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## Are you going to Norwich Family Court about child contact?

We always recommend that you get representation for your hearing from a solicitor if at all possible, and we can help you find one if you like. However, if you have a court hearing coming up where you will be unrepresented, NCLS may be able to help you.

A Family Court Supporter is a volunteer who can come with you to court as a 'McKenzie Friend'. They can help and support you, take notes, help with case papers and quietly give advice on the conduct of the case. They are not legally qualified and cannot represent you during the proceedings, which means that they are not allowed to speak for you in Court or sign any documents on your behalf.

This service is only available in Norwich, NOT at Great Yarmouth or Kings Lynn courts, and must be arranged in advance.

To explore whether support would be available for your hearing, please contact the service coordinators Tamsin Roques or Hannah Hill on 01603 496623 or email family@ncls.co.uk

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Remember, you should not talk to your children about your family court case.

Please contact us if you would like this guide in another language.

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