

Legal Service Programs in Massachusetts

Note: The following list applies to Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO and Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options members.

<p>Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau 24 Crescent St. Suite 202 Waltham, MA 02453 781.893.4793 www.bc.edu/schools/law/services/academic/programs/clinical/lab.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services are free for low-income residents of Waltham, Watertown and Newton • Handle cases involving public benefits, housing, domestic violence, paternity, divorce, custody, child support, visitation, unemployment compensation and elder-related issues • Do not handle criminal cases • Elder Project: must be 60 years or older, provides information, advice and referral to residents of Belmont, Brookline, Needham, Newton, Waltham, Watertown, Wellesley and Weston regardless of income
<p>Center for Public Representation 246 Walnut St. Newton, MA 02460 617.965.0776</p> <p>Center for Public Representation 22 Green St. Northampton, MA 01060 Voice and TTY: 413.586.6024 www.centerforpublicrep.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serves people with disabilities and, in particular, those who are institutionalized, discriminated against or denied fundamental human rights
<p>Community Legal Services Counseling Center 1 West St. Cambridge, MA 02139 617.661.1010 www.clsacc.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides free civil legal assistance and affordable psychological counseling for people with low incomes • Serves battered women and abused children, women and children living in poverty, families and senior citizens at risk for homelessness, refugees/immigrants, people who suffer from mental illnesses which affect their ability to function in the community, and people with disabilities
<p>Disability Law Center — Western Massachusetts 30 Industrial Drive East Northampton, MA 01060 800.222.5619 413.584.6337 TTY: 413.582.6919 www.dlc-ma.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides information, referral, technical assistance, and representation re: legal rights and services for people with disabilities (physical, psychiatric, sensory, and cognitive disabilities) • Services disabled individuals who experience discrimination, abuse or neglect or denial of services because of their disability • Assists with access to community services, special education, health care, disability benefits, and rights and conditions in facilities
<p>Greater Boston Legal Services 197 Friend St. Boston, MA 02114</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Outreach, Employment Unit, Family Law Unit, Health and Disability Unit, Medicare Advocacy Project, Housing Unit, Immigration Unit, and Welfare Law Unit • Elderly Unit provides legal assistance to those 60 years and older in areas such as

<p>800.323.3205 617.371.1234 TDD: 617.371.1228 www.gbls.org</p> <p>Greater Boston Legal Services – Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services 60 Gore St. Cambridge, MA 02141 800.222.5619 TDD: 617.494.1757</p>	<p>housing and tenant rights, nursing home issues, Social Security, SSI, Medicaid and Medicare, elder abuse, and defense against guardianships and conservatorships, regardless of clients’ income. Also focuses on the problems experienced by elderly legal immigrants who are or have lost their SSI and food stamp benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serves Acton*, Arlington, Bedford*, Belmont, Boston, Boxborough*, Braintree, Brookline, Burlington*, Cambridge, Canton, Carlisle*, Chelsea, Cohasset, Concord*, Everett, Harvard*, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Lexington*, Lincoln*, Littleton*, Malden, Maynard*, Medford, Melrose, Milton, Newton, North Reading *, Norwell, Quincy, Randolph, Reading*, Revere, Scituate, Somerville, Stoneham, Stowe*, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown, Weymouth, Wilmington*, Winchester, Winthrop, Woburn <p>*Towns served only by the Elderly Unit – other services are not available to these towns</p>
<p>Harvard Legal Aid Bureau 23 Everett St. Cambridge, MA 02138 617.495.4408 www.harvardlegalaids.org/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized in 4 major areas: housing law (evictions from public and private apartments and evictions due to foreclosure crisis); family law (divorce, child custody, paternity, visitation, and support issues); government benefits law (appeal of the denial or termination of welfare, food stamps, unemployment, or social security disability benefits); and wage and hour law (unpaid overtime and regular wages) • Serves low-income individuals/families in Greater Boston area
<p>HIV/AIDS Law Consortium of Western Massachusetts 425 Union St., Suite, 118 West Springfield, MA 01089 413.732.0011 www.chd.org/index.php/hivaids-law-consortium.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides legal services for individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS
<p>Legal Advocacy and Resource Center, Inc. 800.342.5297 617.371.1123 TDD: 617.371.1226 www.larcma.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free legal hotline for low-income Massachusetts residents • Provides legal information and advice • Makes referrals to legal and social service agencies • Assists in such areas as housing (evictions, public housing, repairs, foreclosures); family law (divorce, child support, custody, guardianship, visitation, restraining orders); public benefits (SSI, Social Security, food stamps, TAFDC); employment issues (unemployment benefits, wage and hour claims, Family Medical Leave Act questions); and consumer issues (utilities, bankruptcy, and debt collection issues)
<p>Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts 405 Main St. 4th Floor Worcester, MA 01608 800.649.3718 508.752.3718</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-funded civil legal aid program which provides free legal assistance to low-income and elderly residents of Worcester County • Specializes in elder law, government benefits, eviction defense, housing and employment discrimination, and family law matter affecting domestic violence victims • Elder Law Unit assists those 60 years and older with housing issues, SSI and social security issues, health issues including Medicare, nursing home rights, Veteran

