

# DO-IT-YOURSELF DIVORCE CLINIC



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## WHAT IS THE DO-IT-YOURSELF DIVORCE CLINIC?

The clinic provides you with the knowledge, confidence and documents you need to fill-in and file with the court to obtain a divorce. At the clinic, an attorney and paralegal will be available to answer any questions you may have about the divorce documents and to help you understand what will be expected of you when you go to court by yourself.

## HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR THE CLINIC?

- You must meet the income guideline requirements of Legal Aid
- You must be a resident of Tennessee for at least 6 months
- You and your spouse must be separated for at least 2 months
- You must have an accurate address for your spouse
- You and your spouse must be in complete agreement to all issues in the divorce, including:
  1. Custody, child support, co-parenting time for each parent and both must sign a Parenting Plan and attend parenting education seminar
  2. Division of personal property including vehicles, furniture
  3. Division of all debts currently owed by both husband and wife

Some requirements may vary from county to county.

## WHAT HAPPENS AT THE CLINIC?

At the clinic, you will be given all the documents that will need to be completed, signed and notarized, prior to filing the documents with the court. Each step of the divorce process will be explained to you in detail and you will be given written instructions for the steps.

## HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR MY DIVORCE TO BECOME FINAL?

Just attending the clinic does not mean that your divorce process has started. This does not happen until you have FILED your documents with the court. If you have children, you have to wait 90 days after FILING before you can have a hearing date. If you do not have children, you must wait 60 days after FILING before you can have a final hearing.

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

The cost of the divorce clinic is \$5.00. However, you and your spouse are also responsible for the filing fee and any additional court costs associated with the divorce. You will be told at the clinic what the costs are in each county as each county and court is different.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

You will need to call the Legal Aid Office in your area and be screened for eligibility requirements and the other guidelines listed in this brochure. An application and other

paperwork will be mailed to you for you to complete and mail back to Legal Aid. If you do not return the forms, you will not be eligible for the clinic. If you are scheduled for a clinic and do not attend, you will not be eligible to attend another clinic.

**WHAT WILL KEEP ME FROM BEING ELIGIBLE FOR THE DIVORCE CLINIC?**

You will not be eligible to attend the clinic for the following reasons:

- You do not meet income or citizenship guidelines
- Recent domestic violence in your marriage
- Your spouse is in the military
- You do not have an address for your spouse
- The wife is currently pregnant
- The wife has children born during the marriage that do not belong to the husband unless you can provide an Order establishing paternity
- You did not return the documents that were requested for your case
- You have not been honest or provided complete information to LAET

If you are interested in our clinic, you may fill out the form and mail to our office and someone will call you for more information:

Your full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Your spouse's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of minor children: \_\_\_\_\_

If you live in Knox, Blount, Sevier and Loudon Counties, mail to:

Legal Aid  
502 S. Gay Street, #404  
Knoxville, TN 37902

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If you live in Carter, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties, mail to:

Legal Aid  
311 W. Walnut Street  
Johnson City, TN 37604

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If you live in Bledsoe, Bradley, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Sequatchie and Rhea Counties, mail to:

Legal Aid  
535 Chestnut Street., #360  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

## OFFICE HOURS AND LOCATION

Legal Aid of East Tennessee offices are  
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