

## Other Programs

### Non-profit or Community-based Advocacy and Legal Projects

The Legal Services Corporation does not fund these “free-standing” programs, and every program has unique client eligibility requirements. Attorneys interested in volunteering assistance should contact the programs directly to learn of pro bono opportunities. Potential clients are free to call them directly—each has an intake or screening process for callers in order to determine if the program will be able to help. This list was prepared in February 2004, but changes can occur often, so please double check information listed below.

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#### American Civil Liberties Union Fund of Michigan

Serves: Statewide

Kary Moss, Executive Director  
E-mail: [kmoss@aclumich.org](mailto:kmoss@aclumich.org)

Pro Bono Coordinator:

Michael Steinberg, Legal Director  
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E-mail: [msteinberg@aclumich.org](mailto:msteinberg@aclumich.org)  
60 W. Hancock St.  
Detroit, MI 48201-1343  
Phone: (313) 578-6800 (Intake Number)  
Fax: (313) 578-6811  
[www.aclumich.org](http://www.aclumich.org)

American Civil Liberties Union Fund of Michigan provides services in the following legal areas:

- Constitutional Issues
- Freedom of Speech
- Due Process
- Privacy

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#### Arab Community Center For Economic & Social Services

Serves: Metropolitan Detroit

Ismail Ahmed, Immigration Specialist  
Main Office (313) 842-7010  
E-mail: [iahmed@accesscommunity.org](mailto:iahmed@accesscommunity.org)  
2651 Savlino Court  
Dearborn, MI 48120  
Phone: (313) 945-8380  
Fax: (313) 846-4713

Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services provides services in the following legal areas:

- Deportation and exclusion/removal proceedings
- General consultations/advice and referrals
- Visa processing
- Political asylum
- Litigation to defend aliens' rights
- Community education and training

No criminal cases. Arabic spoken. BIA accredited. Fees for all services except immigration counseling.

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#### Archdiocese of Detroit Immigration Legal Services

Serves: Statewide

Pro Bono Coordinator:  
Viviana Lande, Director of Immigration  
Archdiocese of Detroit  
Phone: (313) 410-2485  
E-mail: [lande.viviana@aod.org](mailto:lande.viviana@aod.org)

305 Michigan Ave., 5th Floor  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Phone: (313) 237-4646 (English or Spanish)  
Fax: (313) 237-5866  
(313) 237-4699 (Arabic or Chaldean)  
(313) 237-4694 (Other languages)

Immigration Legal Services—Archdiocese of Detroit provides services in the following legal areas:

- Deportation and exclusion/removal

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- proceedings
- General consultations/advice and referrals
- Asylum and refugee applications
- Immigrant and non-immigrant Visas
- Family petitions
- Adjustments of status
- Citizen and nationality law
- Work authorizations
- Agricultural workers
- Appeals of immigration cases

Services available in multiple languages, including Arabic, Bulgarian, Chaldean, French, Greek, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Conducts community education and training. BIA accredited. Sliding-scale fees.

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### Artserve Michigan Michigan Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts and Culture Program

Serves: Statewide

Pro bono Coordinator:  
Deborah E. Mikula, Vice President  
Phone: (517) 371-7029  
E-mail: dmikula@artservemichigan.org

**Southfield Office**  
17515 West Nine Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48075  
Phone: (248) 557-8288  
Fax: (248) 557-8581

**Lansing Office**  
1310 Turner Street, Ste. C  
Lansing, MI 48906  
Phone: (517) 272-2336  
Fax: (517) 272-3013

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### Ave Maria School of Law

Serves: Washtenaw County

Brigid Ann Kowalczyk, Office Manager  
Email: bakowalczyk@avemarialaw.edu

3475 Plymouth Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2550  
Phone: (734) 827-7918  
Fax: (734) 622-0123

Clinic: Immigration and Asylum

Ave Maria School of Law Immigration and Asylum clinic will provide services in the following legal areas:

- Asylum
- Family-based immigration petitions

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### Bay Area Women's Center

Serves: Bay and Arenac Counties

Regina Turner, Executive Director  
Phone: (989) 686-2251  
E-mail: womencen@concentric.net

P.O. Box 1458  
3411 E. Midland Road  
Bay City, MI 48706  
Business Line: (989) 686-2251  
Crisis Lines: (989) 686-4551  
and (989) 846-2270  
Toll Free: (800) 834-2098  
FAX: (989) 686-0906

The mission of Bay Area Women's Center is to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault in the community; to provide shelter, counseling, and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; to provide counseling to their family members whenever possible; and to further educate the community about the realities of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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### Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

Serves: Central Michigan

Contact Person: Terri Grierson, Catholic Relief Services Coordinator  
Phone: (989) 797-6695  
E-mail: gil@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Office of Social Awareness,  
Youth and Immigration Hispanic Ministries

### Cultural Center

5800 Weiss  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
Phone: (989) 797-6636  
Fax: (989) 797-6670

Catholic Diocese of Saginaw provides the following services:

- Representation in deportation proceedings
- Visa processing
- Advice and referrals
- Appeals in legalization cases
- Community education and training

No criminal cases. Spanish spoken. BIA accredited. Sliding scale fees.

