

### ***The Network:***

*The legal services programs in Connecticut are a group of nonprofit organizations which provide legal assistance in civil matters to low-income persons. Services are free. Eligibility depends upon income, family size, assets and legal issues.*

### ***Working Together:***

*The programs work together to advocate for (and with) people who are low income, on a variety of issues. In addition to individual legal advice and representation, the legal services programs help clients, community groups, and providers through free trainings, pamphlets and other information.*

***The legal services network includes the following programs:***

### **Statewide Legal Services**

Statewide Legal Services (**SLS**) is available by phone to clients throughout Connecticut. Generally SLS is the entry point for accessing legal assistance. SLS may provide advice over the phone, mail information, or refer clients to a legal services office or private attorney at no cost to the client.

**(860) 344-0380 (Central CT)**

**1-800-453-3320 (toll free)**

**Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

### **Connecticut Legal Services**

Connecticut Legal Services (**CLS**) provides legal representation to low-income persons throughout the state, except those living in the greater Hartford or New Haven areas. CLS has service offices in New London, Willimantic, New Britain, Waterbury, Bridgeport and Stamford.

***(See back of this brochure for a listing of CLS offices and contact information.)***

### **Greater Hartford Legal Aid**

The Greater Hartford Legal Aid program (**GHLA**) provides legal representation to low-income persons who live in the greater Hartford area.

**999 Asylum Avenue, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06105-2465**

**(860) 541-5000 TDD: (860) 541-5069**

**www.ghla.org**

### **New Haven Legal Assistance Association**

New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc. (**LAA**) provides legal representation to low-income persons in the greater New Haven and lower Naugatuck Valley areas.

**426 State Street, New Haven, CT 06510**

**(203) 946-4811 TDD: (203) 946-4811**

**www.nhlegal.org**

### **To access services from CLS, GHLA, NHLAA:**

Elderly clients (60 years or older) can call the closest legal aid office. All others should call SLS for screening and referral.

### **Legal Assistance Resource Center**

The Legal Assistance Resource Center of Connecticut (**LARCC**) coordinates publications, policy advocacy & staff training for the legal services programs. In addition, LARCC sponsors the Connecticut Alliance for Basic Human Needs (CABHN), a statewide advocacy network. CABHN publishes a free monthly newsletter, *CABHN Fever*, and conducts community outreach and education.

### **LARCC**

**44 Capitol Avenue, Suite 301, Hartford, CT 06106**

**(860) 278-5688**

**www.larcc.org**

### **AIDS Legal Network**

The AIDS Legal Network is a statewide collaborative project. Services include legal information, advice, referrals, case management, and representation for people living with HIV/AIDS.

**999 Asylum Avenue, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06105-2465**

**(860) 541-5027**

### **Center for Children's Advocacy**

The Center for Children's Advocacy focuses on rights and interests of poor children involved in judicial, welfare, health, mental health, education, and juvenile justice systems.

**65 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105**

**(860) 570-5327**

**www.kidscounsel.org**

### **The Children's Law Center of Connecticut**

The Children's Law Center of Connecticut provides representation to children whose families are involved in divorce and custody matters in Court.

**30 Arbor Street, South, Hartford 06106, (860) 232-9993**

**www.clcct.org**

### **Connecticut Fair Housing Center**

Connecticut Fair Housing Center provides legal representation for people claiming discrimination in housing matters.

**221 Main Street, Hartford 06106,**

**(860) 247-4400**

**171 Orange Street, New Haven, 06510**

**(203) 772-3247**

**www.ctfairhousing.org**

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**Connecticut Legal Rights Project:**

Connecticut Legal Rights Projects provides legal representation to low income adults with psychiatric disabilities, primarily legal problems related to their treatment and civil rights.

**P.O. Box 351, Silver Street, Middletown 06457  
(860) 262-5030 email: [jvantassel@clrp.org](mailto:jvantassel@clrp.org)**

**Lawyers for Children America:**

Lawyers for Children America provides training and support for volunteer attorneys who represent children in child protection matters in Juvenile Court.

151 Farmington Avenue, RW4A, Hartford 06156  
(860) 273-0441 [www.lawyersforchildrenamerica.org](http://www.lawyersforchildrenamerica.org)

**Connecticut Legal Services**

CLS Administrative Office  
(860) 344-0447  
[www.connlegalservices.org](http://www.connlegalservices.org)

211 State Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 336-3851

16 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051  
(860) 225-8678

153 Williams Street, New London, CT 06320  
(860) 447-0323

20 Summer Street, Stamford, CT 06901  
(203) 348-9216

85 Central Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06702  
(203) 756-8074

872 Main Street, PO Box 258, Willimantic, CT 06226  
(860) 456-1761

*Areas of Legal Assistance  
(CLS, GHLA, NHLAA, SLS)*

**Benefits & Health Care:** public assistance, SSI, food stamps, child care, medical assistance

**Immigration:** representation and advice in immigration matters including deportation proceedings, naturalization; victims of domestic violence and other crimes

**Employment:** discrimination, unemployment compensation, economic development, wages & work hours

**Children & Family:** divorce, child support, custody, visitation, restraining orders, guardianship, representing children, domestic violence issues, education

**Consumer:** bankruptcy, debt collection, small claims actions, repossession

**Elderly Issues:** nursing home problems, right to home care, medical assistance, social security, consumer issues and more

**Housing Issues:** discrimination, evictions, lockouts, rent increases, utility shutoffs, homelessness, unsafe conditions, landlord/tenant disputes, public housing

**Persons with Disabilities:** accessibility, discrimination, independent living, special education, vocational rehabilitation, transportation

**HIV/AIDS Issues:** discrimination, confidentiality, family law, benefits, advance directives, housing, pardons

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