



Legal Aid Society
of Northeastern
New York, Inc.

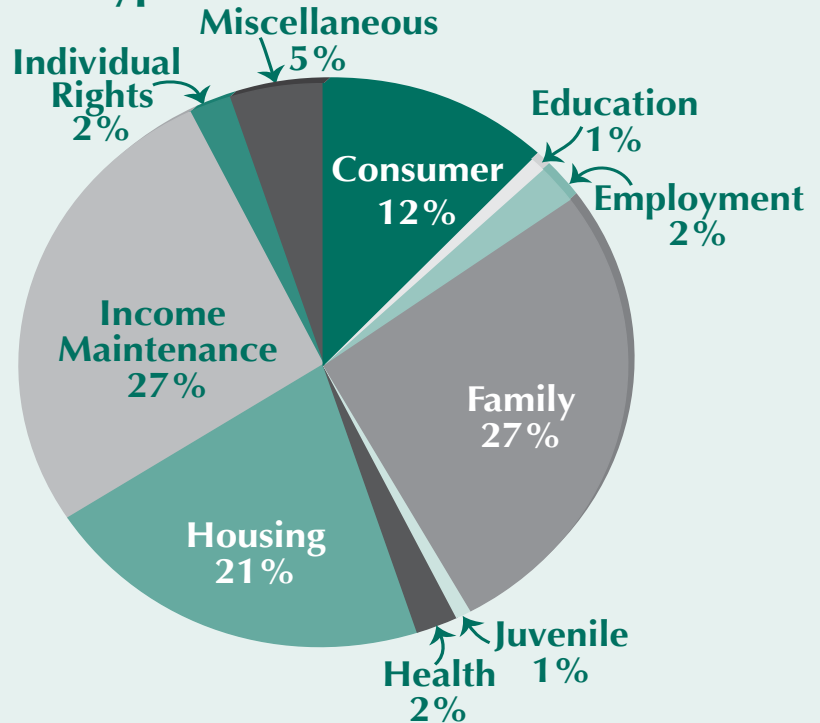
Legal Aid *matters*

Fighting for **Fairness**
Promoting **Justice**

2008 Highlights

- ✓ LASNNY staff increased services by 19%: closed 7,329 cases and had 2,749 cases pending at the end of 2008, at an average cost of \$632 per case.
- ✓ Continued to deliver high quality advice and brief service through our telephone intake system; closed 3,205 cases in 2008.
- ✓ Closed 395 pro bono cases and referred 406 new cases to private attorneys on our Private Attorney Involvement panel, and to volunteer and assigned counsel in our Pro Bono Divorce Projects.
- ✓ Won 262 SSI/SSD cases: clients received \$4,229,522 in retroactive recovery; an additional \$731,762 was recovered in interim public assistance benefits—saving NYS taxpayers \$1,391,490.
- ✓ Handled 926 cases through domestic violence programs.
- ✓ Prevented homelessness for 333 households benefitting 909 low income people.
- ✓ Launched collaborative Foreclosure Prevention Project designed to assist low and moderate income homeowners threatened with foreclosure.

Types of Cases We Handle



In 2008, 90% of Legal Aid's expenditures provided direct program services to clients, and 55,709 people benefitted from our information and referral, advice, brief service, extended representation and community legal education—in print, in person and on line.

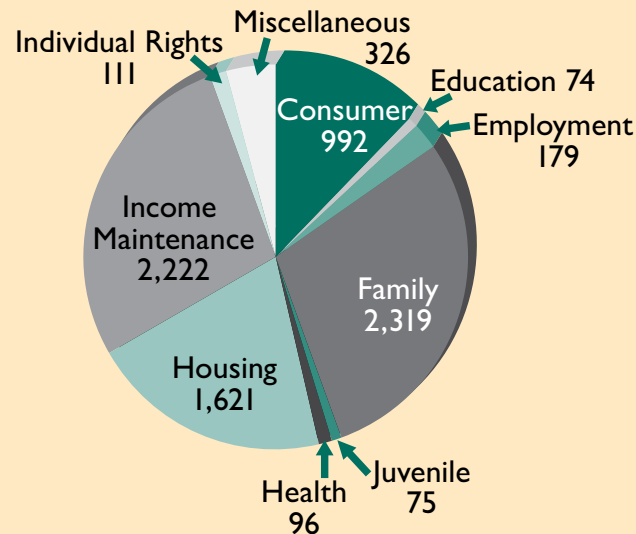


2009 Accomplishments

2009 Cases by County

Albany	31%
Clinton	7.2%
Columbia	2.7%
Essex	1.5%
Franklin	2%
Fulton	2.3%
Greene	2%
Hamilton	.04%
Montgomery	4.8%
Rensselaer	7.9%
St. Lawrence	6.9%
Saratoga	14.9%
Schenectady	9.3%
Schoharie	.53%
Warren	3.5%
Washington	3.2%

