**Get FREE legal help**

Is Family and Community Services (formerly DoCS) or a non-government organisation talking to you about the safety and wellbeing of your children? You can get free legal advice to understand what’s going on and what you need to do.

There are free legal assistance services that are state-wide. These include:

* Aboriginal Legal Service: 1800 733 233
* Intellectual Disability Rights Service: free call 1800 666 611 or 9318 0144
* Legal Aid - Early Intervention Unit: 1800 551 589
* Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women’s Legal Centre: 1800 686 587 or 9569 3847
* Women’s Legal Service NSW 1800 801 501 or 8745 6988
  + Indigenous Women’s Legal Contact Line: 1800 639 784 or 8745 6977
  + Care and Protection Advice Line: 8745 6908
* Salvos Legal Advice Bureau: 8202 1500

Otherwise you can call LawAccess NSW for information and referrals on 1300 888 529 and they can direct you to a free legal service in your area.

If you need an interpreter call the Telephone Interpreter Service 131 450.

If you are Deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech impairment, you can contact a free legal service through the National Relay Service (NRS) 1800 555 660

National Relay Service (TTY/Voice) 133 677

Internet Relay: [www.relayservice.gov.au](http://www.relayservice.gov.au)

National Relay Service (Speak and Listen) 1300 555 727

Video Relay – choose the available NRS video relay content on Skype and ask for LawAccess NSW on 1300 888 529

There are local community legal centres in most FaCS districts. There are also local Family Violence Prevention Legal Services in some FaCS districts. The contact numbers for your local community legal centre and Family Violence Prevention Legal Services are listed below.

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| **FaCS District** | **FaCS offices** | **Local Community Legal Centre or Family Violence Prevention Legal Service** |
| Central Coast | Gosford, Lakes, Peninsula, Wyong | Central Coast Community Legal Centre  call 4353 4988 |
| Far West | Broken Hill, Dareton, Wilcannia | Far West Community Legal Centre call (08) 8088 2020 or 1800 300 036  or  Warra Warra Legal Service  Call (08) 8087 6766 |
| Hunter New England | Armidale, Cessnock, Charlestown, Edgeworth, Glen Innes, Inverell, Maitland, Mayfield, Moree, Muswellbrook, Narrabri, Raymond Terrace, Tamworth | North & North West Community Legal Service  toll free 1800 687 687  Hunter Community Legal Centre  call 02 4040 9120 |
| Illawarra Shoalhaven | Nowra, Ulladulla | Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre  call 4422 9529 Toll Free 1800 229 529 |
| Illawarra Shoalhaven | Shellharbour, Wollongong | Illawarra Legal Centre, Warrawong  call 133 677 or 4276 1939 |
| Mid North Coast | Kempsey, Port Macquarie | Many Rivers Family Violence Prevention Legal Service call 6562 5856  or  Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre call 6580 2111 |
| Mid North Coast | Coffs Harbour | Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre call 6580 2111 |
| Murrumbidgee | Albury, Cootamundra, Deniliquin, Griffith, Leeton, Tumut, Wagga Wagga | Hume Riverina Community Legal Service  call 1800 918 377 |
| Murrumbidgee | Griffith | Binaal Billa Family Violence Prevention Legal Service (covers Lake Cargelligo/Murrin Bridge)  call 1800 700 218 or 6850 1234 |
| Nepean Blue Mountains | Blue Mountains, Lithgow, | Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre  call 4782 4155 or 1300 363 967 |
| Nepean Blue Mountains | Hawkesbury, Penrith,  St Marys | Western Sydney Community Legal Centre call 9675 2009 |
| Northern NSW | Ballina, Clarence Valley, Lismore, Tweed Heads | Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre call 6621 1000 |
| Northern NSW | Taree | Many Rivers Family Violence Prevention Legal Service: 6562 5856  or  Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre call 6580 2111 |
| Northern Sydney | Chatswood | Inner City Legal Centre call 9332 1966 |
| Northern Sydney | Pennant Hills | Western Sydney Community Legal Centre call 9675 2009 |
| South Eastern Sydney | Redfern | Inner City Legal Centre call 9332 1966  or  Redfern Legal Centre call 9698 7277  Redfern Legal Centre also provides a free legal advice at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown |
| South Eastern Sydney | St George, Sutherland | Marrickville Legal Centre  call 9559 2899 |
| South Western Sydney | Bowral, Campbelltown, Ingleburn | Macarthur Legal Centre  call 4628 2042 |
| South Western Sydney | Bankstown, Fairfield, Liverpool | South West Sydney Legal Centre  call 9601 7777 |
| Southern NSW | Batemans Bay, Bega, Cooma, Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Yass | Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre  call 4422 9529 or Toll Free 1800 229 529 |
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| Sydney | Burwood, Lakemba | South West Sydney Legal Centre  call 9601 7777 |
| Sydney | Central Sydney | Inner City Legal Centre call 9332 1966  or  Redfern Legal Centre call 9698 7277 |
| Western NSW | Bathurst | Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre  call 4782 4155 or 1300 363 967 |
| Western NSW | Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Dubbo, Mudgee, Nyngan, Parkes, Walgett | Western NSW Community Legal Centre  call 6884 9422 or Toll Free 1800 655 927 |
| Western NSW | Parkes | Binaal Billa Family Violence Prevention Legal Service (covers Forbes & Peak Hill)  call 1800 700 218 or 6850 1234 |
| Western NSW | Condobolin, Cowra, Orange | Western NSW Community Legal Centre  call 6884 9422 or Toll Free 1800 655 927 |
| Western Sydney | Auburn, Blacktown, Parramatta, Mt Druitt, | Western Sydney Community Legal Centre call 9675 2009 or 8833 0911 |