

Information Sheet for the Karuk Tribe Self Help Center / Family Law



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General Information:

The Karuk Tribal Court Self-Help Center (the “Center”) staff cannot provide legal advice or representation in court. Staff assists both sides of the case equally. The emphasis of the Center is to provide legal information and education, not legal strategy and advice. The staff at the Center provides information about procedure, substantive law and choices litigants may have, thereby allowing litigants to make informed decisions about their case.

Who may access services from the Center?

Services for self-represented litigants are free and available to all enrolled Karuk Tribal members, enrolled Karuk Descendants and parents of Karuk Tribe children.

What kinds of legal cases does the Center handle?

Children and family law matters such as Dissolution of Marriage; Parentage Actions; Child Support; Custody; Visitation; Restraining Orders; Domestic Violence; Civil Harassment; Elder Abuse; Guardianships; Adoptions; Youth in Need of Care; Name Changes and other civil matters for which the Tribal Court may exercise jurisdiction.

What kind of assistance can the Center give me?

Center staff can help Karuk Tribal members in preparing your own forms and give you general information, assist you in preparing or responding to petitions and provide educational materials concerning the Tribal Court process, and may provide referrals to other agencies as appropriate.

How does the Center work?

Center staff provide procedural assistance to people who are representing themselves in court. The facilitator, attorney or volunteer is not your lawyer, but is a neutral person who does not represent any party in court. Center staff may provide information and services to the other party in your case. There is no attorney-client relationship between you and the Center staff, and communications between you and Center staff are not confidential. You should consult with your own attorney if you want personalized advice or strategy, to have a confidential conversation, or to be represented by an attorney in court. Center staff will not represent you at a court hearing, but can help you prepare your Tribal Court forms.