Types of Cases 2009



Highlights of 2009

- LASNNY staff increased services by 9%; closed 8,015 cases and had 2,995 cases pending at the end of 2009, at an average cost of \$602 per case.
- Continued to deliver high quality advice and brief service through our client hotline system; our client specialists closed 3,767 cases in 2009.
- Closed 574 pro bono cases and referred 469 new cases to private attorneys on our Private Attorney Involvement panel, and to volunteer and assigned counsel in our Pro Bono Divorce Projects.
- Saved NYS taxpayers \$1,522,200: won 275 SSI/SSD cases; clients received \$4,408,743 in retroactive recovery; an additional \$945,904* was recovered in interim public assistance benefits.
- Handled 438 cases through domestic violence programs.
- Prevented homelessness for 251 households benefitting 742 low income people.
- 457 cases handled by the Foreclosure Prevention Project, which is designed to assist low and moderate income homeowners threatened with foreclosure.

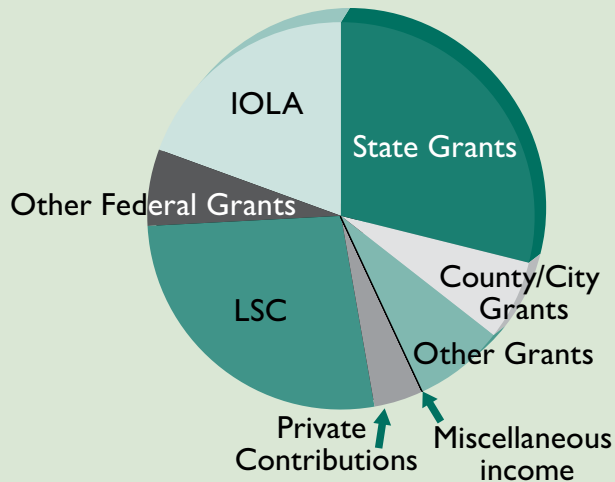
Rapid Rehousing gives clients breathing room to get back on their feet after becoming unemployed and eventually homeless.

Marylouise Mulligan, Paralegal

2009 Financials

Revenue

State Grants	\$1,452,252
County/City Grants	\$484,950
Other Grants	\$239,064
Miscellaneous Income	\$18,862
Private Contributions	\$246,645
Legal Service Corporation	\$1,432,907
Other Federal Grants	\$308,351
Interest on Lawyer Accounts	\$1,204,377
Total	\$5,207,408



Expenses

Personnel:

Lawyers	\$1,972,169
Non Lawyers	\$1,031,201
Fringe Benefits	\$835,168

Operating:

Space & Utilities	\$138,861
Office & Related Expenses	\$184,692
Contract Services	\$306,673
Library	\$51,316
Client Litigation Expenses	\$6,314
Travel & Training	\$81,568
Miscellaneous	\$218,035
Subtotal	\$4,825,997
Fund Balance	\$381,411
Total Expenses and Fund Balance	\$5,207,408

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York provides effective, free civil legal services and education to and advocacy for people with low income or other barriers to accessing the legal system. We secure basic needs, protect and preserve legal rights, provide equal access to justice and seek fairness and dignity for our clients.

the **FACES** of Legal Aid

We help people like...

Maria, who at 17 needed support to enable her to finish high school after leaving her home where she had been repeatedly sexually abused by her mother's boyfriend.



Jim, a veteran and retired welder, who is entitled to disability benefits.



Alexis, who left her abusive husband and now needs a protection order to prevent future assaults and child support to enable her to care for her three young children.



A message from Legal Aid's President, Jeffrey S. Baker

We've included a snapshot of the Legal Aid Society's achievements in 2005, entitled the Faces of Legal Aid. This illustrates how Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York spends the money raised from grants, contracts and private donors as well as sources of revenue. As you can see, the vast majority of our funding is spent in the delivery of legal services in family law including domestic violence, income maintenance and housing matters. Legal Aid continues to be a great investment.

