

# Legal Resources in Wyoming

## Organizations that may be able to help:

- **Wyoming State Bar, Lawyer Referral Service**  
**Brandi Robinson, Lawyer Referral Coordinator**  
(307) 432-2107 – Direct Line, Email Address: [brobinson@wyomingbar.org](mailto:brobinson@wyomingbar.org)  
[http://www.wyomingbar.org/directory/need\\_lawyer.html](http://www.wyomingbar.org/directory/need_lawyer.html)

The Lawyer Referral Service provides callers, or visitors to the website, with the names of attorneys who they can hire to help with a particular kind of legal matter. The online service is available 24/7.

- **Legal Aid of Wyoming, Inc.**  
Civil Legal Aid Hotline: **1-877-432-9955**  
Hotline hours: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday - Friday  
[www.lawyoming.org](http://www.lawyoming.org)

Callers must go through an initial screening process to ensure they meet income guidelines as required by statute. Upon qualification the caller is able to speak with an attorney regarding civil legal matters. Depending on the situation, the caller may receive legal advice, get help filling out *pro se* forms, be referred to another provider or apply for extended representation through Legal Aid.

- **Wyoming Center for Legal Aid**  
(307) 777-8383  
[www.legalhelpwy.org](http://www.legalhelpwy.org)

The Wyoming Center for Legal Aid (the “Center”) is dedicated to helping income-eligible Wyoming citizens connect with legal resources and find ways to address their legal needs. The Center’s website has a wide variety of self-help information and forms available. The Center also holds regular advice clinics and outreach events, which can be found on the event calendar on the Center’s website. A list of our community partners and other resources can also be found on the Center’s website.

- **Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**  
(307) 755-5481  
<http://www.wyomingdvsa.org>



WCADVSA represents income eligible domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims on family law and economic issues and coordinates the availability of legal representation unique to Wyoming's rural populations.

- **Safehouse Services**

Confidential 24 hour Crisis Line - (307) 637-7233

<http://www.wyomingsafehouse.org>

Safehouse is a private, not-for-profit organization which provides services to victims or survivors of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault. Safehouse operates a shelter for persons who are in a violent or potentially violent environment. It is a residential center designed to provide a comprehensive set of services for these victims and their children.

- **Wyoming Attorney General's Office – Consumer Protection Unit**

(307) 777-7841

<http://attorneygeneral.state.wy.us/consumer.htm>

Consumer Complaint Forms can be found at this site or you may call the Consumer Protection Unit to make a complaint or get more information. In addition information regarding the Wyoming Consumer Protection Act and the National Mortgage Settlement are located on the site.

- **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)**

(307) 637-4565

[www.aclu-wy.org](http://www.aclu-wy.org)

The ACLU of Wyoming is able to provide legal representation in a limited number of civil liberties cases. If you are interested in requesting legal assistance from the ACLU of Wyoming, please read information on the kinds of cases they accept on their website. If you believe your case may be the kind of case the ACLU would accept, fill out the online questionnaire.

- **Department of Workforce Services – Labor Standards Office**

(307) 777-7261

[www.wyomingworkforce.org](http://www.wyomingworkforce.org)

The Labor Standards Office of the Department of Workforce Services processes information requests and investigates employment complaints, including complaints of discrimination, wage claims, child labor, and other employment related complaints and disputes.

- **Child Support Enforcement**

(307) 777-6948

<http://dfsweb.wyo.gov>

Child Support Enforcement works to find parents, establish paternity, establish child support and medical support orders, enforce child support and medical support orders and modify existing orders. Child Support Enforcement also receives and disburses child support payments. Child Support Enforcement serves any person who fills out an application and pays a \$25 application fee, and the services are not based on income. In addition, Child Support Enforcement may receive case referrals when individuals apply for public assistance or parents have a child in the custody of DFS.

- **Department of Family Services –  
Family Assistance Division**

(307) 777-6101

<https://sites.google.com/a/wyo.gov/dfsweb/economic-assistance>

Includes economic assistance consisting of the following programs:

Cash Assistance (POWER)

Centsible Nutrition

Child Care and Early Childhood

Emergency Food Assistance (TEFAP)

Low Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP)

Equality Care/Medicaid

Food Assistance (SNAP)

Telephone Assistance

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Economic Assistance Staff, help people by determining eligibility for food assistance (SNAP or Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program), health care (EqualityCare/Medicaid) and home heating (LIEAP or Low Income Energy Assistance Program). They also help people with dependent children with employment opportunities through a program called Personal Opportunities with Employment Responsibilities (POWER) and help needy families achieve self-sufficiency through a program called Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Individuals are also connected with health care benefits such as EqualityCare/Medicaid and WIC (a nutrition program for young children, pregnant and breast feeding women), programs administered through the Wyoming Department of Health.

### **Child Care**

(307)777-7564

<https://sites.google.com/a/wyo.gov/early-childcare-and-licensing/>

The Wyoming Department of Family Services is responsible for licensing child care facilities and serves as the lead agency for the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant. In 2001, all early childhood programs were reorganized by the

Department into the Division of Early Childcare and Licensing (now: Early Childhood Division).

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

(307) 777-6786

<https://sites.google.com/a/wyo.gov/dfsweb/economic-assistance/snap>

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides crucial support to needy households and to those moving from welfare to work. SNAP benefits are distributed electronically through the Wyoming Card. SNAP supports better nutrition for low-income households.

