

# Preparing for your conference with our Family Law Solicitors

## Free legal advice and assistance.

TASC provides free services to vulnerable and marginalised members of our community in parenting, divorce and domestic and family violence matters.

In order for our solicitors to provide you with quality and timely legal advice we suggest you attend to the following:

1. Contact our reception staff to schedule an appointment time that is most suitable to you. We have offices in Ipswich, Toowoomba and Roma. Our solicitors also travel to rural and remote areas of South West Queensland.
2. Ensure you make suitable alternative care arrangements for your children at your scheduled appointment time.
3. Organise a support person to attend the appointment with you if necessary.
4. Collate all relevant documents including but not limited to:
  - Birth certificates for the children;
  - Your marriage certificate;
  - Any relevant written correspondence from the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, the other party or their solicitor;
  - Any current or previous Protection Orders naming you, the other party or your children;
  - Any current or previous Parenting Plans or Orders;
  - Your section 60i certificate (if applicable);
  - Any relevant court documents (such as material served on you or filed by you); and
  - Your health care card.

5. Prepare a chronology of relevant events such as:
  - When you and your partner moved in together;
  - The date of your wedding;
  - The birth dates of each of your children;
  - Any relevant incidents (such as acts of domestic and family violence) during the relationship or after separation;
  - Intervention by the Queensland Police Service or the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services;
  - The date of separation; and
  - Attendance at mediation or family dispute resolution.
6. Consider what the care arrangements were for the children during your relationship and after separation.
7. Draft a list of your concerns, any matters of contention between you and your ex-partner and any questions you would like answered.

If you would like to discuss this, contact a TASC solicitor on 07 4616 9700 for a confidential conversation.

**This factsheet is for general information purposes only. You should seek independent legal advice in respect to your specific circumstances.**

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