

Community Court Access (CCA) Program

Ensuring Access to Justice for Court Users in the Virtual Court Era and Beyond

What is the Community Court Access Program?



The CCA program is a partnership between the community and the NYS Unified Court System to provide accessibility to any person seeking assistance from the Court System who may not have access to a home computer and/or internet service, who may need assistance in accessing the courts, or who may not be able to get to the physical courthouse for a variety of reasons such as transportation, child care, or personal safety. With this new program, you can now have your court needs met in a friendly, safe, and secure environment, that is close to your home and may even be located at your own religious center, library, or other community space.

Current Resources at Community Court Access Locations:

- Virtually attend a court appearance or connect with court staff to file petitions
- Connect with a Law Librarian for assistance with legal research or referrals in the areas of:
 - Housing, Food Assistance, Mental Health, Domestic Violence, Legal Services, etc.

Connect with NYS Unified Court System assistance such as:

- **1-800-Court NY (1-800-268-7869):** call for general questions, suggestions, and court information; interpreters available.
- **Access Court Decisions Online:** <http://ww2.nycourts.gov/decisions/index.shtml>
- **Ask a Law Librarian:** connect with staff law librarians through text, email, or live chat - <http://www.askalawlibrarian.nycourts.gov/>
- **Attorney Directory:** search for attorneys registered in New York State <https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/attorneyservices/search?2>
- **CourtHelp:** find the help you need to represent yourself; find addresses for all court facilities - <http://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp>
- **Court Interpreting Service:** <http://ww2.nycourts.gov/COURTINTERPRETER/index.shtml>
- **Document Delivery:** library material document delivery service - <http://ww2.nycourts.gov/lawlibraries/document-service.shtml>
- **Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Court Forms:** prepare forms online that can be filed at a court - <http://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp/diy/index.shtml>
- **Downloadable Court Forms:** download, complete, and file petitions at a court - <http://www.nycourts.gov/forms/index.shtml>
- **Help Center Locations:** free information about the law and court procedures - <https://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp/GoingToCourt/helpCenters.shtml>
- **Public Access Law Libraries:** legal libraries open to the public - <http://ww2.nycourts.gov/lawlibraries/publicaccess.shtml>
- **Statewide Law Library Catalog:** <http://www.ucsil.nycourts.gov/>

Access Legal Service providers such as:

- **Free Legal Answers:** connect with volunteer attorneys on civil matters - <https://ny.freelegalanswers.org/>
- **LawHelpNY:** free legal information and attorney referrals - <http://lawhelpny.org/>
- **Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY:** free civil legal services for low-income people - <https://www.lasnny.org/>
- **Legal Information for Families Today:** legal assistance with child support, custody, visitation, and domestic violence - <https://www.liftonline.org/>
- **Legal Services of the Hudson Valley:** civil representation to poor and low-income families and individuals - <https://www.lshv.org/>
- **The Legal Project:** legal assistance and representation for civil matters - <https://legalproject.org/>