



If a social worker from the ministry or a delegated Aboriginal agency contacts you or visits your home, you may be under investigation.

Call now to find out if you qualify for a free lawyer and advocate through the Parents Legal Centre.

What is the Parents Legal Centre?

The Parents Legal Centre is a service provided by the Legal Services Society (Legal Aid BC).

This service is available anytime after you're first contacted by the ministry or a delegated Aboriginal agency.

How can the Parents Legal Centre help you?

You'll work with a lawyer and an advocate to help you address the social worker's concerns about your children's safety (child protection).

Together they can help you find solutions that work for you and your family.

The lawyer can:

- give you legal advice about how to resolve child protection concerns as early as possible;
- represent you during mediations, Family Case Conferences, and other meetings; and
- represent you at court hearings (if you don't have to have a trial).

The advocate can:

- provide information and support,
- connect you with other services, such as counselling and housing; and
- go with you to meetings and appointments.

Do you qualify for this kind of help?

You may be eligible for these services if:

- you don't already have a lawyer working with you on your child protection issue;
- your income and assets fall under the limits; and
- you are a parent, guardian, or other person in the place of a parent.

Call the Legal Services Society Call Centre to find out if there's a Parents Legal Centre near you and if you qualify:

604-408-2172 (Greater Vancouver)
1-866-577-2525 (elsewhere in BC)

Or visit your local legal aid office.

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Parents Legal Centre



Has a social worker contacted you about your children?

You have the right to legal advice.

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