

IOWA LEGAL AID

CRITICAL NATURE OF SERVICES PROVIDED

Access to our court system is important for everyone, but especially to low-income people. Every day, the courts and state and federal agencies decide crucial issues affecting the safety, security and stability of low-income families. Court decisions involving domestic abuse protection orders, evictions, and home foreclosures have a major impact on whether low-income families will be safe or in danger of violence, housed or homeless. Agency decisions about food, medical, disaster assistance, disability and unemployment benefits, and cash support for children may be the difference between being fed or going hungry.



SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE IOWANS

- Iowa Legal Aid is the only statewide provider of free, civil legal assistance to low-income Iowans, providing services out of 10 regional offices that allow low-income residents of all 99 counties to access and receive the critical, legal representation they need to protect their rights.
- Iowa Legal Aid's services include providing advice, representation in court, information and materials on Iowa Legal Aid's website, presentations on legal matters, and referrals to volunteer attorneys signed up with one of Iowa's Volunteer Lawyers Projects.
- Iowa Legal Aid helps people with critical legal needs that affect safety, shelter, sustenance and health, such as:
 - Protecting victims of domestic violence,
 - Protecting families from unsafe housing and illegal evictions,
 - Protecting elderly Iowans from consumer fraud, elder abuse and financial exploitation,
 - Securing health care, SSI and basic public benefits for low-income Iowans,
 - Helping disaster survivors recover by assisting with housing, insurance, contractor, and government assistance issues, and
 - Helping Iowans understand their legal rights and responsibilities.
- Iowa Legal Aid does not provide assistance with criminal law cases which are handled by state public defenders and contract attorneys.
- To apply for help, call 1-800-532-1275 Monday-Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. or from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (except Thursday). Offices are open from 8:30 to 4:30 (emergencies taken when open). Apply online any time at www.iowalegalaid.org.

WHAT CLIENTS SAY ABOUT IOWA LEGAL AID

Without the help from Iowa Legal Aid we would have lost our home. We can't thank Iowa Legal Aid enough. (Foreclosure)

Iowa Legal Aid helped me to finally be free from an abusive relationship and keep my daughter safe. (Domestic Abuse)

My very ill daughter received the item she needed. (Medicaid)

