# **Pueblo County Pro Bono Project**

## **Project Details**

- This project is a branch of Colorado Legal Services and follows the same protocol regarding types of cases that can be accepted.
- Works with volunteer attorneys to provide advice, limited and full representation to low-income clients with civil legal cases.
- Not every low-income client can be helped due to limited financial and staff resources.

**Want to apply?** Complete the application below that applies to your situation. Drop off, mail, email or fax the completed application to:

- Colorado Legal Services, Pueblo Pro Bono Office
- 1000 West 6th Street. Suite I
- Pueblo, CO 81008
- Phone:719-544-6708
- Fax: 719-545-0961
- Email: grodosevich@colegalserv.org

Physical location - Midtown Shopping Center next to the bowling alley. Call 719-545-6708, ext. 333 for additional information.

### Family Law Court Program (FLCP)

This program is now available to low-income individuals and operates in partnership with the Pueblo County Bar Association and in collaboration with the Pueblo District Court. The program's designed to help clients with Dissolutions (divorces) and Allocation of Parental Responsibilities (parenting time decisions).

- Dissolution of Marriage / No Children
- Dissolution of Marriage / Children

Allocation of Parental Responsibilities (APR)

### **Neighborhood Legal Information Clinic**

Location: Hope For Children, 801 West 4th Street, Pueblo, CO

Free attorney information on a wide variety of legal topics including but not limited to:

- Divorce
- Child support and custody
- Adoption
- Grandparent legal issues
- Employment
- Landlord/tenant
- Debtor/creditor problems
- Bankruptcy
- Consumer affairs
- Wills, estate planning and probate
- Social Security

Special clinics may be set up to help people with immigration questions, domestic violence, and senior rights issues.

#### What to expect:

- Attorneys meet with participants for 15 minutes
- Information is available in English and Spanish
- Advanced appointments are not necessary
- Please sign in between 5:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. All who sign in before 7 p.m. will be able to meet with an attorney.
- <u>Click here</u> for important information on how to prepare. Please read and prepare before you arrive at the clinic.

## **Sealing Criminal Records**

What to expect:

- Attorneys review client court records and advise if clients can seal their records.
- Complete this application <u>Seal /Expunge Criminal Records</u> (includes information on how to get records for review)

## **Pueblo Kinship Adoption Program (PKAP)**

PKAP, a CLS program, is now available to low-income individuals. You must qualify for CLS in order to participate in the program.

Are you a candidate for PKAP?

- You (Petitioner) must be at least 21 years old.
- You (Petitioner) is either a grandparent/aunt/uncle/brother/sister/half sibling/ 1st cousin of the child to be adopted and have had physical custody of the child for one year or more.
- You are either a stepmother or stepfather of the child to be adopted and have had physical custody of the child for a period of one year or more.
- The child is not the subject of a pending dependency and neglect (D&N) proceeding
  - o In some cases a step-parent adoption may qualify for this program.
- You must live in Pueblo county and your case will be filed in Pueblo county.
- The child is under 18 years of age and is living in Colorado at the time the Petition for Adoption is filled
- The child must be legally available for adoption per 19-5.203, C.R.S.\*\*
  - Legally available means one of the following:
    - Court has terminated the parent-child legal relationship;
    - Court has approved voluntary relinquishment of the parent-child legal relationship;
    - If the parents are deceased, court-appointed guardian has executed written and verified consent;
    - Written and verified consent has been signed by the parents.
  - $\circ$  Any person between the ages of 18 and 21 may be adopted upon approval of the child
- The prospective adoptive parent(s) and any adult residing in the home must complete both state and federal fingerprint-based criminal history record checks.

 Note -a person convicted of a felony offense that involves child abuse, a crime of violence, or a felony offense involving unlawful sexual behavior shall not be allowed to adopt a child.

Application available by clicking here.

\*\*The PKAP will evaluate applications to determine if the child you are wishing to adopt is legally available for adoption.

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