You'll note that most of our funding comes from State and Federal sources. While we have been successful so far in maintaining positive relationships with these funding sources, we recognize the trend to decrease government grants are also highly restricted and don't always allow us the flexibility to respond to the most urgent community needs. Many of our clients needs don't fall neatly under grant parameters.

We also know that other legal aid societies nationally receive much greater support from the private sector and through philanthropy. We, too, need to increase this stream of revenue and decrease our dependence on government. The first step in this process is to help people understand the importance of our services, and we count on you to speak to your colleagues and friends about the work of Legal Aid.

Most people face complex and interrelated problems—likewise, many clients do not fit into a neat funding package. Legal Aid needs both targeted grant support and funding that is flexible enough to respond to the most complex of needs.

As you may know our Immigration Project was in danger of being severely downsized. We thank Ken Larsen and Leslie Thiele, along with the GE Foundation's matching program, for their recent generous donation which will allow the Immigration Project to continue at its current level through much of 2007. We urge you to join the LASNNY Board of Directors and the Board to Fund Equal Justice in its' commitment to diversify the Legal Aid Society's funding, with increased private donations. As we move forward into this year's Annual Fund, The Justice for All Campaign, we hope that you will pledge generously and we are particularly grateful to the many firms that have made generous multi-year gifts.

equality

strengthening
the capital region



access to
justice

responsibility
to others

fighting for
fairness



Who are we?

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York is one of the oldest legal services organizations in the United States. Originally incorporated in 1923 as the Legal Aid Society of Albany, it has grown to serve Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schoharie, Schenectady, Warren and Washington counties and the St. Regis Reservation.

Last year, the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York helped almost **25,000** people in the sixteen-county service area. The agency provides civil legal aid—urgent, non-criminal assistance to low-income people.

Services are provided by 30 attorneys, 13 paralegals and more than 350 volunteer attorneys who help people gain access to justice at a cost of approximately \$533 per case—*there is no more cost-effective legal service.*

You Can Help!

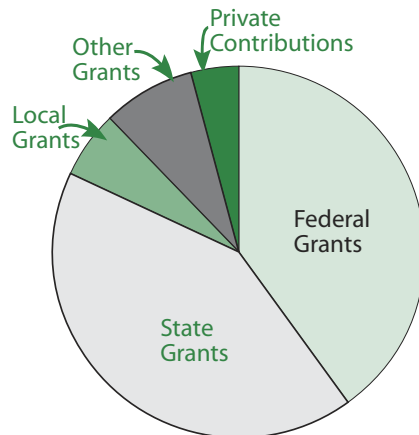
In 2005 we turned away almost as many people as we were able to help. We estimate that we meet the legal needs of only 20% of eligible clients—since many more who need our help are unaware of our services. As a result, 4 out of 5 low income people with legal needs in our community do not have equal access to justice.

Ensure access to justice for all, regardless of income, by supporting the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY. **Join our Justice for All Annual Campaign**

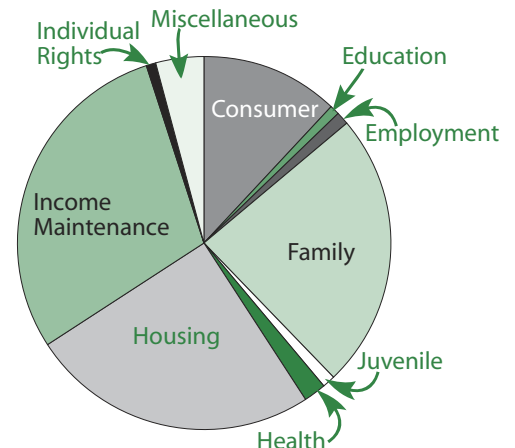
Highlights of 2005

- ✓ LASNNY staff closed **5,869** cases and had **2,660** cases pending at the end of 2005 at an average cost of **\$533.24** per case.
- ✓ Continued to deliver high quality advice and brief service through our telephone intake system; closed **2,614** cases in 2005.
- ✓ Closed **430** pro bono cases and referred **569** new cases to private attorneys on our Private Attorney Involvement panel, and to volunteer and assigned counsel in our various Pro Bono Divorce Projects.
- ✓ Won 262 SSI/SSD cases: clients received \$1,727,839 in retroactive benefits including \$646,390 in interim public assistance recovery—saving NYS taxpayers \$1,545,800.
- ✓ Continued our successful Nutrition Outreach & Education Project which educated and enrolled people in the Food Stamp program.

2005 Sources of Revenue



2005 Cases Handled by Areas of Law



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