



# WELCOME TO THE NEW YORK CITY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK



**F**ollowing is a list of all of the services available to you at the Family Justice Center (“FJC”). Please take time to review this list, and discuss any services that interest you with your advocate. Visitors to the FJC may seek any, or none, of the services available. No information will be shared by any of these organizations without your written permission, except that all service providers indicated with a “\*” are mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect.

**ADVOCATES AND CASE MANAGERS\*** . All visitors to the FJC are asked to speak with an advocate. Advocates at the FJC come from a broad range of independent organizations, speak many languages, and represent many cultures. Anything you tell these advocates will be confidential, and they will only share information with your permission. These advocates will assist you to decide what other services you might be interested in, and can provide you with immediate and long-term case management assistance.

**POLICE\*** . There are Domestic Violence Prevention Officers from the New York City Police Department available to speak with you. If you want to report a crime, or simply want information about how the police can help you to stay safe, please ask to speak with a police officer.

**PROBATION\*** . If you believe your abuser may be on Probation, a Probation Officer will be available to determine whether or not that person is under our supervision. The Officer will be able to provide the name and telephone number of the Supervising Probation Officer, and answer any questions you may have about the probation department. Offender accountability is a critical priority of probation. .

**THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (the “DA”)\*** . The DA’s Counseling Services, Domestic Violence Bureau and Elder Abuse Unit are located here in the Family Justice Center. If you are here because someone has been arrested in a domestic violence or domestic elder abuse incident, you can speak to an assistant district attorney or counselor from the District Attorney’s Office about your case. They can answer your questions about the criminal process, including questions about orders of protection and services that might be available to assist you in safety planning. Even if you do not have a criminal case now, you can speak with someone for general information about the criminal justice system.

**THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING\*** . Long-term counseling is available from licensed social workers from a variety of community groups. If you are interested in receiving counseling to support you through a difficult time, please inform your advocate.

**ELDER ABUSE SERVICES\*** . Representatives from the City’s Department for the Aging as well as social workers and lawyers from the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged are available to assist any visitor who is aged 60 or above. These workers act as liaisons with the District Attorney who specializes in elder abuse, provide emergency counseling, direct services and other information regarding community services for the elderly.

**LAWYERS FOR FAMILY MATTERS, IMMIGRATION, AND DIVORCE.** Lawyers from four different organizations (Sanctuary for Families, South Brooklyn Legal Services, Safe Horizon, and the Jewish Association for Services to the Aged) work at the FJC. If you know you need a lawyer, or just want to understand your legal rights, you can get help here. The lawyers can assist you with family law (custody, visitation, child support, spousal support, orders of protection), immigration (VAWA, asylum, U visa, naturalization, employment authorization, etc.), divorce, and housing. If you think you need to speak with a lawyer, please tell your advocate.

**CHILDREN’S SERVICES\*** . If you have brought any children aged 3 or over with you today, they can spend time with our child specialist in the Children’s Room. There are activities available all day long; you will be given a beeper to carry during your appointments so that the child specialist can reach you immediately, if necessary.

**CLERGY COUNSELING.** There are clergy from a variety of faiths available at the FJC to provide spiritual support. If you are interested in speaking with a clergy person, please tell your advocate.