

**Some of the resources available at the Self-Help Center include:**

**Videos to view while in the Center.**

**Self-Help books that you may use while in the Center.**

**Access to statutes and rules of court that apply to unlawful detainer cases.**

**A computer with Internet services to access on-line information.**

**Sample forms.**

**Brochures prepared by court staff and outside agencies to assist you.**

**An Unlawful Detainer Specialist.**

**Information about community resources that maybe of help to you both before and after you go to court.**

**A schedule of workshops designed to help you.**

**Information about mediation services which may help you resolve your dispute without having to go to trial.**

## **WHAT IF I NEED AN ATTORNEY BUT CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE ONE?**

Unlawful Detainer cases are not criminal matters and you do not have a right to have an attorney appointed to help you. There are, however, a number of low-cost or no-cost legal services available in the community. An attorney in the Unlawful Detainer Advisor's Office at the Carol Miller Justice Center is available to give you limited assistance. If you are elderly or meet certain low-income guidelines, you may be able to obtain assistance from a variety of other community resources. Information about low-cost and no-cost legal services can be found in the court brochure Low Cost/Free Legal Clinics and Services.

## **DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION**

Open MONDAY through FRIDAY  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We appreciate your comments about the services provided at the Self-Help Center. Please take a moment to complete the exit survey.

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**HOW CAN THE SELF - HELP CENTER ASSIST ME?**

**UNLAWFUL DETAINER SELF-HELP CENTER**

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**Our mission is to provide justice, equality and fairness for all under the law.**

For information call:  
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## **THE SELF-HELP CENTER STAFF CAN:**

- **Provide you with information about low cost or no cost legal services available in our community.**
- **Provide you with information about the State Bar Lawyer Referral Service.**
- **Explain and answer your questions about how the court works.**
- **Give you general information about court rules, procedures and practices.**
- **Tell you what the court schedule is and assist you in getting your case scheduled.**
- **Give you information from your case file.**
- **Give you samples of the court forms you will need to complete.**
- **Answer questions about court deadlines and how to compute them.**
- **Review your papers for completeness.**

## **WE PROVIDE INFORMATION, NOT ADVICE**

Court staff members, including those in the Unlawful Detainer Self-Help Center, can generally inform you how to accomplish a task here at the courthouse. We cannot tell you whether or not you should do a particular thing.

If your question is “Could I?” or “How can I?” we can probably answer it. If your question is “Should I?” we cannot assist you.

***Be advised that any discussions you may have with the Self-Help Center staff are not considered to be confidential. The persons who assist you in the Center do not represent you in this matter.***

## **THE SELF-HELP CENTER STAFF CANNOT:**

- **Tell you whether you should file a lawsuit.**
- **Tell you whether you should take your case to trial.**
- **Tell you whether you or the opposing party “have a good case.”**
- **Tell you the words to use when completing your court papers.**
- **Tell you whether the opposing party has complied with the law.**
- **Tell you what to say in court.**
- **Give you an opinion about whether you will win or lose or what a judge might say or do if your case goes to trial.**
- **Talk to the judge for you.**
- **Let you talk with the judge outside of the courtroom.**
- **Change an order signed by a judge.**