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### Catholic Social Services of Lansing/ St. Vincent Home, Inc.

Serves: Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw Counties

#### Director of Immigration Legal Services Program: Lesley Baribeau

Phone: (517) 484-1010  
E-mail: lesleybaribeau@css-svh.org  
2800 West Willow Street  
Lansing, MI 48917  
Phone: (517) 323-4734

Catholic Social Services Legal Services Program provides the following services:

- Information
- Document processing
- Interpreters
- Referrals

Conducts community education and training. African languages, Albanian, Arabic, Bosnian, Farsi, French, Hmong, Lao, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese spoken (interpreters available for other languages.) In-person intake hours Monday 2–4:00 p.m.; Wednesday 1–3:00 p.m.; Friday 9–11:00 a.m. Call for appointment. Fees may apply.

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### Center For Civil Justice

Serves: Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Genesee, Gratiot, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, and Saginaw Counties

#### Terri L. Stangl, Executive Director

E-mail: tstangl@ccj-mi.org  
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Saginaw, MI 48607  
Phone: (989) 755-3120  
Fax: (989) 755-3558  
www.mlan.net/ccj

Issue alerts available on [www.mplp.org](http://www.mplp.org); community education materials available on [www.mlan.net](http://www.mlan.net) and [www.foodstamphelp.org](http://www.foodstamphelp.org)

Newsletter: [Michigan Connections](#) (available by subscription)

Statewide services on significant anti-hunger issues.

Center for Civil Justice emphasizes legal issues and services that cannot be funded by LSC-funded programs, with priority given to the following legal areas:

- Public benefits
- Health
- Housing—especially subsidized programs
- Food stamp and nutrition programs
- Legal issues affecting groups of low-income persons that require advocacy that cannot be provided by an LSC-funded grantee due to funding restrictions
- Work First/education and training programs

Center for Civil Justice will design and present substantive and advocacy training for advocates and agencies, generally on a contract basis.

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### Center for Women in Transition

Serves: Ottawa and Allegan Counties

#### Donna Cornwell, Executive Director

Phone: (616) 494-1740  
E-mail: [mail@aplaceforwomen.org](mailto:mail@aplaceforwomen.org)

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411 Butternut Drive  
Holland, MI 49424-1503  
Phone: (616) 392-2829  
24-Hour help line: (616) 392-1970 or  
(800) 848-5991  
Fax: (616) 355-9760  
www.aplaceforwomen.org

The Center for Women in Transition promotes women's self determination through advocacy, shelter, support, and education.

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### Common Ground Sanctuary Legal Clinic

**Serves: Oakland County**

**Anthony Rothschild, Executive Director**  
Phone: (248) 456-8158 ext. 238  
E-mail: trothschild@commongroundsanctuary.org

**Cheryl Rossman, Legal Clinic Coordinator**  
Phone: (248) 456-8158 ext. 224  
E-mail: cross@commongroundsanctuary.org  
1410 South Telegraph  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Walk-in clinic only; call crisis line for information.

Phone: (248) 456-8150  
Business Line: (248) 456-0909  
Crisis Line: (800) 231-1127  
Fax: (248) 456-8147  
www.commongroundsanctuary.org

Common Ground Sanctuary Legal Clinic provides services in the following legal areas:

- Criminal
- Domestic
- Civil
- Eviction
- Wills
- Probate
- Guardian ad litem
- Juvenile matters
- Custody

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### Community Action Agency

**Contact Person:**  
**Burt Fenby, Lenawee County Director**  
Phone: (517) 263-8551  
E-mail: bfenby@caajlh.org

**Serves: Lenawee County**  
400 W. South Street  
Adrian, MI 49221  
Phone: (517) 263-7861  
Toll: (800) 438-1845  
Fax: (517) 263-6531  
www.caajlh.org

**Serves: Jackson County**  
1214 Greenwood Avenue  
P.O. Box 1107  
Jackson, MI 49204  
Phone: (517) 784-4800  
Toll: (800) 491-0004  
Fax: (517) 784-5188  
www.caajlh.org

**Serves: Hillsdale County**  
3251 Beck Road  
P.O. Box 675  
Hillsdale, MI 49242  
Phone: (517) 437-3346  
Toll: (800) 750-9300  
Fax: (517) 437-3480  
www.caajlh.org

Community Action Agency provides free assistance in the following areas. Please note: Some programs may not be available in all three counties.

Work: Programs for job placement, training & skills development.

- Work First
- Welfare to Work

Food stamp assistance housing: Programs for home repairs/rehab/weatherization, education, rental & emergency assistance.

- Weatherization & housing improvement
- Housing development & rehabilitation
- Housing assistance & counseling
- Links to home ownership
- Housing emergency services

Education: Programs offering educational opportunities, birth to adult.

