
The Network:

The legal services programs in Connecticut are a group of nonprofit organizations that provide legal assistance in civil matters to people with low income. 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 have 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.

Visit www.ctlawhelp.org

Connecticut's legal aid programs created ctlawhelp.org to help people with very low income find help for their legal problems. This web site will give you legal information and tools to help you represent yourself.

www.ctlawhelp.org

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 a private attorney at no cost to the client.

800-453-3320 (toll free) or 860-344-0380 (central CT)
www.slsct.org

If you are undocumented or over 60, call your local legal services office.

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. To apply for legal help, call SLS at 1-800-453-3320 (toll free) or 860-344-0380 (central CT). CLS has service offices in the following cities:

Bridgeport	211 State Street	203-336-3851
New Britain	16 Main Street	860-225-8678
New London	153 Williams Street	860-447-0323
Stamford	1177 Summer Street	203-348-9216
Waterbury	85 Central Avenue	203-756-8074
Willimantic	1125 Main Street	860-456-1761

CLS Administrative Office
860-344-0447
www.connlegalservices.org

Greater Hartford Legal Aid

Greater Hartford Legal Aid (**GHLA**) provides legal representation to low-income persons who live in the greater Hartford area. To apply for legal help, call SLS at 1-800-453-3320 (toll free) or 860-344-0380 (central CT).

860-541-5000 TDD: 860-541-5069
999 Asylum Avenue, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106
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. To apply for legal help, call SLS at 1-800-453-3320 (toll free) or 860-344-0380 (central CT).

203-946-4811 TDD: 203-946-4811
426 State Street, New Haven, CT 06510
www.nhlegal.org

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.

860-570-5327
65 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105
www.kidscounsel.org

The Children's Law Center of Connecticut

The Children's Law Center of Connecticut represents children whose families are involved in divorce and custody matters in court. The *Law Line* provides legal information on family issues such as custody, visitation, and child support.

860-232-9993 Law Line: 1-888-529-3667 (toll free)
30 Arbor Street, South, Hartford, CT 06106
www.clcct.org

Connecticut Fair Housing Center

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

860-247-4400
221 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06106
www.ctfairhousing.org

Connecticut Legal Rights Project

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

860-262-5030
One Vance Drive, Middletown, CT 06457
www.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.

860-273-0441

151 Farmington Avenue, RW61, Hartford, CT 06156

www.lawyersforchildrenamerica.org

Consumer Law Project for Elders (CLPE)

Are you 60 or over? The Consumer Law Project for Elders (CLPE) provides free legal assistance to people age 60 or over. If you have a debt collection or other consumer problem, please call Consumer Law Project for Elders.

1-800-296-1467

www.ctlawhelp.org

Connecticut Veterans Legal Center

Connecticut Veterans Legal Center exists to help military veterans recovering from homelessness and mental illness to overcome legal barriers to stable housing and income.

203-903-2852

www.ctveteranslegal.org

Areas of Legal Assistance from

Statewide Legal Services (SLS)
Connecticut Legal Services (CLS)
Greater Hartford Legal Aid (GHLA)
New Haven Legal Assistance Association (LAA)

We offer help in the following areas:

Benefits & Health Care: Public assistance, SSI, food stamps, child care, and 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, and work hours.

Children & Family: Divorce, child support, custody, visitation, restraining orders, guardianship, representing children, domestic violence issues, and education.

Consumer: Bankruptcy, debt collection, small claims actions, and repossession.

Elderly: Nursing home problems, right to home care, medical assistance, social security, consumer issues, and more.

Housing: 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, and transportation.



Legal Services Programs in Connecticut

A Guide for Finding Free Legal Assistance in Connecticut

