Self-Help Center (Family Law Facilitator)
Disclosure and Waivers

The Self-Help Center staff includes: attorneys, paralegals, clerks, and interns. The staff are Court employees or employees of the Legal Services of Northern California, and some are law, college, or paralegal students.

The Self-Help Center staff offer assistance to persons not represented by an attorney and may assist *all parties* to a case. The parties who are eligible for assistance include the person who initiated a case (i.e., petitioner) or the person who is on the opposing side (i.e., respondent). The Self-Help Center staff provides the same level of service to *all parties* who seek assistance in a case or with a legal problem. The Family Law Facilitator and staff are not responsible for the outcome of your case.

Staff **can** give legal information, including which legal forms to use, how to fill them out, and directions on how to complete legal procedures.

Staff **can** refer you to community agencies, and other resources, to assist you with your situation.

Staff **can't** help you if you have an attorney representing you in your court case. Your attorney will have to "substitute out" of your court case for us to be able to assist you.

Staff **can't** give legal advice.

Staff c**an't** act as your attorney and **must** act as a neutral person.

Staff **can't** go to court with you or for you.

Staff **can't** predict the outcome of your court case or legal problems.

Your conversations with Self-Help Center staff are **not** confidential or private.

You **should** talk to a private attorney if you need:
- Legal advice
- A confidential or private conversation
- A thorough analysis of your case
- Personalized advice on how to handle your case
- An attorney to go to court with you or for you

I have read this or it has been read to me. I understand it and agree to its terms.

Date:_____

_____   _____
Print Name   Signature

I have translated or read the statement to the person requesting services.

Date:_____

_____   _____
Print Name   Signature