- Head Start
- Early Head Start
- Elementary Success Program (K-5)
- Michigan School Readiness
- Family Literacy
- Learning Partners (Adult Literacy)
- Youth Mentor/Parent Sponsor Program
- Fatherhood Involvement
- Parent Start

Community Development: Programs for asset development, education and mediation services.

- Southeastern Dispute Resolution Services
- Safe Water Program (RCAP)
- Michigan Saves!
- Migrant Outreach Services
- Neighborhood Development
- Lenawee County Micro Loan Fund Program
- Income tax assistance

Health/Nutrition: Programs offering medical, emergency, and food services.

- Lenawee Medical Clinic
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- Michigan Enrolls/Medicaid enrollment
- Emergency services

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## Community Legal Resources

Serves: Statewide

Pro Bono Coordinator:

**Heidi Mucherie, Executive Director**

Phone: (313) 964-4130

E-mail: hamucherie@michiganlegal.org

Michigan Legal Services

220 Bagley Avenue

900 Michigan Building

Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: (313) 964-4130

Fax: (313) 964-1192

E-mail: clr@michiganlegal.org

Website: www.mlan.net/mls/clr.htm

Community Legal Resources provides services to nonprofit organizations serving low-income or distressed neighborhoods in the following legal areas:

- Corporate law
- Real estate law
- Tax and nonprofit organizations Law
- Other business law or transactional matters

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## Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (Shelterhouse)

Serves: Gladwin and Midland Counties

**Sharon Mortensen, Executive Director**

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P.O. Box 2660

Midland, MI 48641

Phone: (989) 426-9413

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The mission of the Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (CDVSA) is to reduce the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing shelter, support, and education to the residents of Midland and Gladwin counties that are victims, and interested citizens or organizations.

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## Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation

Serves: Metropolitan Detroit

**Angela Reyes, Executive Director**

Phone: (313) 967-4880 ext. 101

E-mail: agreyes@dhdc1.org

1211 Trumbull

Detroit, MI 48216

Phone: (313) 967-4880

Fax: (313) 967-4884

Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation provides the following services:

- Advice and referrals
- Visa processing and naturalization

Spanish spoken. Fees apply. Walk-ins accepted.

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### Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association

Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association serves all counties in the Eastern District of Michigan

1356 Penobscot Building  
645 Griswold Street  
Detroit, MI 48226-4220  
Phone: (313) 961-6120  
Fax: (313) 965-0842  
E-mail: DMBA@detroitlawyer.org  
Website: www.detroitlawyer.org

The Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association administers opportunities for attorneys to provide participation in pro bono activities.

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### Domestic Violence Escape, Inc.

Serves: Gogebic County

Pro bono Coordinator:

**Tess Greenough, Executive Director**

P.O. Box 366  
Ironwood, MI 49938  
Phone: Office: (906) 932-4990  
Crisis (906) 932-0310; (800) 711-6744  
Fax: (906) 932-2040

The purpose of Domestic Violence Escape (DOVE), Inc., is to educate the public regarding the problem of domestic violence and provide shelter, counseling, referrals, and advocacy services for victims of abuse.

DOVE provides the following services:

- 24 hours emergency shelter
- Adult and child counseling and support groups
- Community prevention and education programs
- Parenting
- Child care
- Emergency cellular phone program

The Domestic Violence Escape (DOVE) provides advocacy, information, and referrals regarding:

- Legal services
- Health care
- Housing resources

- Mental health services
- Substance abuse
- Criminal justice system
- Children's services
- Transportation
- Financial assistance
- Educational & employment opportunities

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### Elder Law of Michigan, Inc.

Serves: Statewide

Pro bono Coordinator:

**Bradley Vauter, Attorney**

E-mail: bvauter@elderslaw.org  
3815 West St. Joseph, Ste. C-200  
Lansing, MI 48917  
Phone: (517) 372-5959  
Fax: (517) 372-0792

Elder Law of Michigan, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that serves the legal needs of seniors statewide through the Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors and the Great Lakes Pension Rights Project. This organization also houses the Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman, which monitors and takes complaints against long term care facilities.

Elder Law of Michigan provides services in the following legal areas:

- Wills and estate planning
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Consumer Law
- Housing/real estate
- Pensions
- Public benefits
- Other

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### First Step Legal Advocacy Project

Taylor Office serves Western Wayne County and Downriver areas

Judy Ellis, Executive Director

E-mail: jellisfs@aol.com

**Pro Bono Coordinator**  
**Barbara Glasson, Legal Response Project**  
**Coordinator**

Phone: (734) 416-1111  
E-mail: [barbgt6@comcast.net](mailto:barbgt6@comcast.net)

26650 Eureka Road, Suite E  
Taylor, MI 48180-4835  
Phone: (734) 955-3850  
Fax (734) 955-3855  
Toll-free: (888) 453-5900 24-hour help line  
or (734) 459-5900 (local)

Plymouth Office  
44567 Pinetree Drive  
Plymouth, MI 48170-3840  
Phone: (734) 416-1111  
Fax: (734) 416-5555

First Step Legal Advocacy Project provides services in the following legal areas:

