

The following resources and services available:

- pamphlets and other publications on issues related to separation and divorce and child protection matters, including What You Should Know About Family Law in Ontario
- the Ministry's Guide to Family Procedures
- information about legal services, the court process and court forms (a CSR available 9:00am – 4:30pm)
- 9:00am – 5:00pm an Advice Lawyer from Legal Aid Ontario who can provide summary legal advice
- 9:00am – 5:00pm Information and Referral Coordinator who will provide information on alternative dispute resolution options, issues related to separation and divorce and community resources
- referrals to family mediation services connected with the court
- information about and scheduling for the Mandatory Information Program.

The Salvation Army Chaplain

(Outside Court 103) 905-743-2800 x 7255

The Chaplain visits new arrests or those returning to court from a detention centre in the holding cells, and helps to contact family, sureties, lawyers, employers, religious leaders, shelters, treatment programs or other programs and people who can help with positive life change.

For **family and sureties visiting court** the chaplain will

- help find answers to questions related to court or clarify information received
- locate court staff or support agency
- provide referrals to treatment and community programs
- accompany people in the court
- provide emotional or spiritual support to the accused, family, friends, sureties, victims, witnesses

If you aren't sure where to turn for help the Chaplain is a good place to start. People visiting court who need food, clothing or other ongoing support are asked to contact The Salvation Army in their community. For local contact information see The Salvation Army staff at court or call Divisional Headquarters 416-321-2654 or visit salvationarmy.ca.

For people **just released from custody** the Chaplain can provide clothing, some travel assistance. We do not however, provide legal advice.

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***Agencies provide help free of charge.
Visit the office of any agency here at Durham
Region for more detail or specific information.***

Durham Region Court Chaplain
150 Bond Street East Oshawa, ON (905)743-2800 x 7255

The Salvation Army Correctional & Justice Services
77 River Street, Toronto, M5A 3P1 - 416-304-1974

www.salvationarmy.ca



Giving Hope Today

This information provided by The Salvation Army is a simple outline of legal information and process. It is not intended to give legal advice or substitute for legal counsel in any way.

Toronto Bail Program

(Outside Court B1) 905-728-7391

The Bail Program provides community supervision to minimize the inappropriate pre-trial detention of those accused persons who lack the financial resources or people to meet monetary or surety release. Services include pre-trial supervision which includes reporting a minimum of once per week, residing at an address approved by Bail Program and any other terms imposed by the court. Applications for community based supervision are accepted from private lawyers or duty counsel prior to an accused person's show cause hearing at Provincial court.

Duty Counsel (Legal Aid)

(Room 1108) 905-728-3801

Duty Counsel are Legal Aid lawyers who represent accused persons in bail court free of charge if they do not have, or cannot afford, a private lawyer. Duty Counsel will interview all new arrests who do not have a lawyer. People who are at court as sureties to help someone in bail court are to report to the Duty Counsel office. If you want to apply for Legal Aid go to the Duty Counsel Office. Duty Counsel are available to represent people at a trial.

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Direct Accountability Program

(Room 1113) 905-579-8482

Direct Accountability is an alternative to prosecution in court and available at the discretion of the Crown. Accused persons must accept responsibility for their actions and agree to complete a community-based response as guided by the Community Justice Worker or Crown Attorney such as:

- writing a letter of apology, making a donation to a charity, completing community service hours, attending a relevant educational or rehabilitative program, etc.

This option is offered to those facing minor criminal charges without a criminal record or with a limited record. Those already in custody are not as likely to qualify for Direct Accountability.

Mental Health Court Support

(Room 1104/1106) 905-743-9384

Mental Health workers provide confidential assistance people charged with low-risk criminal offences to access and utilize mental health services and other supports. The program operates at all Durham courts and includes Mental Health Diversion, linking people and families to services and supports, and education about consumer issues, mental health services and the mental health system.

Probation (Adult)

(4th floor) 905-433-3852

People who receive a sentence that includes a Probation Order (i.e. suspended sentence, conditional discharge, fine and probation, or jail and probation) or a Conditional Sentence Order must attend the Probation Office prior to leaving court. If a Pre-Sentence Report has been ordered by the judge with regard to your case, please attend the probation office prior to leaving court.

Youth Justice Services

(Room 1216) 905-723-3902

Youth Justice Services provide assistance to the Youth Court via our Court Liaison Officer (CLO) who attends Youth Court for probation officers in Durham region. The CLO assists the Judge, Crown, Defence counsel, Duty counsel etc. by providing information on the young persons who are currently serving a YCJA sentence. Stand down Presentence Reports, verbal updates, Intake meetings with youth and parent, meetings with the judiciary are some of the duties of the CLO. The CLO will also swear out charges for breaches of court orders on behalf of the Probation officers in Durham Region.

Victim Witness Assistance (V/WAP)

(3rd floor) 905-743-2790

V/WAP helps the most vulnerable victims and witnesses of violent crime, including domestic violence, sexual assault, physical or sexual child assault, hate crimes and families of homicides. Staff provide emotional support, referrals to community agencies, court preparation and orientation, a safe waiting area, and assistance with completing victim impact statements at the sentencing stage.

Family Law Information Centre (FLIC)

Located near Tim Hortons Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm 905-743-2620

FLIC services are available in family courts across Ontario. At the FLIC you can find information about separation and divorce and related family law issues, family justice services, alternative forms of dispute resolution, local community resources and court processes.

Information and Referral Coordinators (IRCs) are available 9:00am – 5:00pm to help you understand your needs and to make referrals to appropriate services. IRCs can give you information about family mediation and other ways to solve your issues without going to court.