



## **FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

**FOR: Low-income foster parents, relatives, caregivers and prospective adoptive parents seeking help with a Dependency Court case in Orange County.\***

### **WE HELP:**

**Complete and file the court paperwork necessary to finalize your adoption.** For example, if you are interested in adopting a child from the foster care system, we can help prepare the paperwork for your dependency adoption case and prepare you for your hearing.

**Complete and file the court paperwork necessary to request De Facto Parent Status.** For example, if you are someone who cared for or has been caring for a foster child and are interested in applying for De Facto Parent Status so you can have a more active role in the case (provide evidence, participate in placement decisions, and access court records), we can provide document preparation assistance to do so.

**CONTACT:** Please call **714-541-1010 ext. 289** for assistance, or e-mail: [dtran@publiclawcenter.org](mailto:dtran@publiclawcenter.org). *Email is preferred.* Assistance is available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Our in-person clinic on the first and third Tuesdays of every month 9:30AM to 12:30PM at the Public Law Center in Santa Ana are **by appointment only**. We also provide services over the phone, by email or other method upon request.

### **When e-mailing or leaving a voicemail, please provide the following:**

- Your full name; your social worker's name; the name and DOB of the child you are adopting;
- Your phone number;
- The best time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday for PLC to call you back. (Note that for non-emergency matters, it may take up to 5 business days for PLC to contact you.)

\*The clinic does not provide representation.\*

\*We cannot assist individuals who already have an attorney.\*

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