**Child Protective Services**

(307) 777-7921

<http://dfsweb.wyo.gov/social-services/child-protective-services>

Child Protective Services is the agency responsible for responding to reports of child abuse and neglect. To make a report of abuse or neglect, contact the local DFS office. A list of local offices is available at the above website. IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911 AND CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST.

- **Teton County Access to Justice Center**

185 South Willow, Jackson, WY 83002

(307) 734-9023

TCAJC is a self-help legal resource center and offers free legal services to income-qualified persons in Teton County.

- **Wyoming Children’s Law Center, Inc.**

(307) 632-3614

If you are involved in a Child Custody dispute, have been ordered by the Court to participate in mediation to attempt to resolve the dispute or the Court has ordered the appointment of a *guardian ad litem* to represent a minor child, you may apply for mediation or a *guardian ad litem* through the Wyoming Children’s Law Center.

- **University of Wyoming College of Law, Legal Clinics**

Legal Services

(307) 766-2104

Domestic Violence

(307) 766-3747

Defender Aid

(307) 766-3223

Estate Planning

(307) 766-6441

<http://www.uwyo.edu/law/experiential/clinics/index.html>

The student interns handle a wide array of cases including divorce, child custody, modification of divorce and child custody, domestic violence protection orders, stalking orders, *guardian ad litem* appointments in juvenile and domestic relations cases, consumer debt, public benefits, return of property and immigration issues. Law students represent children or their parents in child abuse and neglect cases, termination of parental rights, children in need of supervision, delinquency actions, along with representing immigrants in removal proceedings and assisting them to apply for asylum or other immigrant status.

- **Wyoming Public Defender's Office**

(307) 777-7519

<http://wyodefender.state.wy.us>

The Office of the Public Defender's purpose is to provide an attorney to represent indigent adults and juveniles accused of a crime in the circuit, district and juvenile courts, as mandated by the federal and state constitutions.

- **Protection & Advocacy System, Inc.**

(307) 632-3496

<http://www.wypanda.com>

P&A's mission is to establish, expand, protect, and enforce the human and civil rights of persons with disabilities through administrative, legal, and other appropriate means. In providing legal services and advocacy, P&A recognizes the inherent dignity, worth and equality of all people and values empowerment, self-determination, independence, and inclusion.

## **Wyoming Self-Help Resources**

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### **Wyoming Supreme Court Frequently Asked Questions**

<http://www.courts.state.wy.us/CourtFAQs.aspx>

### **Family Law Pro Se Forms**

<http://www.courts.state.wy.us/DandCS.aspx>

The information contained in the pro se packets is provided as a service by the Wyoming Supreme Court. These packets are designed to assist you in representing yourself in court matters. The packets will be more helpful to people who agree on the terms of their divorce, child custody or child support case.

Read the packet in its entirety before you begin. Each packet contains information on how to fill out the forms, which forms you may need and who you may call to assist you.

- The information is not legal advice, and is not a substitute for legal representation by an attorney.
- While you have the right to represent yourself, there are certain significant risks and responsibilities attached to that right. Failing to protect your rights during a divorce, child custody or support case, as with any legal matter, can have serious, long-term consequences.
- If you have specific questions regarding your case, call an attorney or legal services office before proceeding.
- Be aware that people who represent themselves must follow the same rules as those represented by attorneys, such as deadlines.
- Court staff can answer questions about procedures, but they **cannot** give legal advice.
- If you need assistance in establishing paternity, contact your local child support enforcement agency or call to be directed to the appropriate person:
  - Child Support Enforcement Services – (307) 777-6948; or
  - Department of Family Services (307) 777-7561
- **Please note** – By law, Court employees cannot provide legal advice. Should you need additional assistance or forms, you may wish to consult an attorney. Your use of the Court’s website, and any forms you use from it, is at your own risk and without any warranties by the State of Wyoming.

The following packets can be found on the Wyoming Supreme Court’s website or a printed version can be purchased from your local District Clerk’s office:

- Packet 1. Divorce with Minor Children – Plaintiff
- Packet 2. Divorce with Minor Children – Defendant
- Packet 3. Divorce with No Children – Plaintiff
- Packet 4. Divorce with No Children – Defendant
- Packet 5. Child Support Modification – Petitioner
- Packet 6. Child Support Modification – Respondent
- Packet 7. Custody and Child Support Modification – Petitioner
- Packet 8. Custody and Child Support Modification – Respondent
- Packet 9. Order to Show Cause (Contempt of Court) Forms
- Packet 10. Miscellaneous Forms

## Wyoming Law Libraries

- **Wyoming State Law Library**  
(307) 777-7509  
<http://www.courts.state.wy.us/LawLibrary/>

The Wyoming State Law Library is located in the Wyoming Supreme Court building in Cheyenne. The State Law Library serves the Wyoming Judicial System, the legislative and administrative branches of Wyoming State Government, and is open to the public. Research guides, links to online resources, and information about available services can be found on the library's website.

- **University of Wyoming Law Library**  
<http://www.uwyo.edu/lawlib/>

The George William Hopper Law Library is located in the College of Law building at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. They are open to the public for researching, browsing, borrowing, or studying.

- Your local county library may also have legal or self-help resources available.