



Support for your clients when they need it most.

We are here to support the family law system, making the process run as smoothly as possible for lawyers and families.

As a lawyer you are relied upon by many families as a trusted source of information.

When it comes to the health of your clients, positive and fulfilling relationships are crucial for overall wellbeing. Relationships are a vital and essential part of life. However it's not always easy for people to navigate the ups and downs that they face in their relationships from time to time. Your clients may find speaking to someone at Relationships Australia the first step to improving relationships.

Family Dispute Resolution (FDR)

The Family Relationships Centres (FRC's) support people who are separating, or who have separated, to resolve disagreements related to parenting and property matters. This process is known as Family Dispute Resolution (FDR).

Lawyer Assisted Mediation

The Family Relationship Centres (FRC's) are able to offer lawyer assisted family dispute resolution. A client is able to have their lawyer attend the joint session and offer legal advice during the process.

The process is facilitated by the Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner and follows the Attorney General's 'Protocols' for the provision of legal service in Family Relationship Centres.

How FDR Works

Issues that can be discussed in FDR include:

- Living arrangements for children
- Education
- Improving communication skills
- Child support
- Health care and a range of other parenting issues
- Mediation for property and financial issues
- Child inclusive mediation is also offered

Agreements reached can be written and the Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners will provide a typed copy of agreements. Information about additional steps required to make agreements into a Parenting Plan or legally binding will also be provided.

Why FDR?

FDR is a cost and time-effective service and is an alternative to expensive and stressful adversarial processes. In addition, children manage better if their parents can find a way to cooperate about parenting. All clients that are participating in the process of FDR are encouraged to seek legal advice and also financial advice where required.

Counselling

The experienced counsellors at Relationships Australia are here to help your clients get back on track. We follow a systemic family approach which supports the belief that family relationships form a crucial part of the emotional health of each individual within that family.

Our Centre offers individual, couple and family Counselling. Our counsellors have specialist post-graduate qualifications in Relationship Counselling, and receive on-going clinical supervision and professional development.

Family Educational Group Programs

Relationships Australia NSW provides a wide range of group programs and seminars that support men, women, teenagers and children to face the challenges that relationships present.

Your local Centre – Macquarie Park Family Relationship Centre

The Centre is located at Level 1, 68 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park, NSW 2113 (a short walk from Macquarie Shopping Centre). Please refer to map for transport options.

Centres are wheelchair accessible and limited parking is available on site.

Making an appointment

No referral is required, simply phone or email us to make an appointment.

Costs and fees

Family Dispute Resolution services are government subsidised. Fees for most of our services are based on a sliding scale, depending on family income. In some circumstances services are free.

For people for whom English is not their first language, we have bi-lingual staff available across most services. Interpreters can also be arranged on request, for little to no cost.

Contact Us

Telephone: 1300 364 277

Email: enquiries@ransw.org.au

Website: relationshipsnsw.org.au

We are able to provide your practice with information for your clients about Family Dispute Resolution, Counselling and our Group Programs.

Our Group Programs

Parenting After Separation, Focus on Kids

This 6 session program is for separated parents and carers who want to learn more about how they can best support their child through the process of family separation.

Circle Of Security

This 8 session program is designed for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years who would like support to help their children to build secure relationships.

Women: Choice and Change

This 8 session program is designed for women who have experienced family violence. The aim of the course is to provide women with the skills necessary to help them move forward in their lives.

Taking Responsibility

This program is aimed at men who have been abusive in their relationships and are now ready to work towards building relationships that are respectful and caring.

Macquarie Park



Recommended Bus Routes:

From Chatswood Station, Stand G, 545

From Epping Station, Stand C, M54