<p>TTY: 508.755.3260 www.laccm.org</p>	<p>benefits, food stamps and other benefits, family law including physical abuse, financial exploitation, and consumer rights issues* *Physical abuse and financial exploitation still need to be reported to Protective Services at 800.922.2275</p>
<p>Legal Services Center 122 Boylston St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 617.522.3003 TTY: 617.522.3575 www.law.harvard.edu/academics/clinical/lsc/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides services in the Greater Boston Area • Programs include but not limited to Administrative/Disability Law Clinic, Domestic Violence Clinic, Estate Planning Clinic, Family Law Clinic, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Law Clinic, Health Law Clinic, and Housing Clinic
<p>Massachusetts Justice Project Worcester County 405 Main St., Suite 300 Worcester, MA 01608 888.427.8989 508.831.9888</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal service program for the low-income community of Worcester County • Provides initial intake, advice or brief service for all income-eligible callers, referring eligible clients to other legal service programs and private bar pro bono, and provides more extensive representation as resources permit • Address such legal issues as housing, domestic relations, benefits, bankruptcy/foreclosure, and education
<p>Massachusetts Justice Project Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire Counties 57 Suffolk St. 4th Floor Holyoke, MA 01040 800.639.1209 413.533.2660 TTY: 413.533.2660</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal service program for the low-income community of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties • Provides initial intake, advice or brief service for all income-eligible callers, referring eligible clients to other legal service programs and private bar pro bono, and provides more extensive representation as resources permit • Address such legal issues as housing, domestic relations, benefits, bankruptcy/foreclosure and education
<p>Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation 7 Winthrop Square, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02110 617.367.8544 617.367.9023 www.mlac.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides assistance with child custody, domestic violence, housing, health care, employment, government benefits and elder issues • Must not be eligible for a court-appointed attorney • Must meet the income guidelines to qualify for assistance – cannot exceed %125 of federal poverty level
<p>Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee 399 Washington St., 4th Floor Boston, MA 02108 617.338.2345 800.342.9092 www.mass.gov/mhlac/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocates for individuals and families who have experienced problems with denial of access to community-based care and discrimination on the basis of disability • Aids adults and minors in public and private facilities who need legal advice about commitment and discharge and rights to receive or refuse treatment • Provide legal referrals, information, and advice to individuals, lawyers, mental health professionals and general public
<p>Merrimack Valley Legal Services 35 John St., Suite 302 Lowell, MA 01852</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides free legal advice and representation in civil legal cases to low-income and elderly residents • Addresses the following legal issues: housing, public benefits, family law, disability,

<p>800.336.2262 978.458.1465 TTY:978.452.4740 www.mvlegal.org</p>	<p>consumer law, elderly, and education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Programs include Domestic Violence Clinic, Essex County Legal Aid Project, Low Income Tax Clinic, and Cambodian Outreach Program • Amesbury*, Andover*, Ashby, Ayer, Beverly, Billerica*, Boxborough, Boxford*, Burlington, Chelmsford*, Danvers, Dracut*, Dunstable*, Essex, Georgetown*, Gloucester, Groton, Groveland*, Hamilton, Haverhill*, Ipswich, Lawrence*, Littleton, Lowell*, Lynn, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Merrimac*, Methuen*, Middleton, Nahant, Newbury*/ByField, Newburyport*, North Andover*, North Reading, Peabody, Pepperell, Reading, Rockport, Rowley*, Salem, Salisbury*, Saugus, Shirley, Swampscott, Tewksbury*, Topsfield, Townsend, Tyngsborough*, Wenham, West Newbury*, Westford*, Wilmington <p>*Indicates the towns where both individuals 60 and older and low-income individual services are available.</p>
<p>MetroWest Legal Services 63 Fountain St., Suite 304 Framingham, MA 01702 800.696.1501 508.620.1830 www.mwlegal.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide legal advocacy to protect and advance the rights of the poor, elderly, disabled, and other disenfranchised people by obtaining legal, social, and economic justice • Programs include: Domestic Relations, Disability and Benefits, Health Care Access Project, Housing, Homeless Advocacy Project, Pro se Housing Clinic, Elder Law, Education, and Kidscare Connection Project • Acton, Ashland, Bedford, Bellingham, Canton*, Carlisle, Concord, Dedham, Dover, Foxborough, Framingham, Franklin, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Marlborough, Maynard, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Natick, Needham, Norfolk, Northborough*, Norwood, Plainville, Sharon, Sherborn, Southborough*, Stow, Sudbury, Walpole, Wayland, Wellesley, Westborough*, Weston, Westwood, Wrentham <p>*Indicates services for elders only.</p>
<p>National Consumer Law Center 7 Winthrop Square, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02110 617.542.8010 www.nclc.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to defend the rights of low-income consumers and advance economic justice • Programs include access to justice, auto fraud, bankruptcy, bounce loans, child support collection, credit cards, credit card collection agencies, credit discrimination, credit reports, debt collection abuse, electronic commerce, foreclosures and mortgage services, home equity fraud, low-income home energy assistance programs, manufactured homes, military predatory lending, mortgage lending, mortgage servicing, payday lending, refund anticipation loans, rent-to-own, services to the unbanked and underbanked, social security and other exempt public benefits, state consumer protections, student loans and utilities • Special attention to vulnerable population including immigrants, elders, homeowners, former welfare recipients, victims of domestic violence, military personnel and others
<p>Neighborhood Legal Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides free legal assistance to Essex County

