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The Family Advocacy and Support Services (FASS) is a free service providing assistance to families with family law matters who have been affected by family violence.

FASS - Legal Aid ACT

www.legalaidact.org.au

Phone: (02) 6243 3431

Email: civil@legalaidact.org.au

How to make a referral:

If you work for an organisation and would like to make a referral to FASS, email: FASS@legalaidact.org.au

Service Eligibility

You are eligible for support from this service if:

- You or a family member have experienced, used or are alleged to have used family violence in your relationship; and
- You need legal assistance with family law, child protection or family violence intervention orders.

FASS Duty Lawyer Service

The FASS duty lawyer may be able to:

- Provide legal advice, information and referrals in relation to family law, family violence and child protection matters
- Negotiate with the other party to sort out arrangements for children
- Help to sort property problems after separation
- Help prepare court documents to initiate or respond to family law proceedings in urgent

parenting matters. This can include orders to recover children or to place children on the AFP Family Law Watch List to prevent children being taken out of Australia

- Assist with subpoenas to gather evidence about the family violence
- Provide representation in urgent interim matters where there are allegations of family violence.

FASS Social Support Services

The FASS social worker can help with:

- Safety planning and risk management when attending court, at home and in the community
- Providing court support before, during and after court
- Providing warm referrals to relevant service providers for counselling, financial, accommodation and other services that can assist.

How do I access FASS?

Come to Legal Aid's Family Law Duty Service at the Family Court registry between 10am and 3pm each week day.

Family Law Court of Australia – Canberra

Nigel Bowen Commonwealth Law Courts
Cnr University Ave & Childers St Canberra

<http://www.familycourt.gov.au>

Phone: 1300 352 000

No appointment is necessary. This is a drop-in service.

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For further information contact Legal Aid ACT.

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www.legalaidact.org.au

Phone: **1300 654 314**

Interpreters

Free interpreters are available if needed. If you need an interpreter or have mobility needs, call Legal Aid and we will ensure you are given assistance.

Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

www.tisnational.gov.au