

FAMILY LAW IN SASKATCHEWAN

In the 2021 Statistics Canada Saskatchewan Legal Problems Survey, 10% of respondents reported breakdown of family or relationship and child custody or other problems involving parental responsibilities as a serious problem or dispute in the last 3 years.

EARLY FAMILY DISPUTE RESOLUTION



In all Saskatchewan court jurisdictions (effective July 1, 2022),

families that come to family court are required to use an early dispute resolution process before continuing with court.

Mandatory family dispute resolution began as a pilot in Prince Albert in 2020 and expanded to Regina in March 2021.



77 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

in mandatory family dispute resolution were issued from April 2021 to March 2022.



There are **121** **RECOGNIZED SERVICE PROVIDERS** in the province.

64



Mediators

18



Family Arbitrators

18



Parenting Coordinators

21



Collaborative Lawyers

CHILD SUPPORT

The Child Support Recalculation Service helps families with child support orders and agreements.

From April 2021 to March 2022



77 Recalculation decisions were issued

39 Decisions increased support

34 Decisions decreased support

4 No change to the support amount

119 Dependents were affected by the recalculation decisions

LAWYER REPRESENTATION



Legal Aid Saskatchewan

3,657 New Family Law Files in 2021

66% Female

28% Male

6% Non-Binary, Transgender, Two-Spirit



Law Society Find Legal Assistance Directory

215 lawyers listed as offering family law services

LEGAL CLINICS



Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan

790 Family Law

clients served at the **Free Legal Clinic** in 2021 program where clients receive up to 1 hour of free legal advice



CLASSIC

233 Family Law

clients served at **Legal Advice Clinic** in 2021 program where clients receive summary legal advice

LEGAL INFORMATION RESOURCES

FAMILY LAW SASKATCHEWAN

providing free-of-charge assistance to people in Saskatchewan who are dealing with separation and divorce

6,837 Accounts Opened in 2021

FAMILY LAW INFORMATION CENTRE

provides in-person help sessions, free legal information about forms and clauses

2,489 Downloads of self-help kits in 2021

FAMILY MATTERS

provides information and resources to deal with a changing family situation and assistance to resolve urgent and outstanding issues

947 Inquires in 2020-2021 and

75 Problem solving sessions in 2020-2021



SASKATCHEWAN
ACCESS TO JUSTICE WEEK

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