



Services for Families
Experiencing
Separation or Divorce

Early Resolution Registries

FAMILY LAW PROCESS

Provincial Court

of British Columbia



BRITISH
COLUMBIA

There are specific requirements that may apply when family law cases are filed in the Provincial Court of B.C.

These requirements are called **Early Resolution Registry requirements.**

The requirements apply to cases about:

- Parenting arrangements
- Child support
- Contact with a child
- Guardianship of a child
- Spousal support
- Property division in respect of a companion animal



START BY TALKING TO STAFF

Contact the Family Justice Centre or Justice Access Centre nearest you. Family Justice Services Division (FJSD) staff can show you where and how to start and make an appointment for a needs assessment.

Victoria

Phone: 250-356-7012

Toll-free: 1-844-747-3963

Surrey

Phone: 604-501-3100

Toll-free: 1-800-663-7867

Nanaimo

Phone: 250-741-5447

Toll-free: 1-800-578-8511

All other locations

Toll-free: 1-844-747-3963

For an online directory of Family Justice Centres and Justice Access Centres, visit:

www.gov.bc.ca/FamilyJusticeLocations

Scan the QR code for more locations information.



Staff can help you with the following kinds of court orders:

- Protection
- Priority Parenting Matters
- Relocation
- Consent
- Enforcement

Staff can also provide referrals and information on how to request time before a judge.

For more information please visit:

www.gov.bc.ca/EarlyResolution

or **bit.ly/BCPCFamGetReady**

B.C. Provincial Court Family Law Process – Early Resolution Registries

Family Justice Services Division – Family Justice Centres and Justice Access Centres – ongoing assistance, referrals

Community Agency services | Legal advice | Private consensual dispute resolution

To find the Family Justice Services Division (FJSD) office nearest you, visit www.gov.bc.ca/FamilyJusticeLocations or call toll-free: 1-844-747-3963

Check out online information about the Early Resolution Process



Other orders:

- Protection
- Priority Parenting Matter
- Prohibiting Relocation
- Consent
- Case Management
- Enforcement

File Application, Serve the other party (if applicable)

Court appearance or review by judge

Judge's Decision

Other family law matters to Early Resolution Process

EARLY RESOLUTION PROCESS

Family Law matters:

- Parenting arrangements
 - *parental responsibilities*
 - *parenting time*
- Child support
- Contact with a child
- Guardianship of a child
- Spousal support
- Property division in respect of a companion animal

File your Notice to Resolve at the court registry

Provide a copy of the Notice to Resolve to the other party

Participate in an assessment of your needs with a family justice counsellor at FJSD
(The family justice counsellor will invite the other party to complete assessment of their needs)

Complete a *Parenting After Separation Course*

Participate in consensual dispute resolution (unless not appropriate or exempt)
You may use services provided by Family Justice Services Division
Or you may hire a private dispute resolution professional
Or participate in a collaborative law agreement process

Resolved Matters
Agreements, Consents

Unresolved Matters (if any)

PROVINCIAL COURT PROCESS

Other party files reply

Work with registry or judicial case manager to schedule Family Management Conference

File an Application About a Family Law Matter
Serve the other party

Participate in a Family Management Conference

Orders for specific actions, consent orders or proceed to trial preparation

File Agreement or Application for a Consent Order

To Trial

Get information, referrals, increased understanding, early opportunities for full or partial resolution of issues: gov.bc.ca/EarlyResolution
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