self Help Center to make an appointment.

- **The Self-Help Center’s “Ask-a-Lawyer” Clinic**

- Description

- The Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic is an opportunity to sit down with a volunteer attorney and consult with him or her about your legal issue.
 - The Clinic is held from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm on the second Tuesday of every month (except for holidays). The Clinic takes place in the Self-Help Center on the first floor of the Larimer County Justice Center, 201 Laporte Avenue in Fort Collins.
 - To participate in the Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic, you must schedule an appointment by visiting the Self-Help Center during normal operating hours or by sending an email to 08SelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us

- **Larimer County Bar Association “Call a Lawyer” Night**

- Description

- Volunteer attorneys from the LCBA Young Lawyers Division answer telephone calls from the public concerning legal issues. Referrals to specific attorneys are not given, but are made to legal services, websites, non-profits, and other resources. Brief advice may also be given.
 - Call-a-Lawyer nights occur quarterly. Dates, times, and the telephone number to call are published in the Coloradoan and with First Call 211.

- **Larimer County Bar Association Veterans Legal Clinic**

- Description

- Volunteer attorneys provide free legal advice to veterans.
 - The clinics occur quarterly. Dates, times, and locations are published in the Coloradoan, announced on KUNC 91.5, and posted at various local veterans organizations.

- **Senior Law Project through the Larimer County Office on Aging**

- Description

- Local attorney provides donation based consultation-only services, covering specific legal issues, to Larimer County Residents 60 years of age or older.
 - Not all legal issues fall within the scope of the program. To find out if your legal issue qualifies, call Procter, Callahan & Liska at 970-203-4350.

If you feel that the resources listed above are not enough to adequately address your legal issue, or if you do not qualify for the resources you need, you might decide to hire an attorney. If you need help finding a lawyer, one option is the “Find a Lawyer” directory on the Colorado Bar Association website. On this directory, you can search for attorneys by practice area and location. It can be accessed at <http://www.cobar.org/directory/> . The phonebook also lists some local attorneys and the areas of law they practice in.