

WHAT IS THE *PRO SE* DIVORCE CLINIC WITH CHILDREN?

Legal Aid of East Tennessee (LAET) has a grant from the AOC to conduct *pro se* divorce clinics for people with children. The project is underway and several clinics have been held in Johnson City, Knoxville and Cleveland. The clinic provides forms and instructs people on how to file their own divorce. This is a needed service and one that LAET simply cannot provide.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF MEDIATION?

The *pro se* divorce clinic project is for low-income divorcing parents with children. Often the parents cannot reach an agreed parenting plan and mediation is a good solution for those parents. The clinic participants all fall within the LAET income guidelines and cannot generally afford to pay for mediation. LAET has received a grant from the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution to incorporate a *pro bono* mediation component into the *pro se* divorce clinics.

WHAT WILL PRO BONO MEDIATORS BE ASKED TO DO?

Mediators who agree to participate in the *pro bono* mediation component of the *pro se* divorce clinic project will be asked to mediate no more than three parenting plans during the coming year. The parents will be screened by LAET for financial eligibility and referred to the mediator. Upon completion of the mediation, LAET will report the *pro bono* hours performed by the mediator to the AOC. The mediators will also be placed on a referral list for regular mediations.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Complete the attached form and return it to your local legal aid office. Offices are listed in this brochure. For further information, you may call Deb House at (423) 479-8577, ext 107; Terry Woods at (865) 637-0404 or Deborah Yeomans at (423) 928-8311.

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