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## Wyoming Judicial Branch Expands Court Navigator Program to Uinta County

Cheyenne, WY – The Wyoming Judicial Branch is pleased to announce the expansion of the Court Navigator Program to Uinta County. The program helps people who can't afford a lawyer to understand court proceedings and directs them to needed forms and legal and community services. "This is another way the Wyoming Judicial Branch is working to make its commitment to fairness and justice for all a reality for Wyoming citizens," said Chief Justice Kate Fox. Beginning on September 9<sup>th</sup>, self-represented litigants in Uinta County will be able to request remote assistance with a court navigator through the Branch's website.



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Recognizing the challenges faced by self-represented litigants, the program aims to mitigate delays, procedural errors, and inefficiencies inherent in navigating the legal process alone. Non-lawyer volunteers are trained to provide crucial guidance and support to self-represented litigants, empowering them to navigate the legal system effectively.

Volunteer court navigators are already assisting self-represented litigants in Natrona County, where the program pilot was launched in April of this year. They offer clarity on court proceedings and connect litigants with essential legal and community services. The program initially focuses on three key categories of cases; protection orders, forcible entry and detainer actions (FED), and domestic relations actions including divorce, custody, and child support.

The Wyoming Judicial Branch remains dedicated to ensuring that justice remains accessible to all individuals, regardless of their circumstances. For more information about the Court Navigator Program, please visit the Wyoming Judicial Branch's website.

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