



PUBLIC LAW CENTER
FREE LEGAL CLINIC

FOR: Foster parents, relatives, caregivers and prospective adoptive parents seeking help with a Dependency Court case in Orange County.*

WE HELP:

Complete and file the court paperwork necessary to finalize your adoption.

For example, if you are interested in adopting a child from the foster care system, we can help prepare the paperwork for your dependency adoption case.

Complete and file the court paperwork necessary to request De Facto Parent

Status. For example, if you are someone who cared for or has been caring for a foster child and are interested in applying for De Facto Parent Status so you can have a more active role in the case (provide evidence, participate in placement decisions, and access court records), we can provide document preparation assistance to do so.

CONTACT: Please call **714-541-1010 ext. 289** for assistance, or e-mail: dtran@publiclawcenter.org. Assistance is available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. During the COVID-19 pandemic, services are provided over the phone, by email or other method upon request.

When e-mailing or leaving a voicemail, please provide the following:

- Your full name;
- Your phone number;
- Whether or not Public Law Center (PLC) may leave a voicemail at your phone number;
- The name of the clinic for which you are requesting assistance; and
- The best time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday for PLC to call you back. (Note that for non-emergency matters, it may take up to 72 hours for PLC to contact you.)

This clinic does not provide representation.

*We cannot assist individuals who already have an attorney. *

The Orange County De Facto Parent Pro Bono Program is made possible through the cooperation of the Public Law Center, the Orange County Superior Court Juvenile Court and the State Bar of California.