

Massachusetts Legal Help

General

Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (MLAC)

MLAC funds legal aid programs that offer legal advice and representation to low income Massachusetts residents with civil legal issues. The legal aid offices provide help with domestic violence, housing, income maintenance, health care, elder issues, and more.

Contact:

Boston: 617-371-1234

Cambridge: 617-661-1010

Fall River: 508-676-5022

Framingham: 508-620-1830

Lawrence: 800-336-2262

Worcester: 508-752-3722

Greater Boston Legal Services

The mission of Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) is “to provide free legal assistance to as many low-income families as possible to help them secure some of the most basic necessities of life.” Matters handled by GBLS include abuse prevention, consumer rights, debt collection, bankruptcy, public benefits, housing, special education, and immigration.

Contact:

Main office: 617-371-1234; 800-323-3205 (toll free); 617-371-1228 (TDD)

Cambridge & Somerville: 617-603-2700; 617-494-1757 (TTY)

Community Legal Aid

Community Legal Aid, Inc. (CLA) is the free civil legal aid provider for residents of the five counties of central and western Massachusetts (Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester). CLA specializes in assisting tenants threatened with eviction or the loss of a rent subsidy; homeless families trying to access shelter; individuals and families trying to access public benefits programs and unemployment compensation; domestic violence victims in family law matters; persons seeking humanitarian-based immigration relief; students in need of services to help them thrive in school; elders facing threats to their autonomy, independence, or safety, and persons seeking help with a legal problem because they are a victim of a crime or a survivor of a homicide victim.

Contact: 855-252-5342 or TTY/TDD 508-755-3260

Dial A Lawyer

The Massachusetts Bar Association offers a monthly Dial A Lawyer program, where the public can call in for free legal advice. Dial A Lawyer is held on the first Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7:30pm.

Contact: 617-338-0610 or 877-686-0711

Family

Children's Law Center of Massachusetts

The Children's Law Center of Massachusetts maintains a helpline through which it provides legal assistance, resources and referrals to youth, parents, attorneys and helping professionals. Through the helpline, CLCM provides information, resources, and referrals to callers statewide relating to the rights of children and youth in the following areas: education, immigration, health/mental health, and system-involved youth.

Contact: 781-581-1977 or Info@CLCM.org

Massachusetts Advocates for Children (MAC)

Through their helpline, MAC provides help for children who are facing barriers to receiving educational supports and services to which they are legally entitled. Their priorities are children with disabilities, homeless children, children who have been expelled or suspended from school, and children traumatized by exposure to family violence or other adverse experiences.

Contact: (617) 357-8431 ext. 3224

Massachusetts Attorney General's Elder Hotline

The Elder Hotline can help you find answers to your questions, resolve disputes with businesses, and assist with other issues including: abuse and exploitation of elders, debt and debt collection, health insurance, home improvement, housing issues, long-term care, identity theft and scams, retail disputes, and telemarketing. The hotline is open Monday through Friday from 10am – 4pm.

Contact:

(888) AG-ELDER

(888) 243-5337

TTY: (617) 727-4765

Pro Bono Education Law Project

Pro Bono Education Law Project, a collaborative partnership with the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School and Choate, Hall and

Stewart, provides direct legal assistance to low-income students throughout the state who are being excluded from public school through disciplinary exclusion or as a result of an ineffective/inadequate education. Intake: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-6:00pm.

Contact: 781-581-1977 or Info@CLCM.org

Disability

Disability Law Center

The Disability Law Center provides information, referral, technical assistance and representation regarding legal rights and services for people with disabilities.

Contact:
800 872-9992
617 723-8455

Employment

Fair Employment Project

Fair Employment Project is a non-profit organization that offers information and self-help tools to Massachusetts workers about their rights on the job and the legal process.

Contact:
617-902-0192

Immigration

Project Citizenship

Project Citizenship offers free workshops, eligibility screening, application assistance, legal referrals and all materials needed to apply for U.S. citizenship. In addition, Project Citizenship works collaboratively with community-based partners in New England to provide a range of support services, civics instruction, application assistance, and ESOL classes.

Contact:
617-694-5949
info@projectcitizenship.org