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### Self-Help Law Center Opens in Great Falls

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Navigating the legal system can be a challenging task without a lawyer, but now there is help for those who need it.

When it comes to criminal cases, the accused have the right to representation through a public defender. That is not the case for civil litigation.

Cascade County's new Self-Help Law Center provides free assistance to those involved in civil cases such as divorce, parenting plans or landlord-tenant issues.

"People who are low income and can't afford lawyers still have legal problems," staff member Lauren Goulding explains. "So I think the center can be pretty important in offering services to those people."

Although staff members at the center are trained to help explain laws and legal terms, they are not lawyers and therefore cannot provide legal advice. However, they can direct litigants to resources and information they need, such as legal forms.

The center is located on the bottom floor of the Cascade County Courthouse, and is open Monday and Tuesday from 8 to 5.

Call 406-590-4127 for an appointment or more information.