- **Domestic violence**
- **Sexual assault**

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**Free Legal Aid Clinic, Inc.**

**Serves: Wayne County**

**Lyn Yeager, Supervising Attorney**

E-mail: [lyeager@ladadetroit.org](mailto:lyeager@ladadetroit.org)  
5435 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Phone: (313) 831-3444  
Fax: (313) 831-3874

FLAC's purpose is to render legal assistance to low-income and indigent residents of Wayne County in a manner in which Wayne State University Law School students are educated in a clinical setting. In addition to developing a new juvenile law unit, FLAC provides legal assistance in state court on family matters, such as:

- **Divorce**
- **Child custody**
- **Support**

FLAC is Wayne State University Law School's oldest and largest live-client clinic. FLAC originated as a student-run nonprofit organization and continues today in partnership with the law school and the Legal Aid and Defender Association.

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**Freedom House**

**Serves: Statewide**

**Pegg Roberts, Executive Director**

(313) 964-4320 ext. 816  
E-mail: [PeggRoberts@freedomhousedetroit.org](mailto:PeggRoberts@freedomhousedetroit.org)  
2630 W. Lafayette Blvd.  
Detroit, MI 48216-2019  
Phone: (313) 964-4320  
Fax: (313) 963-1077

Freedom House is a multi-lingual shelter for asylees. The purpose of Freedom House is to provide legal representation to indigent refugees seeking political asylum in the U.S. The refugees live at Freedom House while their asylum cases are pending before the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Freedom House is an interdenominational, nonprofit charity that provides food, clothing, shelter, and social and legal services to people of all races and creeds. Its mission is to extend love and human dignity to people who have been devastated by torture and the denial of human rights. Freedom House works to legally resettle refugees into Canada or the United States, speaks out against injustice, and educates for systemic change. All Freedom House residents are indigent. Spanish and French spoken. Appointment only. BIA accredited.

The legal department provides services in the following legal areas:

- **Prepares asylum applications for residents**
- **Represents residents in deportation and exclusion proceedings before the U.S. Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the federal courts.**

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**Haven**

**Serves: Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties**

**Beth Morrison, President and CEO**

Phone: (248) 334-1284  
E-mail: [bmorrison@haven-oakland.org](mailto:bmorrison@haven-oakland.org)  
92 Whittemore St.  
Pontiac, MI 48342  
P.O. Box 431045

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Pontiac, MI 48343-1045  
Phone: (248) 334-1284  
Crisis and Support: (877) 922-1274  
Fax: (248) 334-3161  
Website: [www.haven-oakland.org](http://www.haven-oakland.org)

Haven's mission is the elimination of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse by providing prevention and treatment services throughout South-eastern Michigan.

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### Hispanic Center of Western Michigan

Serves: Western Michigan

#### Executive Director

Phone: (616) 742-0200  
Email:  
Website: [www.hispanic-center.org](http://www.hispanic-center.org)

1204 Grandville Ave., S.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-4920  
Phone: (616) 742-0200  
Fax: (616) 742-0205

Hispanic Center of Western Michigan provides free immigration assistance with:

- Forms, processing, and referrals
- Oral interpretation and written translation in over 12 different languages for all professional areas, including medical, legal, education, for-profit and non-profit, and private and public industry
- Employment assistance, placement, and support services
- Youth programming, including academic support, financial and employability skills training
- Community outreach—food distributions, cultural education, coat distribution, bike helmet distribution, cultural events, and the Hispanic Festival
- Advocacy and support

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### Immigration Assistance Program— Diocese of Kalamazoo

Serves: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties

#### Kirsten A. Enstice, Director

Phone: (269) 385-1019  
E-mail: [ensticekish@hotmail.com](mailto:ensticekish@hotmail.com)  
1128 Race Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001  
Phone: (269) 385-1019  
Fax: (269) 344-6602

Immigration Assistance Program—Diocese of Kalamazoo provides services in the following legal areas:

- General consultations
- Family-based immigration petitions
- Adjustment of status applications
- Naturalization applications
- Violence Against Women Act petitions
- Temporary protected status applications

Diocese of Kalamazoo also provides information and referrals, document processing, community education and training, interpretation and translation services, English and citizenship classes. Spanish spoken. No fees, donations accepted.

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### Innocence Project

Serves: Statewide

#### Pro Bono Coordinator:

Norman Fell, Co-Director

Phone: (517) 334-5760 ext. 2625  
E-mail: [felln@cooley.edu](mailto:felln@cooley.edu)

Marla Mitchell-Cichon, Co-Director

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The Thomas M. Cooley Law School  
300 S. Capitol Ave.  
P.O. Box 13038  
Lansing, MI 48901-3038  
Phone: (517) 334-5760  
Fax: (517) 334-5761  
[www.cooley.edu](http://www.cooley.edu)

Case intake criteria include all of the following three categories:

- Persons who claim actual innocence saying they did not commit the crime for which they were convicted;
- Persons who are serving a substantial sentence in prison in the state of Michigan; and
- Persons whose innocence could be established by DNA testing of biological evidence that was collected during the course of the criminal investigation of their case.

