



# Do It Yourself Divorce

**LEGAL AID OF NEBRASKA**  
**Pro Se Divorce Clinic**  
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## **What is the Pro Se Divorce Clinic?**

The Pro Se Divorce Clinic is a statewide service being offered by Legal Aid of Nebraska since 2003. This Clinic has successfully operated in some parts of the State for several years. It has been well received by people using the Clinic and the Judges. The Clinic offers help to low-income people who want an uncontested divorce, a divorce where there are no issues in dispute between a husband and wife. If the parties cannot agree on some minor issues, they will be referred to mediation. If they can agree on how to solve these problems, with the help of a trained mediator, the person wanting the divorce can use the Clinic to obtain a divorce.

## **How does the Clinic work?**

Individuals represent themselves in Court. The Clinic helps people to complete the legal forms for the divorce. An attorney will explain the legal process. The Clinic is set up in two class-like sessions. At the first session, people wanting a divorce will prepare all of the legal paperwork to start the divorce. You will be told how and where to file the paperwork. You will be told the next steps you need to take and when you need to take them. You will leave the Clinic with all of the materials (forms and copies) you need to begin the divorce process.

The second session will take place about 60 days after the first meeting. An attorney will help you prepare the legal papers to finish the divorce. You will receive more information and a new timeline. In addition, you will receive an example of what to say during the court hearing. The cost for the Clinic is \$10. This covers photocopying costs.

## **Eligibility for the Clinic**

Nebraska law requires that at least one person wanting a divorce needs to have lived in the state for one year before the beginning of the divorce. A Petition for Divorce must be filed in the county where you or your spouse lives. Non-English speaking people are able to participate in the Clinic. They can bring an interpreter with them to the Clinic sessions or they can ask Legal Aid of Nebraska to provide an interpreter. The Judge will make sure that there is an interpreter at court for people who need an interpreter.

When you come to the Clinic, bring the following information with you:

- Each person's full name, current address, birth date, birth place, and occupation

- Any information concerning military service
- The place where you and your spouse were living at the time of marriage
- The number of times you and your spouse have been married and how those marriages ended
- The highest grade in school each person completed
- The place and date of the marriage
- The date of separation
- The monthly income from all sources and all monthly expenses of the person seeking the divorce
- The amount of cash the person seeking the divorce has on hand and the balance in all savings or checking accounts
- The value of everything you and your spouse own.

Couples seeking a divorce who have children will also be required to get several recent pay stubs for both parents, before the second session. If you have additional questions about the issues involved in a divorce when a couple has children, Legal Aid of Nebraska offers another brochure that covers frequently asked questions regarding child custody, visitation and support.

### **Location & Scheduling Of Clinics**

Clinic sessions will take place in the Legal Aid of Nebraska's offices in Lincoln, Omaha, Norfolk, Grand Island, North Platte And Scottsbluff.

### **How to apply for the Clinic**

If you are interested in this Clinic, contact the Legal Aid of Nebraska AccessLine® at (877) 250-2016 to complete an application for services.