

## Workshop General Information

**Cost:** FREE; NO sign-up or pre-registration is required (Drop-In).

**Where:** Suffolk County Probate & Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston at the Court Service Center (2nd Floor)

**--NO DAY CARE IS PROVIDED--**

**--THE WORKSHOP IS NOT INTENDED TO REPLACE THE MANDATED PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR DIVORCING PARENTS--**

**When:** Workshops for mothers and for fathers will be held on the following dates:

- January 8, 2015
- February 12, 2015
- March 12, 2015
- April 9, 2015
- May 14, 2015
- June 11, 2015
- July 9, 2015
- August 13, 2015
- September 10, 2015
- October 8, 2015
- November 12, 2015
- December 10, 2015

**Time:** 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

**Questions?:** Please contact Marisol Mancia, at [marisol.mancia@jud.state.ma.us](mailto:marisol.mancia@jud.state.ma.us).



## Participants:

The Family Court Workshop for Mothers and for Fathers is a result of collaboration and generous volunteerism from the following participants:

Suffolk Probate and Family Court Staff  
Boston City Councillor Tito Jackson  
New England School of Law  
Suffolk University School of Law  
Northeastern University School of Law  
Harvard Law School  
Boston University School of Law  
Volunteer Lawyers Project  
Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc.  
Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts  
Greater Boston Legal Services  
Boston Bar Association  
Women's Bar Foundation  
Mass. Association of Hispanic Attorneys  
Mass. Black Lawyers Association  
Department of Children and Families  
Department of Revenue- Child Support Enforcement  
Workforce Development



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*A joint initiative between the Probate and Family Court, community leaders and volunteer lawyers helping parents... one family at a time.*

# What is the Family Court Workshop for Mothers and for Fathers?

## About Us

The Family Court Workshop for Mothers and for Fathers is a joint initiative between the Probate and Family Court, community leaders, and volunteer lawyers. The purpose of the Workshop is to provide mothers and fathers with general information on certain family law matters; to supply and help complete necessary forms for court proceedings; to refer those seeking to hire a lawyer to legal referral services; and to make available written information on community programs and services that are available.

For a schedule of exact dates and time, see the following page.



## What does the Workshop cover?

The Workshops will focus on these types of family law matters:

- Divorce
- Paternity
- Child Support
- Parenting Time
- Modification Actions
- Contempt Actions

Navigating through the legal system can be difficult. Although each case is individual to each family, all cases must follow the same court procedures and rules which this Workshop will address.

This Workshop is designed to answer basic questions about family law matters and procedure in the Probate and Family Court.

**The Workshop is not intended to replace the services of a lawyer or the mandated Parent Education Program for divorcing parents.**

## Can I talk with a lawyer at the Workshop?

Individuals who attend the Workshop are offered the opportunity to meet with a volunteer lawyer for a 15-minute consultation. The purpose of the consultation is to provide mothers and fathers with information to help understand the legal options that are available.

## Lawyer Referral

Information on lawyer referral services will be available to Workshop participants.

Information on Limited Assistance Representation will also be provided. Limited Assistance Representation allows an individual to hire a lawyer for a particular issue or portion of their case based on a negotiated rate.

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*“The goal of the Workshops is to ensure fair access to the Probate and Family Court.” – Hon. Angela Ordoñez, Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court*

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