

Family Resolutions Specialty Court (Hampshire County)

The Family Resolutions Specialty Court (FRSC) is a unique problem-solving court at the [Hampshire Probate and Family Court](#). It is a voluntary program that provides divorcing and separating parents the opportunity to resolve their differences in a child-centered way and with less conflict. Using a team-based approach, every family in the FRSC receives assistance. There is a lawyer for the children and a mental health professional for the family. A Probation Officer also guides the family through the process. There are no trials or motion sessions. Instead, the case proceeds via a series of conferences in which all members of the team – the parents, their lawyers, and the judge – work together to resolve the parents' differences.

Through the FRSC, families are also referred to community support services such as: family and child therapy; substance abuse treatment; financial planning; employment, housing, fuel, and transportation assistance; early childhood intervention; and mediation. The FRSC is available for parents with attorneys and those who are representing themselves. Interested parents and attorneys should contact the Hampshire Probate and Family Court's Probation Department.