<p>37 Friend St. Lynn, MA 01902 800.747.5056 781.599.7730 TTY: 781.599.7730</p> <p>170 Common St., Suite 300 Lawrence, MA 01840 978.686.6900</p> <p>www.neighborhoodlaw.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance with housing matters (eviction defense, housing discrimination, and housing condition issues), family disputes involving divorce, custody of children, child support, and protection from abuse, assist individuals and families to receive needs-based assistance including TAFDC, food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, SSI, Social Security, and Veterans Assistance, enforce clients rights in the workplace and assist to secure unemployment when necessary
<p>New Center for Legal Advocacy 257 Union St. New Bedford, MA 02740 800.244.9023 508.979.7160 TTY: 508.996.8576 www.ncla.net</p> <p>Satellite office: 18 Main St. Extension Plymouth, MA 02360</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides free legal representation to income-eligible residents of Southeastern Massachusetts (Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, and Plymouth Counties as well as the towns of Avon and Stoughton) • Service priorities: protecting the family, preserving the home, protecting and maximizing income and benefits, consumer protection, and emergencies and other critical cases (including education)
<p>South Coastal Legal Services, Inc. Administration Offices P.O. Box 2507 Fall River, MA 02722 508.676.5022</p> <p>247 Maple St. Attleboro, MA 02703 508.431.0107</p> <p>231 Main St., Suite 201 Brockton, MA 02301 508.586.2110 800.244.8393</p> <p>22 Bedford St., 1st Floor Fall River, MA 02720 508.676.6265</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofit organization that provides free civil legal services to low-income and elderly residents living in Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket and Plymouth Counties plus the towns of Avon and Stoughton

<p>800.287.3777 460 West Main St. Hyannis, MA 02601 508.775.7020 508.775.7021 800.742.4207 TTY: 508.775.7020 www.sccls.org</p>	
<p>Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association 99 Chauncy St., Suite 400 Boston, MA 02111 617.423.0648 www.vlpnet.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides free legal assistance to low-income residents through pro bono services of private attorneys • Handles cases in the following areas: Landlord/Tenant, Homeownership, Foreclosure prevention, Family law, Guardianship, Probate (Wills & Estates), Bankruptcy, Unemployment insurance, MassHealth Prior Approval, Criminal Record Sealing, Consumer, Assistance to Nonprofit Organizations • Serves the following towns: Acton, Arlington, Ashland, Bedford, Bellingham, Belmont, Boston, Braintree, Brookline, Cambridge, Canton, Carlisle, Chelsea, Cohasset, Concord, Dedham, Dover, Everett, Foxborough, Framingham, Franklin, Hingham, Holbrook, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Hull, Lexington, Lincoln, Malden, Marlborough, Maynard, Medfield, Medford, Medway, Melrose, Millis, Milton, Natick, Needham, Newton, Norfolk, Norwell, Norwood, Plainville, Quincy, Randolph, Revere, Scituate, Sharon, Sherborn, Somerville, Stoneham, Stow, Sudbury, Wakefield, Walpole, Waltham, Watertown, Wayland, Wellesley, Weston, Westwood, Weymouth, Winchester, Winthrop, Woburn, Wollaston and Wrentham
<p>Western Massachusetts Legal Services www.communitylegal.org 55 Federal St. Greenfield, MA 01301 413.774.3747 85 Main St. North Adams, MA 02147 413.664.4531 20 Hampton Ave., Suite 100 Northampton, MA 01060 413.584.4034 800.639.1309</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides free legal help to low-income people and elder who need assistance with non-criminal cases • Priority cases include housing, government benefits, family law and domestic violence, employment, disability, health care and problems uniquely affecting elders • Provides services that range from legal advice to full representation • Services all the towns and cities in the following counties: Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire • Those under the age of 60 must see income guidelines (see website) to receive assistance • 60 years and older – no income guidelines to meet to receive assistance

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