



FAMILY COURT

SUPPORT WORKER (FCSW) PROGRAM

The Family Court Support Worker (FCSW) Program

supports and assists people who have experienced abuse and/or violence and are involved with, or are preparing to enter, the family court process.

Abuse is:

- About power and control
- Hitting, punching, scratching, kicking and/or any kind of physical harm
- Name calling, insults and mind games and/or any kind of emotional harm
- Threats and intimidation
- Using your children to control you
- Unwanted sexual touching, name calling and/or forced sex
- Being isolated from your family and friends
- When someone takes away your economic/financial control



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Family Court Support Workers offer the following support services:

- Provide information about the family court process
- Safety planning
- Support and advocacy throughout the legal aid process
- Assistance recording the history of abuse for court documentation
- Support to fulfill requests received from lawyers
- Accompaniments to legal appointments or family court
- Discussion and review of court outcomes
- Referrals to specialized services

Family Court is responsible for:

- Divorce
- Spousal Support
- Restraining Orders
- Custody and Access
- Child Support
- Property Division
- Child Protection (CAS)
- Adoption



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