

Indiana Legal Services, Inc

Using the law to fight poverty, empower clients, and improve access to justice.

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ABOUT US

Indiana Legal Services, Inc. (ILS) is a not-for-profit law firm and the largest provider of free civil legal assistance to **eligible** low-income people throughout the state of Indiana. ILS helps clients who are faced with legal problems that harm their ability to have such basics as food, shelter, income, medical care or personal safety. Most of the cases ILS handles are cases such as family law where there is domestic violence, housing, consumer law, access to health care, and access to government benefits. ILS does not handle any criminal matters.

WHO WE SERVE

ILS was established in 1966, and today we serve clients in every county in Indiana. (To see which of our offices serves the various counties, click **here**.) We have more than 50 attorneys and numerous other staff members working in offices around the state. ILS has several specialized projects to address the needs of particular client communities, including the Senior Law Project, the Homeless Legal Project, the **Immigrants and Language Rights Center**, the **Low Income Taxpayer Clinic**, the **Consumer Law Center**, the **Housing Law Center** (ILS is a HUD-approved housing counseling agency), the **Military Assistance Project**, and the **LGBT Project**. ILS is governed by a Board of Directors that includes private attorneys throughout the state of Indiana and low-income people who are eligible for services at ILS.

In 2016, ILS served close to 11,000 low income people. Some of these cases were full representation cases, where an ILS attorney represented the client in a court or agency action. Some of these cases involved giving a client advice about his or her legal rights and what action the client could take.

WHY

Over half a million people in Indiana live below the poverty level. There are several agencies and programs around the state that try to meet the legal needs of the poor. ILS is the largest of these agencies in Indiana. ILS recognizes and supports other agencies around the state that provide

legal assistance to the poor, such as legal aid societies and pro bono programs. We also partner with organizations outside of Indiana, such as the Mid-America Pension Rights Project. Even with all of these agencies working hard, it is difficult to meet the legal needs of the poor in Indiana.

ILS Mission

Indiana Legal Services uses the law to fight poverty, empower clients, and improve access to justice.

ILS Vision

Dignity, fairness, and equality for all people under the law.

ILS Diversity & Inclusion Statement

"To ensure that ILS policies and practices respect, value, appreciate and leverage the unique and varied attributes of ILS's clients, board, staff and stakeholders."

Support

ILS receives funds from many different sources including funding from Congress through



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, and other agencies around the state.

However, you can



and help support the most vulnerable residents of Indiana.

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