

## WHY DO YOU NEED AN ATTORNEY?

- Victims of domestic violence are often deterred from leaving their abusers because they fear losing custody of their children or they wonder how they will support themselves if they do leave.
- When victims do leave, they may face a legal system that is unaware of the unique challenges faced by victims.
- Abusers may try to use the legal system to their advantage in an attempt to continue the abuse, especially in child custody cases. Abusers may also use the children as a way to continue interacting with victims and exert control over them.
- The legal system is a complex and confusing arena, made even more daunting by the often chaotic state of a victim's life when they begin the process of leaving or asserting their rights.
- Because of the lack of resources, victims are often left to navigate the legal system without the assistance of an attorney and face their abusers alone in court.



For more information go to:

<http://ccwrc.org/>

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(877) 234-5050 (24 hour hotline)

(814) 238-7066 (Business Line)

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## CIVIL LEGAL REPRESENTATION PROJECT ("the CLRP")

Free legal assistance, advice, and representation for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in family law, sexual violence cases, and immigration matters

## WHAT IS THE CLRP?

- The CLRP provides free legal services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including minors, women, men, the elderly, & LGBTQ.
- The CLRP is the only legal services program in Centre County dedicated to serving victims in family law, sexual violence cases, and immigration matters.
- The CLRP attorneys can provide specialized legal advice, referral, and/or representation in child custody, divorce, child support, spousal support, Student Discipline Proceedings, Protection from Abuse Orders, Sexual Violence Protection Orders, Protection from Intimidation Orders, and more in Centre County.
- The CLRP also provides specialized legal advice, referral, and/or representation to immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration cases including the VAWA Self-Petition, U-Visa, and T-Visa petitions.

## WHAT CAN THE CLRP DO FOR YOU?

- Represent you in court
- File or defend your divorce, custody, or support case
- Negotiate a favorable settlement
- Appear on your behalf in custody court and child support conferences
- Obtain a divorce or custody order
- Assist with custody relocation
- Help establish supervised visitation or custodial exchanges
- Represent you in obtaining a Protection Order
- Assist you in obtaining spousal support or alimony
- Assist you in filing a VAWA Self-Petition, T-Visa, or U-Visa petition
- Assist you as the victim in Student Disciplinary Proceedings and in working with Law Enforcement and the DA's Office
- Represent you in Title IX matters

## WHY SHOULD YOU SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE CLRP?

Cases in family law, sexual violence, and immigration can present complicated and emotionally difficult issues for victims.

Domestic violence may be physical, sexual, emotional, verbal or psychological. It includes hitting, kicking, slapping, pushing, pulling hair, threats, constantly monitoring your actions, putting you in fear, harassment, forced sexual contact, threats to take the children, and threats of deportation.

It is best to have an attorney not only trained in these matters, but one who understands the unique dynamics of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking so that your needs (and your children's) are best met.

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**For legal assistance, please call: 1(877) 234-5050 to speak with an advocate.**

Interpreters are available