

Separation and divorce is complicated. The Lilac Tree provides support for individuals at any stage of this process.

Our Mission

Helping people navigate and overcome the challenges of separation and divorce by providing access to legal information, support networks and professional resources.

Our Vision

For all people to confidently navigate the process of family breakdown and divorce.

Our Model

The Lilac Tree offers five unique programs:

Personalized Information Sessions: During a 60-minute private and confidential meeting with a trained Lilac Tree counselor, individuals contemplating or at the beginning stages of separation or divorce receive guidance to help understand the legal, financial and emotional considerations involved in separation and divorce.

Divorce UniversityTM: The Lilac Tree offers a range of workshops, seminars, videos and webinars aimed at educating individuals on a variety of legal, financial, therapeutic and self-help topics. Presenters are qualified experts in their field who volunteer their time.

Support Groups: Social work professionals lead 8-week (16 hour) groups in a therapeutic, compassionate and supportive environment. Groups serve to connect individuals facing similar challenges to share their experiences and learn from each other.

Referral Program: The Lilac Tree maintains a registry of qualified attorneys, mediators, therapists, financial planners and social service providers. Referrals are made free of charge.

Self-Represented Litigant Education: Beginning in 2019, the Lilac Tree will provide general information about the law and the legal process to individuals who are not represented by an attorney.

The Lilac Tree is a non-profit organization based in Evanston and serves individuals throughout Illinois. We serve people regardless of socioeconomic status, education, ethnicity, geography, native language, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Fee assistance is available for individuals with limited financial resources. All information shared with The Lilac Tree remains strictly confidential.

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