

## Online Help

**Oregon Division of Child Support  
On-line Child Support Calculator**  
[www.dcs.state.or.us/calculator](http://www.dcs.state.or.us/calculator)

## Family Law Resource Lists

[www.dcs.state.or.us/familylaw](http://www.dcs.state.or.us/familylaw) Provides a county by county list of various family law and related services available in Oregon.

## Oregon Judicial Department, Family Law Website, [www.ojd.state.or.us/familylaw](http://www.ojd.state.or.us/familylaw)

Information about state and local family law advisory committees, court-connected services, parent education, family law resources, and access to the statewide optional domestic relations forms.

**Oregon State Bar, [www.osbar.org](http://www.osbar.org)** (choose Public at the bottom of the page). Legal information for the public is available at their "Legal Links" location. Also information about the Lawyer Referral Service and Modest Means Program.

## Oregon Law Help, [www.oregonlawhelp.com](http://www.oregonlawhelp.com)

Provides a list of Oregon's legal services offices in the state, as well as free legal information for low-income Oregonians.

Important: This brochure is for information only. **It is not a substitute for advice from an attorney.** If you have a specific legal question you should contact an attorney.

# Jefferson County Circuit Court

## Family Law

### Frequently Asked Questions



**Family Court Specialist**  
**Hours: Thursday**  
**by appointment**  
**Phone: 541.475.3317 ext. 108**

Jefferson County Circuit Court  
75 SE C St Ste C  
Madras OR 97741

**When is the Family Court Specialist (FCS) available for appointments to review completed paperwork?**

Thursdays by appointment. Due to the demand for appointments, they must be limited to 30 minutes each. It is imperative that litigants complete their paperwork as much as possible prior to their appointment with the Family Court Specialist.

**What if I can not come in at those times?**

Please call the Family Court Specialist at 541.475.3317 ext 108. For extenuating circumstances the Court may be able to schedule an alternative time for an appointment.

**How to select the forms you need:** A brief description about each of the forms packets is contained on the family law website: [Forms for Family Law Cases](#) This may be helpful to you in selecting which packet to use.

**Where can I go to get my dissolution or custody paperwork?**

[www.ojd.state.or.us](http://www.ojd.state.or.us)--Family Law -- Forms, or in person at the local Circuit Court

**I am getting a divorce, what kind of paperwork do I need?**

There are several types of paperwork available. Please carefully read through the information to determine which packet of forms is most appropriate for your situation.

**How long does it take to get divorced once all of my paperwork is submitted?**

Depending upon the workload of the Court and other factors, generally a Petition for Dissolution takes a minimum of 90 days from time of service and a Co-Petition takes a minimum of one to two weeks.

**Will I be required to go to mediation?**

If the Respondent files a response and the issues involve custody or visitation, you will be ordered to mediation.

**Do I need to take a Parenting Seminar?**

Yes, if there are minor children.

The class is called "Bridging the Gap." You can register at Bestcare Treatment Services 125 SW C St Madras, 541.475.6575

**What if I have already filed my paperwork and I am wanting to know the status?**

When the judge signs the General Judgment of Dissolution you will receive notification by mail. For all other documents signed by a judge you will receive written notification only if you submitted a postage paid conforming card. You may also come in to the courts and use the public terminal to check the status.

**Where can I get information about Child Support or Child Support Worksheets?**

[www.dcs.state.or.us](http://www.dcs.state.or.us) or 1.800.850.0228

**Will the FCS fill out my paperwork?**

No. You must complete the forms yourself. After you have completed your forms, the facilitator will review your forms to ensure you have completed them before they go to the judge for consideration.

**Can the Family Court Specialist give me legal advice?**

No.

**Do I need an attorney?**

**IMPORTANT!** Domestic relations cases involve complicated legal issues and you may seriously harm your legal rights if you use these forms without consulting with a lawyer. You are strongly urged to talk to a lawyer. You may find a lawyer by calling the [Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service](#) and Modest Means program at 1.800.452.7636. You may also contact your [local legal aid office](#). For more information about legal services and information, visit the Oregon State Bar's website at [www.osbar.org](http://www.osbar.org).

**Where can I get Legal Advice?**

**LEGAL AID:** You may be able to obtain legal help from Legal Aid Services of Oregon, 1029 NW 14th St, Bend, OR 97701 (541) 385-6944.

**They are at the Madras Employment office the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1pm-4pm .**

**LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE:** The Oregon State Bar can refer you to an attorney in your area who handles domestic relations cases and who will give you an initial in-office consultation for no more than \$35.00. Call (800)452-7635 You may be eligible for the Modest Means Program which offers legal assistance at a reduced rate. Call the same phone numbers as above. The Family Law Resource Center offers brochures about this program.