

Community Partners

- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office
- Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services
 - Abused Persons Program
 - Child Welfare Services
 - Emergency Services
- Montgomery County Department of Police
- Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation
- Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships
- House of Ruth, Maryland
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc. Immigration Legal Services
- STTAR Center Counseling
- Maryland Department of Child Support Enforcement
- Safe Start Services for children exposed to domestic violence
- Interfaith Community Against Domestic Violence
- Child Advocacy Center Treehouse (off-site)
- Montgomery County Family Justice Center Foundation, Inc. – Non - Profit and Supporting Partner www.mcfjcfoundation.org

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need an appointment? No. You can walk in for services.

Where can I park?

There is a free parking garage in the building on the Jefferson Street side. There is also street parking. The center is also within walking distance from Rockville Metro Station.

Can I bring my children with me? Yes. We have a specially designed play room and kitchen facilities for children.

May I bring a friend for support?

Yes. However, when you speak to one of the professional staff, your friend may be asked to wait in the reception area.

Will it cost me anything for legal services? **No.** There are no fees for any services at the Montgomery County Family Justice Center.

Can I get Protective Order Services at the Family Justice Center?

Staff can assist you with filing your petition for protection.

Can I return for additional services? **Yes.** We encourage you to take advantage of all appropriate services.





A community partnership providing help for hurting families





Montgomery County FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER 600 Jefferson Street

Rockville, Maryland 20852 240-773-0444 www.montgomerycountymd.gov/FJC

Crisis Line 24 Hour Assistance 240-777-4000



The Montgomery County Family Justice Center is a comprehensive one stop center for victims of family violence and their children. The center co-locates multiple agencies to provide coordinated advocacy, law enforcement, civil legal services and social services for wraparound support for families. Your safety is our first priority. Our goal is to help you in a specially designed facility where you and your children can feel safe and comfortable.

Who Is Eligible?

Anyone who is experiencing or has experienced domestic violence is eligible to receive services. Children are welcome to use the child friendly environment while the parent is receiving services.

Available Services

- Safety Planning staff at the Center will work with you on an individualized, comprehensive safety plan.
- Legal Advocacy advocates can assist you in filing for a protective order or with criminal charges.
- Legal Representation for Civil Protective Orders - the House of Ruth has a staff of civil attorneys to represent you at a Protective Order hearing at no charge.

- Counseling for you and your children you can meet with a counselor and make arrangements for further individual or group counseling services.
- Criminal Investigation you can meet with a detective or prosecutor about possible criminal charges or to discuss a pending case.
- Immigration Consultation under Federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) – an attorney can meet with you in a confidential setting to explain the VAWA provisions to protect battered immigrant women.
- Emergency Protective Orders an advocate can assist you with filing your petition for protection at the Center.
- Shelter Placement staff can assist you and your children in accessing a confidential shelter as part of your safety plan.
- Referral To Safe Havens for pets if your pet needs shelter, you can receive information on how the Humane Society can help.
- Snacks and play room for your children to relax.
- Child Advocacy Center (off site) you can be referred to the Treehouse Child Advocacy Center for services for your children who have been hurt or witnessed domestic violence.
- Chaplaincy program -Chaplains will be available for spiritual support and guidance.

Fees

There are no fees for services at the **Family Justice Center.**



The Family Justice Center is located at 600 Jefferson Street, Suite 500, Rockville, Maryland (on Route 355, the intersection of Rockville Pike and Jefferson Street). The Family Justice Center is accessible by public transportation, the Rockville Metro Station, and is near the Rockville District and Circuit courts.

Hours

The Family Justice Center is open Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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