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Free Legal Services to Non-Custodial Fathers

Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT) is a unique and innovative non-profit that enhances access to justice for children and families by providing legal information, community education, and compassionate guidance, while promoting system-wide reform of the courts and public agencies.

LIFT's newest program, the Family Legal Center (FLC), offers free services to non-custodial fathers over the age of 24 who are interested in improving their relationships with their children and who need assistance navigating Family Court, particularly in child support, visitation and/or custody cases. The FLC provides individually tailored legal information and emotional support to fathers who reside in any of the five boroughs. Participants will benefit from one-on-one assistance from trained program associates and a licensed social worker.

Services include targeted legal information, individual, group, and family counseling, mentoring, referral services and individualized strategy sessions to help participants meet their goals. Workshops are provided on topics including: mediation and conflict resolution, financial literacy and family budgeting, parenting skills, and legal education topics such as child support and custody/visitation. Participants will receive a certificate of completion and small stipend when they complete the program. Food and refreshments are served at all workshops and participants are provided with a Metrocard for all workshops.

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