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### International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc.

Serves: Statewide

Wojciech Zolnowski, Executive Director

Phone: (313) 871-8600 ext. 233  
E-mail: Wzolnowski@woway.com

111 East Kirby Street  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Phone: (313) 871-8600  
Fax: (313) 871-1651

The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc. provides services in the following areas:

- Representation in deportation proceedings
- Visa processing
- Appeals of legalization cases
- Immigration/social services
- Refugee resettlement
- Ethnic enrichment
- Community education and training
- Languages/ESL education

Arabic, Chaldean, Chinese, Farsi, Finnish, French, Greek, Hebrew, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, and Tater spoken. BIA accredited. Fees.

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### LACASA Legal Intervention Project

Serves: Livingston County

Pro Bono Coordinator:  
Chris Roselle, Legal Intervention Project  
Coordinator

Phone: (517) 548-1350  
E-mail: croselle@lacasa1.org

Legal Intervention Project  
2895 W. Grand River  
P.O. Box 72  
Howell, MI 48844  
Phone: (517) 548-1350  
Toll Free Crisis Hotline: (866) 522-2725  
Fax: (517) 548-3034  
E-mail: info@lacasa1.org

LACASA Legal Intervention Project provides services in the following legal areas:

- Aid in creating and completing safety plans
- Court accompaniment
- Domestic violence and sexual assault informational materials
- Expert witnesses available
- Shelter
- Support groups and individual counseling for adults and children
- Victim impact statement and PPO assistance
- 24-hour crisis line and 24-hour on-call response for both domestic violence and sexual assault.

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### Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development

Serves: Statewide

Horacia Vargas, Jr., Executive Director

Phone: (313) 554-2025  
E-mail: hvargas.lased@yahoo.com  
4138 West Vernor  
Detroit, MI 48209  
Phone: (313) 554-2025  
Fax: (313) 554-2242

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Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development provides services in the following legal areas:

- Employment
- Social Security
- Immigration
- Translation of birth and marriage certificates

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### Legal Assistance Center

Serves: Kent County

Valerie Ambrose, Executive Director

Phone: (616) 454-5550

E-mail: [valeri@grbar.org](mailto:valeri@grbar.org)

Kent County Courthouse  
180 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Suite 5500  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2751  
Business Phone: (616) 632-6014  
Patron Phone: (616) 632-6000  
Toll Free: (888) 454-9554  
TTY: (616) 632-6010  
Fax: (616) 632-6011  
Website: [www.legalassistancecenter.org](http://www.legalassistancecenter.org)

Grand Rapids Bar Association  
161 Ottawa N.W., Suite 203B  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
Phone: (616) 454-5550  
Fax: (616) 454-7707

The following services are provided:

- Referrals to community agencies and attorney.
- Information and assistance with various legal self-help materials and forms on the following areas of law: 1. Conservatorship of an adult
- Guardianship of a child
- Guardianship of an adult
- Change of parenting time
- Change of custody
- Change of child support
- Garnishment
- Rental property information for Landlords
- Rental property information for tenants
- Small claims
- Small estate

Fees: \$25 for initial consultation with an attorney. All other services are free.

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### Lutheran Social Services – Refugee Services

Serves: Statewide

Mark Stutrud, President

Contact Person:

Amra Karlovic, Immigration Specialist

Phone: (248) 423-2790

E-mail: [larl@lssm.org](mailto:larl@lssm.org)

21700 Northwestern Highway, Suite 801  
Southfield, MI 48075  
Phone: (248) 423-2790  
Fax: (248) 423-3025

Lutheran Social Services–Refugee Services provides services in the following legal areas:

- Immigration assistance
- Representation in family-based immigration
- Refugee and asylum cases
- Serves all nationalities and religions. Specializes in Arabic, Bosnian, and Romanian. No employment-based immigration assistance. Fees.

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### Michigan League for Human Services

Serves: Statewide

Ann Marston, President and CEO

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E-mail: [amarston@michiganleagueforhumansvc.org](mailto:amarston@michiganleagueforhumansvc.org)

[michiganleagueforhumansvc.org](http://michiganleagueforhumansvc.org)

1115 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 202  
Lansing, MI 48912

Phone: (517) 487-5436

Fax: (517) 371-4546

[www.milhs.org](http://www.milhs.org)

The board and staff members work to identify and help solve basic health and social welfare problems in Michigan through research and analysis, information dissemination, advocacy, and support services to the state's charitable organizations.

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## Michigan Legal Services

**Serves:** Statewide/emphasis on Detroit metropolitan area

**Marilyn Mullane, Executive Director**

Phone: (313) 964-4130  
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900 Michigan Building  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Phone: (313) 964-4130  
Fax: (313) 964-1192  
Email: mls@michiganlegal.org  
Website: www.mlan.net/mls/index.html

Michigan Legal Services engages in impact-oriented litigation and systemic policy advocacy to address root causes of poverty in the areas of:

- Housing
- Health
- Mental health
- Public benefits law

Nonprofit community organizations engaged in community economic development strategies for rebuilding low-income communities are represented through its Community Legal Resources program. See Community Legal Resources link.

