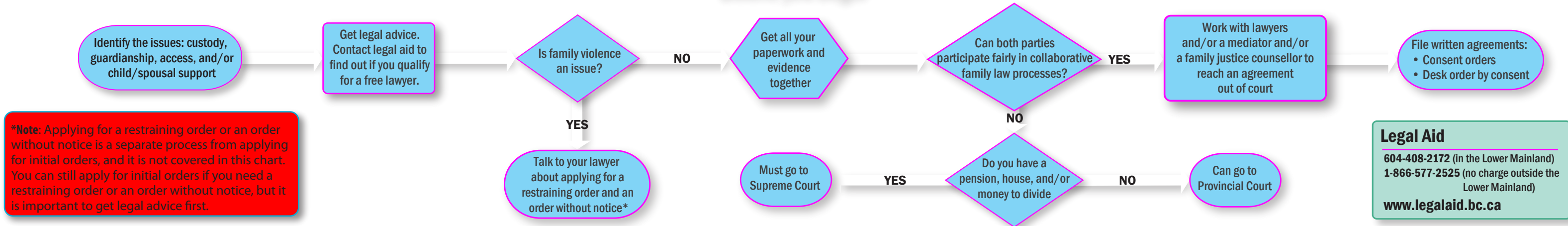


# Provincial (Family) Court: Getting Initial Orders for Custody, Guardianship, Access, and Support

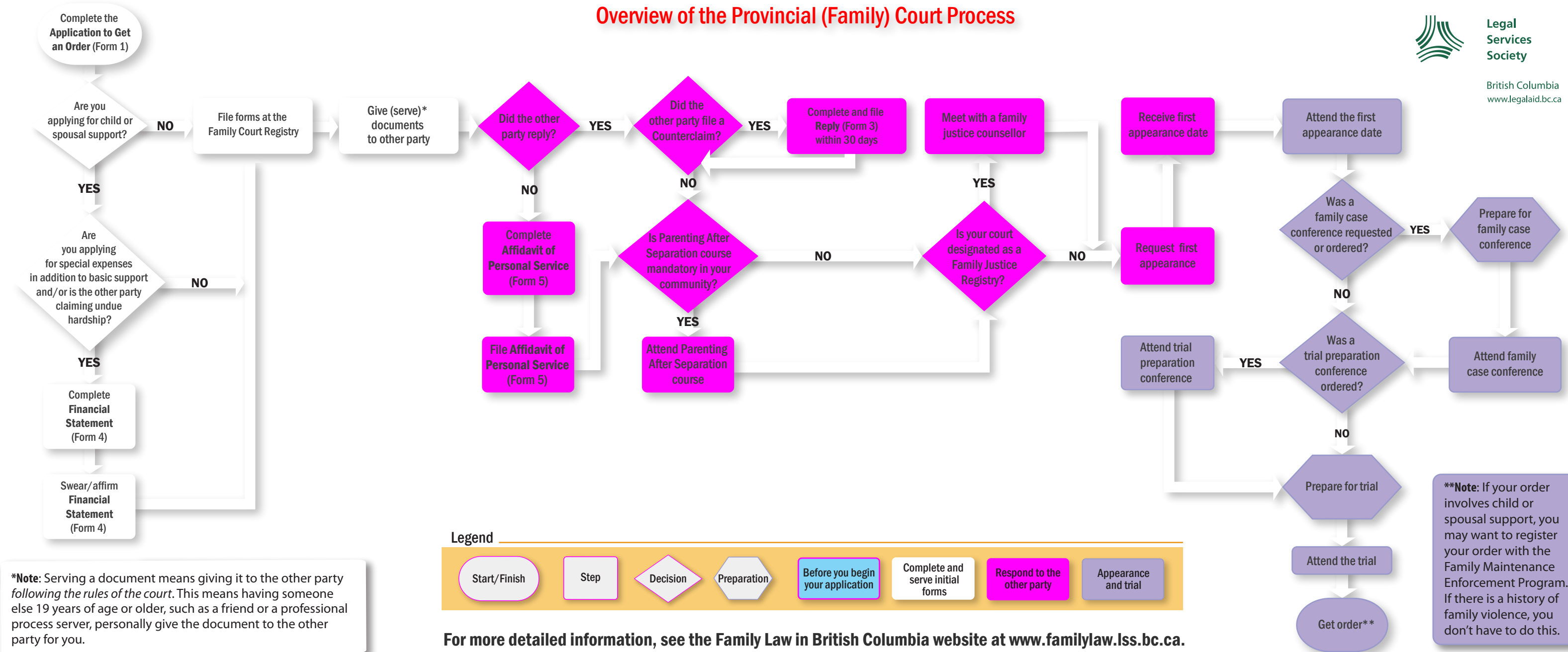
## Before you begin



**\*Note:** Applying for a restraining order or an order without notice is a separate process from applying for initial orders, and it is not covered in this chart. You can still apply for initial orders if you need a restraining order or an order without notice, but it is important to get legal advice first.

## Overview of the Provincial (Family) Court Process

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**\*Note:** Serving a document means giving it to the other party following the rules of the court. This means having someone else 19 years of age or older, such as a friend or a professional process server, personally give the document to the other party for you.

For more detailed information, see the Family Law in British Columbia website at [www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca](http://www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca).