

# FAMILY LEGAL ADVOCACY AND SUPPORTS CLINIC (FLASC)



Helping stabilize families through legal and social services

## ABOUT US

The Family Legal Advocacy and Supports Clinic (FLASC) is a pilot program funded by the Department of Children and Families. The goal of FLASC is to prevent the removal of children and formal child protective services (CPS) involvement with families. FLASC is a multi-disciplinary clinic at the UW Law School which takes referrals directly from CPS offices in Dane, Rock, Jefferson, and Sauk counties. Law students and MSW students from the UW School of Social Work work collaboratively to provide both legal and non-legal services to clients.

## ELIGIBILITY

An individual is eligible for a referral for services if:

- A child in need of protection of services (CHIPS) or juvenile in need of protection or services (JIPS) petition has not been filed;
- The parent or family has a need for civil legal services that would help stabilize the family; and
- The parent or family's participation in FLASC would be completely voluntary

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## OUR SERVICES

FLASC receives referrals for a wide array of civil legal needs, including custody issues, restraining orders, divorce, guardianship, housing issues, employment issues, and more. Law students, under the supervision of an attorney, provide limited assistance with family law procedures and forms, and are able to provide direct representation in some family law cases. When the client has other civil legal needs, law students directly connect them with other clinics or organizations that can provide assistance. In addition, clients can also work with social work students that help with a range of social support needs.

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