



# LEGAL AID CHICAGO

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## ABOUT

Legal Aid Chicago seeks justice for people living in poverty. Through litigation and advocacy, our team of full-time lawyers and staff fight to secure individual rights to affordable housing, basic healthcare, fair working conditions, protection from abuse, and economic stability.

## MISSION

At Legal Aid Chicago, we work together to provide high quality civil legal aid to people living in poverty and other vulnerable groups.

Through advocacy, education, collaboration, and litigation we empower individuals, protect fundamental rights, strengthen communities, create opportunities, and achieve justice.

In carrying out our mission, we treat everyone with compassion and respect.

## VISION

It is our vision that poverty will not be an impediment to justice in Cook County. Legal barriers that perpetuate poverty and inequality will be dismantled. Laws and legal systems will be open and equally effective for all who need their protection, especially those who experience unfair and disproportionately unjust treatment due to personal or community characteristics.

# OUR PRACTICE GROUPS



## ✓ CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Advocates for students whose right to an education is threatened
- Represents survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in protective order or domestic relations cases
- Defends parents' right to parent against unwarranted intrusions from the State

## ✓ PUBLIC BENEFITS

- Covers applications for and denials of state, federal, and Veterans' benefits
- Oversees our work with people living with HIV/AIDS
- Partners with medical providers to serve patients with health harming legal needs (medical legal partnerships)

## ✓ HOUSING

- Defends tenants against unwarranted evictions and subsidy terminations
- Advocates against discrimination and enforces other tenants rights
- Enforces tenants' rights to ensure safety and stability

## ✓ CONSUMER

- Focuses on foreclosure defense, predatory lending, consumer fraud, bankruptcy
- Operates a Low-Income Tax Clinic

## ✓ IMMIGRANTS & WORKERS' RIGHTS

- Represents immigrants seeking relief, with a focus on victims of crime, domestic violence and human trafficking, with a special project serving migrants throughout the state
- Helps low-wage workers with issues such as wage theft and unemployment insurance

## ✓ PRO BONO & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Manages our pro bono work (including all of our expungement cases, legal clinics, and help desks)
- Organizes our community engagement and outreach efforts

## ✓ LONG-TERM CARE

- Advocates for citizens living in assisted living and skilled nursing facilities
- Investigates reports of elder abuse

*We also have social workers on staff who provide support and help connect our clients to additional resources.*

# Our Impact in 2024



## WHO WE SERVED

Total number of clients and their families: **21,076**

In poverty or otherwise at risk: **100%**

Women **65%**

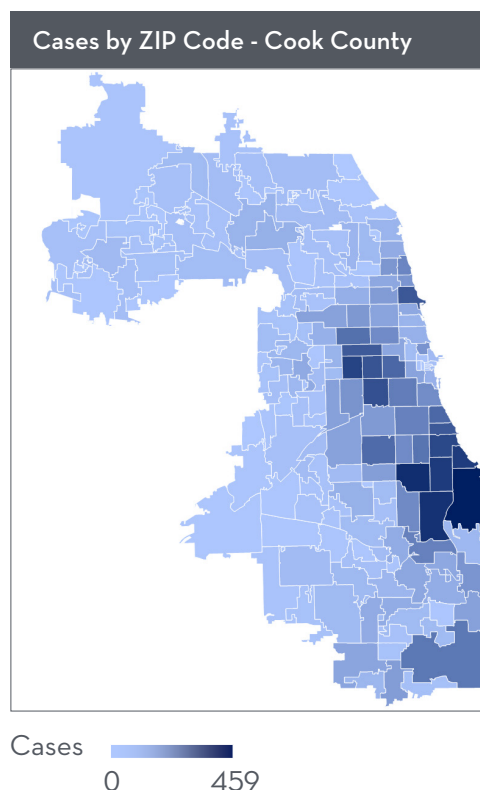
People living with a disability: **30%**

Seniors: **18%**

Veterans: **5%**



## OUR GEOGRAPHIC IMPACT



## OVERALL IMPACT



Success rate

**95%**



Average impact per successful case

**\$23,270**



Total financial impact

**\$35+ million**

# CONTACT US



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