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## Michigan Litigation Assistance Partnership Program

**Serves:** Statewide

**Gregory Conyers, Acting Director–Justice Initiatives**

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E-mail: gconyers@mail.michbar.org

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Access to Justice Program  
Michael Franck Building  
306 Townsend Street  
Lansing, MI 48933-2012  
Phone: (517) 346-6300  
Toll Free: (800) 968-1442  
Fax: (517) 482-6248

MLAPP's mission is to facilitate pro bono referrals

of more complex litigation cases, meet the needs of community organizations provide services to low-income people, and more effectively utilize the resources of larger law firms in pro bono cases. MLAPP is truly a collaborative partnership between the State Bar of Michigan through its Access to Justice Program and Pro Bono Involvement Committee, Michigan Legal Services through Community Legal Resources (CLR), and Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM) and the University of Michigan Law School through the Michigan Poverty Law Program (MPLP).

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## Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project, Inc.

**Serves:** Statewide

**Teresa Hendricks, Director**

Phone: (616) 454-5055 (Ext. 29)  
E-mail: thendricks@mmlap.com

Grand Rapids Office  
648 Monroe, N.W., Suite 318  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-1419  
Phone: (616) 454-5055  
Fax: (616) 454-7022  
Toll Free: (800) 418-3390  
E-mail: mmlap@justice.com  
Website: <http://mmlap.tripod.com/2001/>

Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project provides bilingual services to farm workers in the following legal areas:

- Employment
- Housing
- Civil rights
- Education
- Consumer Law
- Public benefits
- Immigration
- Health

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### Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc.

Serves: Statewide

Mark A. Cody, Director of Advocacy  
Phone: (517) 487-1755 (Ext. 661)  
E-mail: mcody@mpas.org

Elmer Cerano, Executive Director  
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4095 Legacy Parkway, Suite 500  
Lansing, MI 48911  
Phone: (517) 487-1755  
Toll Free: (800) 288-5923  
Fax: (517) 487-0827

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc., provides services in the following legal areas:

- Disability rights issues
- HIV/AIDS rights
- Children's disability/special education rights

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### Michigan State University College of Law Clinical Law Programs

Serves: Clinton, Ingham, and Eaton Counties

Michele L. Halloran, Professor and Director of Clinical Programs  
Phone: (517) 336-8088  
E-mail: hallor11@msu.edu

Rental Housing and Tax Clinics  
541 East Grand River Avenue  
P.O. Box 310  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
Phone: (517) 336-8088  
Fax: (517) 336-8089  
Website: www.msulawclinics.org

MSU-College of Law Rental Housing Clinic provides services in the following legal areas:

- Landlord/Tenant Rights

MSU-College of Law Tax Clinic provides services in the following legal areas:

- Represents low-income taxpayers in cases and controversies before the Internal Revenue Service and the United States Tax Court
- Prepares income tax returns for persons for whom English is a second language

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### Michigan Welfare Rights Organization

Serves: Statewide

State Chairperson  
Maureen Taylor

Phone: (313) 832-0618  
E-mail: info@mwro.org

23 East Adams, 4th Floor  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Phone: (313) 964-0618  
Fax: (313) 964-2600  
Website: www.mwro.org

The Michigan Welfare Rights Organization provides assistance in the following areas:

- Cash assistance programs
- Medicaid/SCHIP
- Food stamps
- Child care
- Immigrant and public benefits
- Issues affecting low-wage workers
- Welfare reauthorization

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### National Welfare Rights Union

Serves: Statewide

Pro bono Coordinator:  
Marian Kramer, President

Phone: (313) 832-0618  
E-mail: mjkrmer868@aol.com

4750 Woodward Ave., #404  
Detroit, MI 48201  
Phone: (313) 832-0618  
Fax: (313) 832-1409  
Website: www.mwro.org

The National Welfare Rights Union provides assistance in the following areas:

- Cash assistance programs
- Medicaid/SCHIP
- Food stamps
- Child care
- Immigrant and public benefits
- Issues affecting low-wage workers
- Welfare reauthorization

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## NLG/Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice (Guild Law Center)

Serves: Nationwide

Pro Bono Coordinator:

Tova Perlmutter, Executive Director

Phone: (313) 962-6540

E-mail: [tperlmutter@sugarlaw.org](mailto:tperlmutter@sugarlaw.org)

2727 Second Ave., Suite 327

Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: (313) 962-6540

Fax: (313) 962-4492

Website: <http://www.sugarlaw.org>

Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice provides services in the following legal areas:

- Plant closings (Warn Act)
- Poverty rights issues
- Environmental justice issues
- Economic rights and living wage issues

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## Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan

Serves: Principal area Wayne County  
Disability/AIDS Law: Southeast Michigan  
Emergency legal advice/victims of crime:  
Statewide

Len Sanchez, Executive Director:

