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News on California Courts' Online Self-Help Center

The [California Online Self-Help Center](#) is being updated on a regular basis. We will be using this bi-monthly newsletter to:

- highlight important additions to the website,
- let you know about new features such as videos, interactive websites and other innovative approaches to providing assistance; and
- remind you of existing content that may be of particular importance to your work.

As always, if there is content, information or features you would find helpful, please let us know. Similarly, if you find information that is incorrect, unclear, or missing, get in touch so we can improve the website to meet the needs of our self-help customers. And, of course, if you have developed any materials that you think would be helpful for us to include on a statewide level, send it our way!

Check out:

- Two new family law related websites, *Families Change* and *Changeville*, designed to provide information on divorce and separation for kids, teens, and parents, and to assist California's courts in providing parent education on family law matters. They provide a place for judicial officers and court staff to refer family law litigants for assistance, taking full advantage of web-based technology without cost to the local courts.
 - Access *Families Change* (and through it, also *Changeville*) at the Online Self-Help Center's [Custody and Parenting Time](#) home page,
 - Links to both sites can also be found at [Children and Separation or Divorce](#), in [Parenting Resources](#) and throughout the child custody pages.
- A new video on [Orientation to Family Court Mediation and Child Custody Recommending Counseling](#) available through several pages on the California Online Self-Help [Custody and Parenting Time \(Visitation\)](#) section.
- Interactive [map of California court's Family Law Facilitator and Self-Help Centers](#).

News on the Equal Access Project

On the Equal Access Project website front, we have continued to add informational and instructional materials and templates provided by all of you as you continue to expand your services for self-represented litigants. Since we constantly update the materials posted, please regularly check the bank of developed resources provided at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/55.htm>.

Please also help us keep this bank of materials updated by sending us revised or new instructions or information you may have developed for your courts, and informing us of outdated documents we have still post that are no longer appropriate.

Equal Access Listserv Update: Thank you for taking advantage of this listserv to communicate with your colleagues regarding upcoming trainings, relating questions and concerns regarding your services, and sharing information. To add or remove a recipient from our listserv, please send an e-mail to equalaccess@jud.ca.gov with your request.

Finally, if there are any materials you would like assistance in developing or translating, or if you want to find out what other courts have done and can not find the information on these sites, please feel free to contact bonnie.hough@jud.ca.gov.