

HOW TO APPLY FOR A TEMPORARY PFA ORDER AT FAMILY COURT

You should report to: **440 ROSS ST, FAMILY COURT**
PFA OFFICE, ROOM 301, 3rd floor
Pittsburgh PA 15219 (412) 350-4441

PFA applications are accepted between the hours of 8:00 -11:00.

You should arrive at Court as early as possible and expect to remain at Court for several (3-4) hours.

- You will need to complete a PFA Petition and appear at hearing before a Judge.
- A free, secure children's playroom is available at the Family Court.
- You can file for a Temporary PFA without the payment of any fees.
- Information regarding the availability of free legal representation or other legal assistance will be provided.

If the Judge issues a Temporary PFA Order, a Final PFA Hearing will be scheduled within ten (10) business days. The Temporary PFA Order will remain in effect until the Final Hearing date. In order to extend the Temporary PFA Order, you must return to Court for the Final Hearing. At the Final PFA Hearing, a Final PFA Order may be issued for up to a 3 year time maximum period.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS AND HOTLINES

If you need further assistance or immediate safe shelter, help is available through one of the following Hotlines or Domestic Violence programs which service Allegheny County (primary service areas listed).

Women's Center and Shelter of Pittsburgh (City of Pittsburgh)..... (412) 687-8005

www.wcspittsburgh.org

Alle-Kiski Hope Center (Alle-Kiski Valley)..... 1-(888)-299-4673

www.akhopecenter.org

or (724) 224-1100

Crisis Center North (Northern Suburbs of Allegheny County)..... (412) 364-5556

www.crisiscenternorth.org

Center for Victims (Mon-Yough area)..... (412) 678-4616

www.centerforvictims.org

or (866) 644-2882