Phone: (313) 874-5820 ext. 2218

Pager: (313) 430-0081

E-mail: [lsanchez@wcnls.org](mailto:lsanchez@wcnls.org)

Administrative Office

104 Lothrop Avenue

Detroit, MI 48202

Phone: (313) 874-5820

Fax: (313) 874-5497

## Elder Law Center (Redford)

12121 Hemingway

Redford, MI 48239

Phone: (313) 937-8291

Fax: (313) 937-8893

## The Self-sufficiency/Housing Center

455 W. Fort Street, 2nd Floor

Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: (313) 964-1975

Fax: (313) 964-4354

## Mediation Services

455 W. Fort Street, 2nd Floor

Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: (313) 964-1975

Fax: (313) 964-4354

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services provides victims of crime, people with disabilities, and other under-resourced persons with legal, law-related education, mediation, and housing placement services. The following centers are housed at the administrative office on Lothrop:

## Disability and HIV Law Advocacy

Phone: (313) 874-5820

Fax: (313) 874-5497

## Child & Family Advocacy/ Domestic Violence Clinic

Phone: (313) 874-5820

Fax: (313) 874-5497

## Children's Judicial Center

Phone: (313) 874-5820

Fax: (313) 874-5497

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## Oakland County Welfare Rights Organization

Pro Bono Coordinator:

Marguerite Kowaleski, Advocate

Phone: (248) 334-8117

E-mail: [margkowal@twmi.rr.com](mailto:margkowal@twmi.rr.com)

132 Franklin Blvd., Suite 202

Pontiac, MI 48341

Phone: (248) 334-8117

Fax: (248) 474-4029

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The Oakland County Welfare Rights Organization is working on the following issues:

- Cash assistance programs
- Medicaid/SCHIP
- Food stamps
- Child care
- Immigrant and public benefits
- Issues affecting low-wage workers
- Welfare reauthorization

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### Prison Legal Services of Michigan, Inc.

Serves: Statewide

**Sandra Girard, Executive Director**  
Phone: (517) 780-6639  
E-mail: [plsminc@ameritech.net](mailto:plsminc@ameritech.net)

P.O. Box 828  
Jackson, MI 49204  
209 East Washington Avenue, Suite 201  
Jackson, MI 49201  
Phone: (517) 780-6639  
Fax (517) 780-5887

Prison Legal Services of Michigan, Inc., provides services in the following legal areas:

- All civil legal aid matters (other than civil rights suits against prison officials)
- Detainees and federal habeas corpus
- Assistance after the right of criminal appeal is exhausted and other post conviction matters
- Advice in prison administrative matters
- Paralegal training for selected inmates and job placement assistance for released paralegals
- Provides information sheets on numerous post-conviction, civil, and prison administrative topics
- Provides self-help packets in selected criminal, prisoners' rights, and prison administrative matters
- Represents male prisoner class in statewide class action in court of claims raising access to courts classification, property and telephone system issues

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### Salvation Army William Booth Legal Aid Clinic

Serves: Eastern Michigan

**Pro Bono Coordinator:**  
**Robert Dickman, Clinic Director**  
Phone: (313) 961-2201  
E-mail: [wblac@aol.com](mailto:wblac@aol.com)

The Salvation Army  
3737 Lawton  
Detroit, MI 48201  
Phone: (313) 361-6340  
Fax: (313) 361-6348  
E-mail: [wblac@aol.com](mailto:wblac@aol.com)

The Salvation Army William Booth Legal Aid Clinic provides free legal services to people who are pre-screened and referred to us by the Eastern Michigan Division of the Salvation Army in the following areas:

- Divorce/family Law
- Landlord/tenant
- Public benefits and entitlements
- Juvenile/guardianships
- Immigration
- Child/spouse abuse
- Traffic offense
- Criminal matters

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### Student Advocacy Center of Michigan

Serves: Statewide

**Leslie Harrington, Executive Director**  
Phone: (734) 482-0489  
E-mail: [leslie@studentadvocacycenter.org](mailto:leslie@studentadvocacycenter.org)

2765 Boardwalk  
Balas 3 Building  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
Phone: (734) 222-5443

The Student Advocacy Center of Michigan (SAC) provides free, non-legal advocacy to students (and their parents) who are eligible for general and special public education programs. The purpose of SAC is:

- To encourage and promote school policies and practices that work for children
- To challenge those that, however well-intentioned, have a harmful impact
- To afford particular concern for those children who are chronically underserved by public schools

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### Thomas M. Cooley Law School

See additional sections for contact information.

