

How To Contact Queens Legal Services

If you would like to speak
with an attorney,
social worker, or paralegal in
the *Family Law Unit*, you
should call Queens Legal
Services Jamaica Office at
(718) 657-8611

*The Domestic Violence Law
and Advocacy Project*
24-Hour Hotline
(718) 657-0424

The Family Law Helpline
(718) 657-3133
1st and 3rd Thursdays
of each month
2:30 – 4:00

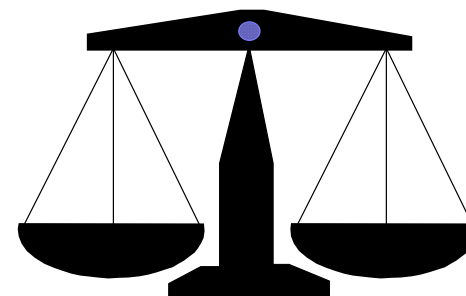
Walk In
2nd and 4th Thursdays
of each month
9:00 am – 12:00 pm



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Who We Are

“We are a neighborhood-based law office whose mission is to ensure that the people in the community where we live and work have equal access to justice.”

The Domestic Violence Law and Advocacy Project (DVLAP)

at Queens Legal Services was established in October 1997. The goals of DVLAP are to provide legal representation and assistance to victims of domestic violence in Queens County and to conduct community outreach and educational workshops throughout Queens.

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is abusive behavior – *emotional, psychological, physical, or sexual* – that one person in an intimate relationship uses in order to control the other. It takes many different forms and includes behaviors such as threats, name-calling, preventing contact with family or friends, withholding money, actual or threatened physical harm and sexual assault

How do I know if I am or have been abused?

Sometimes, a person isn't sure if he/she is a victim of domestic violence. The following checklist can help you determine if you or someone you know is being abused.

Does your partner...

- √ constantly criticize you and your abilities as a partner
- √ behave in an overprotective way or become extremely jealous
- √ threaten to hurt you, your children, pets, family members, friends, or himself
- √ prevent you from seeing family or friends
- √ get suddenly angry or lose his temper
- √ destroy personal property
- deny you access to family resources like bank accounts, credit cards, or car, or control all finances and force you to account for what you spend
- √ intimidate or manipulate you or your children
- √ hit, punch, slap, kick, shove or bite you
- √ prevent you from going where you want to when you want to
- √ make you have sex that makes you uncomfortable
- √ humiliate, put you down, or embarrass you in front of others.

We Provide the Following Services:

- ◆ **24 Hour Hotline**
- ◆ **Counseling and Crisis Intervention**
 - *Individual Counseling
 - *Group Counseling
 - *Safety Planning
- ◆ **Information and Referrals**
for shelters, medical treatment, and other community programs.
- ◆ **Legal Representation**
for all family law matters in Family Court and Supreme Court.
 - *Orders of Protection
 - *Custody/Visitation
 - *Child/Spousal Support
 - *Divorce
 - *Abuse/Neglect Proceedings
- ◆ **Educational Workshops**
on family law issues with an emphasis on the needs of domestic violence victims