

SAN MATEO COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCES

EMERGENCY

Police/Ambulance 911
24 HOUR CRISIS LINES
 Child Protective Services 800-632-4615
 650-595-7922
 CORA (formerly Sor Juana Ines Services
 for Abused Women & Center for
 Domestic Violence Prevention) 650-315-8515
 800-300-1080
 Rape Trauma 650-692-7273
 WOMAN, Inc. 877-384-3578 (toll free)
 415-864-4722

BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTERS

CORA (formerly SJI CDVP) 650-312-8515
 800-300-1080
 Support Network for Battered
 Women 800-572-2782
 W.O.M.A.N. Inc. 415-864-4722

COUNSELING/SUPPORT

Anger Management &
 Domestic Abuse Center 650-375-0449
 CORA (formerly SJI CDVP) 650-315-8515
 800-300-1080
 DA DV Victim Advocates
 North County 650-877-5797
 South County 650-599-7330
 Family Service Agency 650-403-4300
 Family Violence Prevention (EPA) 650-306-0476
 Keller Center for Family Violence
 Intervention 650-573-2623
 Pyramid Alternatives 650-355-8787
 San Mateo County Health Services 650-573-2257
 Support Network for Battered
 Women 800-572-2782
 YFES Archway 650-366-8433

LEGAL SERVICE AGENCIES

API Legal Outreach 415-567-6255
 Bay Area Legal Aid 650-358-0745
 Community Legal Services
 of East Palo Alto 650-326-6440
 CORA (formerly SJI CDVP) 650-312-8515
 800-300-1080

LEGAL SERVICES AGENCIES (Cont.)

Family Law Facilitator 650-363-4590
 La Raza Centro Legal 415-575-3500
 Lawyer Referral Service 650-369-4149
 Legal Aid Society of SM County 650-558-0915
 Legal Services for Children 415-863-3762
 Family Law Services 650-366-8401

IMMIGRATION ADVOCATES

Bay Area Legal Aid 650-358-0745
 Community Legal Services
 of East Palo Alto 650-326-6440
 International Institute of
 San Francisco 650-780-7530
 Katherine and George Alexander
 Community Law Center 408-288-7030

GAY, LESBIAN, & TRANSGENDER SERVICES

Community United Against Violence 415-333-HELP
 WOMAN, Inc. 415-864-4722
 877-384-3578 (toll free)
 Peninsula FamilyYMCA:Project FOCYS 650-349-7969

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONTACTS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNITS

DA Advocates—DA's Office
 North County 650-877-5797
 South County 650-599-7330
 Victim/Witness Center 650-599-7479
 Victim's Legal Resource Center 800-842-8467

TEEN CRISIS LINES & RESOURCES

Break the Cycle 800-246-9410
 CORA Teen Hotline 650-259-8136
 Community United Against Violence 415-333-HELP
 YFES Crisis Hotline 650-579-0350



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER CLINIC



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WHAT IS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER?

A domestic violence restraining order is a civil order of protection that orders the restrained person not to come near you, or near anyone else named on the order (including your children). It can also order that person not to have contact with you by mail, e-mail, or telephone. The person the order is against can be arrested if he/she violates the order.

An applicant for a domestic violence restraining order must have one of the following relationships with the person whom they are trying to restrain: husband, wife, ex-husband, ex-wife, registered domestic partner, ex-registered domestic partner, girlfriend, boyfriend, fiancé, ex-fiancé, ex-girlfriend, ex-boyfriend, or parent of a child that you have together. It does not matter if you are straight, gay, lesbian, or transgender.

This relationship must have violence. “Violence” means that there has been violence in the past within this relationship or that there is violence currently occurring or a threat of violence.

WHAT CAN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER CLINIC DO FOR ME?

The DVRO Clinic can help you fill out your request for a domestic violence restraining order. We can also help you fill out requests for child custody as well as child support, when you come in to request a restraining order.



The DVRO Clinic cannot represent you. No one from the clinic will be present with you at any hearings you have in front of a judge. It is possible we may be able to help you find an attorney, but we cannot guarantee that we will find someone.

WHEN CAN I COME TO THE CLINIC?

9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday

1:30 p.m. Wednesday

HOW DOES THE PROCESS WORK?

When you come into the clinic, you will fill out an intake form for our organization.

After filling out an intake, you will fill out the restraining order request. We will provide the forms for you. There are sometimes many applicants at one time, all with the same goal. The court requires you to write a declaration about the most recent event of violence and any history of past violence. This may be a very painful experience but it is required so that the judge who is reviewing your application will understand exactly why you want a domestic violence restraining order.

If you have a child under 18 years old with the person whom you are trying to restrain and you want custody of that child, you should also fill out papers regarding child custody.

We review your completed forms, and file them with the court. If you come to a morning clinic and are able to finish the paperwork before the morning is over we will be able to file the papers that day. If you cannot finish them or if you come to an afternoon clinic, your papers will be filed with the court the following day.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER MY ORDER IS FILED WITH THE COURT?

If you were able to finish filling out the forms at the morning workshop session, your signed order, or denial of an order, should be returned to the clinic at 4:30 p.m. If you filled out the forms on Wed. afternoon they should be returned to the clinic on Fri. at 4:30 p.m. Your order will be either granted, with or without changes made by the judge, or your order will be denied. If your order is granted you will have the protection you asked for and be given a hearing date to appear in front of a judge in about 3 weeks' time in either Redwood City or South San Francisco. At this hearing the judge will determine whether or not to give you a “permanent” (up to five years) restraining order. If the judge has made changes to your order or did not grant part of your request you may ask the judge to review and change that at the time of your hearing.

If your order is denied you may still be granted a hearing date so that the judge can hear what you and the person against whom you are seeking an order have to say. Sometimes the order may be denied without the judge giving a reason. If your order is denied you can attempt to re-file the order, but we cannot guarantee the judge will approve another order.

Usually you will represent yourself at the hearing. If you do not show up to your hearing you will no longer have a temporary restraining order. If the other party does not show up it is possible you may get everything you asked for in your first application. It is also possible you may not get everything you requested.