300 South Capitol Avenue, 6th Floor  
Lansing, MI 48933  
(517) 371-5140

#### Clinics:

- Service to Soldiers
- Legal Referral Assistance
- The Sixty-Plus, Inc., Elder Law Clinic
- Estate Planning Guide
- The Cooley Innocence Project
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Washtenaw Public Defender Clinic

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### Third Level Crisis Center Free Legal Aid Clinic/Legal Services Program

Serves: Antrim, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau Counties

Chris Drabbant, Clinic Coordinator  
Phone: (231) 922-4800  
E-mail: cdrabbant@thirdlevel.org

Steve Hampton, Executive Director:  
E-mail: shampton@thirdlevel.org  
1022 E. Front Street  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
Phone: (231) 922-4800  
Crisis Line: (800) 442-7315  
Fax: (231) 941-5786  
Website: www.thirdlevel.org

Third Level Crisis Center Free Legal Aid Clinic/Legal Services Program provides services in the following legal areas:

- Divorces without contested custody
- Landlord/tenant

- Consumer issues
- Governmental entitlements
- Miscellaneous on a case by case basis

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### Underground Railroad, Inc.

Serves: Arenac, Bay, Genesee, Gladwin, Lapeer, Midland, and Saginaw Counties

Valerie Huffman, CEO

Phone: (989) 755-0413 ext. 209

E-mail: vhuffman@undergroundrailroadinc.org

Gurline L. Laurore, attorney

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E-mail: glauore@undergroundrailroadinc.org

P.O. Box 2451

Saginaw, MI 48605

Phone: (989) 755-0413

Fax: (989) 755-3006

The purpose of Underground Railroad, Inc. is to provide shelter and services (including legal services) for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The program provides legal services in the following areas:

- Divorces
- Custody
- PPO hearings
- Other domestic relations legal matters

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### University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Clinics

Serves: Wayne County

C. Michael Bryce, Director

Phone: (313) 596-0262

E-mail: brycemi@udmercy.edu

Urban Law Clinic

651 E. Jefferson

Detroit, MI 48226-4386

Phone: (313) 596-0262

Fax: (313) 596-0280

UDM School of Law Urban Law Clinic provides assistance to senior citizens, people 50 years and

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older, in the following legal areas:

- Consumer
- Social Security
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Veterans' benefits
- Wills
- Power of Attorney
- Guardian

### Immigration Law Clinic

651 E. Jefferson  
Detroit, MI 48226-4386  
Phone: (313) 596-0235  
Fax: (313) 596-0280

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law  
Immigration Law Clinic provides services in  
asylum.

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### University of Michigan Law School Clinical Law Program

Serves: Washtenaw County

Pro Bono Coordinator:

**Paul D. Reingold, Director**  
Phone: (734) 763-4319  
E-mail: pdr@umich.edu

### Michigan Clinical Law Program

363 Legal Research Building  
801 Monroe Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1215  
Phone: (734) 763-4319  
Fax (734) 764-4702

Clinics:

- Child Advocacy Law Clinic (CALC)
- Civil Litigation Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Criminal Appellate Practice Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic (ELC)
- Legal Assistance for Urban Communities (LAUC)
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University of Michigan Law School provides  
services in the following legal areas through the  
clinics named above:

- Child abuse and neglect
- Housing

- Consumer Law
- Domestic violence
- Family Law
- Employment discrimination
- Torts
- Contracts
- Bankruptcy
- Asylum and refugee Issues
- Prisoners' civil rights
- Criminal law defense and appeals
- Criminal appeals and post-conviction
- Environmental matters
- Business transactions

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### Wayne State University Law School

Serves: Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne  
Counties

David Moss, Director

Phone: (313) 577-4015  
E-mail: david.moss@wayne.edu

### Disability Law Clinic

#### Wayne State University Law School

471 W. Palmer  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Phone: (313) 577-4015  
TDD: (313) 577-9530  
Fax: (313) 577-9379

Students assist low-income individuals with  
disabilities in a range of issues, including:

- Social Security/SSI
- Special education
- Medicaid/Medicare

The Clinic aims to help its clients obtain the services  
and supports they need to live in their own homes  
rather than in institutional settings. A partnership  
with Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services,  
the Disability Law Clinic offers an intensive exposure  
to administrative law, while helping one of Detroit's  
most underrepresented populations.

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## West Side Mothers Welfare Rights Organization

Serves: Wayne County

Selma Goode, Director

Phone: (313) 964-3980  
23 East Adams

Detroit, MI 48226  
Phone: (313) 964-3980  
Fax: (313) 965-4328

West Side Mothers Welfare Rights Organization provides services in the following areas:

- Social Security hearings
- Family Independence Agency hearings

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## Women's Justice Center

Serves: Wayne County

Arnita Lester, Executive Director

Phone: (313) 962-4945  
E-mail: [ajlester@womensjustice.com](mailto:ajlester@womensjustice.com)

615 Griswold, Suite 1520  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Phone: (313) 962-4945  
Fax (313) 962-4946

Women's Justice Center provides services in the following legal areas:

- Domestic violence
- General family law; divorce and custody actions, paternity
- Landlord/tenant
- Abuse and neglect

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## YWCA of Grand Rapids

Serves: Kent County

Pro Bono Coordinator:  
Carla Blinkhorn, President/CEO

25 Sheldon SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
Phone: (616) 459-4681  
Fax: (616) 459-5423  
Website: [www.ywcawcmi.org](http://www.ywcawcmi.org)

The purpose of the YWCA of Grand Rapids is to empower women, promote diversity, and advocate for justice and equality.