

Mothers Helping Mothers Resource List



LEGAL ASSISTANCE

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- [Gulfcoast Legal Services](#) – Bradenton office. Free legal services for immigration, birth certificates, housing and landlord issues, domestic violence, child support and taxpayer support. Walk-ins are accepted, but the best way to get help is to fill out the [online application](#)
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- [Women’s Resource Center – Ask an Attorney](#) – Bradenton office. Connects people with attorneys who handle family law and immigration.
- [Oasis Gospel Justice Center](#) – Third Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., at Oasis Church, 5215 Lorraine Road, Bradenton. \$30.
- [Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service](#) – (800) 342-8011
- [The National Crime Victim Bar Association](#) – The first national professional association of attorneys and expert witnesses who help crime victims seek justice through the civil courts.
- For more resources, visit [making-an-impact.org](#).
- [HOPE Family Services](#) – Free legal help includes assistance with orders of protection, court/legal lay assistance, attorney referral for protection orders, and court accompaniment/advocacy. 24/7 hotline: 941-755-6805, or text “survivor” to 69922.
- [Manatee Clerk of Court – Hope Card](#) – Anyone with a final injunction for protection can apply for a free, wallet-sized Hope Card that quickly proves their protective order to law enforcement.
- [Florida Disaster Legal Aid Helpline](#) – (833) 514-2940, available 24 hours a day. Helps with FEMA assistance, SBA assistance, insurance claims, contractor issues, eviction, and home title and ownership.
- [Florida Senior Legal Helpline](#) – For eligible Floridians 60 and older: (888) 895-7873, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
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- [SPARCC – Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center](#) – All services are free and confidential, including help filing for injunctions and court advocacy. Attorneys based at SPARCC provide free legal services to help survivors obtain injunctions. 24/7 hotline: (941) 365-1976.
- [Sarasota County Legal Self-Help Center](#) – Located in the Judge Lynn N. Silvertooth Judicial Center, 2002 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Open by appointment only; call (941) 861-8191.
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- [SPARCC](#) – Has satellite offices in Venice and North Port. Free injunction help and court advocacy. Hotline: (941) 365-1976.
- [Sarasota Clerk of Court, Venice office](#) – Restraining order petitions can be filed at the Venice location, and Hope Cards can be requested at the South County Courthouse in Venice.
- [Sarasota County Bar Association – Find an Attorney](#) – Serves Sarasota, Osprey, Nokomis, Venice, North Port and Englewood.
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- [Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice – Immigration Services](#) – Help with citizenship and work authorization applications, permanent residency, family petitions, and assistance for victims of domestic violence, crime, and trafficking. Appointments are required. The diocese headquarters is 1000 Pinebrook Rd, Venice; 941.488.5581.
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