

Resource Center for Separating & Divorcing Families Externship

The Resource Center for Separating & Divorcing Families (RCSDF) provides comprehensive legal dispute resolution, therapeutic services, and financial planning services in a warm and inviting environment. It is the first of its kind in the United States, and debuted at the University of Denver in September 2013.

The goal the Center is to foster healthy family reorganization and out-of-court dispute resolution. The RCSDF works with the courts, but is a separate, community-based service provider of affordable and accessible legal dispute resolution, counseling, educational, and financial planning services for transitioning parents and children. Services are provided by graduate students working side by side with licensed attorneys, psychologists, and social workers. RCSDF students and staff will seek to empower parents to make positive decisions about their family's future in a supportive and educational environment

Law student externs may gain first-hand experience in the provision of alternative dispute resolution services, assessment, client interviewing, and client counseling.

In addition to separation-related services, the RCSDF will provide state-of-the-art training to graduate students from various disciplines. This is accomplished by giving students feedback that encourages service refinement, involves families in the evaluation of service quality and satisfaction and, ultimately, respects each family's future while helping them to reorganize their past.

Families may engage with the Center for services either before or after they have filed in court, and may seek assistance to reach agreements in any of the following areas:

- the initial terms of a separation or divorce agreement;
- child support;
- co-parenting after divorce;
- disputes about parenting responsibilities and parenting time;
- separation of assets;
- planning for the financial future of the minor child[ren]; or
- other disputes related to the family's reorganization.

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