

What We Do

Community Legal Aid helps people obtain safe and stable housing, access benefit programs to stabilize their income, obtain needed services in school, and break free from domestic violence and other abuse and exploitation. We help with:

- Eviction defense and housing discrimination
- Family law issues (divorce, custody, visitation, child support for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors)
- Abuse and harassment prevention orders
- Special education and school discipline issues
- Employment discrimination and unemployment
- DCF cases arising from poverty-related challenges (Hampden County)
- Government benefits (TAFDC, EAEDC, Food Stamps/SNAP, Veterans' Benefits)
- Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and state supplemental benefits
- Health care benefits (including MassHealth and Medicare), nursing home issues, and elder neglect
- Re-entry after incarceration (criminal record sealing, accessing housing and jobs)
- Accessing homeless shelters
- Debt collection and bankruptcy
- Wills, estates, and Probate Court matters (trusts, powers of attorney, health care proxies, name changes)
- Humanitarian-based immigration relief*

*Handled by CLA's subsidiary, Central West Justice Center (CWJC). CWJC receives no funding from the Legal Services Corporation.



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We Are Your Advocates

Community Legal Aid provides FREE civil legal assistance to low-income and elderly residents of Central and Western Massachusetts.

Who We Help

Low-income people who live in or have a legal problem that arises in Central or Western Massachusetts,



which includes the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester.

We are also able to help people who may not be low-income if they are:

Seniors (age 60 and over). We are able to serve some seniors living in certain towns outside our five-county service area.

Victims of crime, including domestic violence and sexual assault, and survivors of homicide victims.

People who experience **housing discrimination**.

Get Help

Call our intake line at:
(855) 252-5342

Visit us online for current intake hours and to apply for services:

COMMUNITYLEGAL.ORG/GET-HELP

Apply now! →

Scan this QR code with the camera on your smartphone to be taken to the online intake application.



“Without Community Legal Aid, I don’t know where we would be. I do know there is no way we could have done this on our own.”

— Natasha Torres

Former Client and Current Member of the Board of Directors of Community Legal Aid



Get Involved

VOLUNTEER: Community Legal Aid’s (CLA) pro bono program refers hundreds of cases a year to attorneys working in private practice, corporations, and government. The cases are screened by CLA staff and then assigned to CLA pro bono coordinators who provide ongoing support to our volunteers.

WORK WITH US: Community Legal Aid employees are bright, passionate people with diverse backgrounds, coming together to help their low-income and elderly neighbors obtain equal access to justice. We provide a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package.

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Support Our Work

Join the fight for justice with a gift to Community Legal Aid! Last year, CLA handled over 8,000 cases, changing the lives of an estimated 20,000 of the most vulnerable residents of Central and Western Massachusetts. We depend on the support of foundations, corporations, and individuals like you to do this work.

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