

2021 Legal Aid Overview

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The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (LASNNY) is a non-profit law firm, providing assistance and representation to low-income people in civil, not criminal, cases. There is no cost for any of the services we provide. We believe that everyone has the right to equal justice regardless of the ability to pay.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

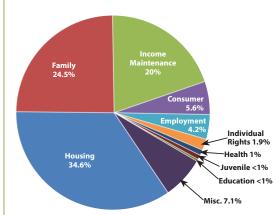
- Domestic Violence
- Homelessness Prevention (Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention)
- Public Benefits (help with SSD, SSI, SNAP, Medicaid or other public benefit)
- Family Law
- Impact Advocacy to effect systemic change in our community
- Consumer

In order to access our services a family's income must be at or below 200% of the poverty level. For a family of four this is \$53,000. These clients call us directly or are referred by a community agency.

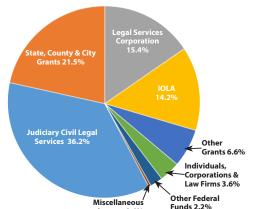
In 2021, LASNNY had five offices, in Albany, Canton, Amsterdam, Plattsburgh and Saratoga Springs, that serve 16 counties in northeastern New York: Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington, and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.

WHAT KINDS OF CASES DO WE HANDLE?

Urgent civil non-criminal cases; mostly family law, housing and income maintenance cases.



WHERE DOES LASNNY'S MONEY COME FROM?



IN 2021 LASNNY HANDLED 10,599 CASES BENEFITING 21,816 PEOPLE. WITH A COST OF \$1,436 PER CLOSED CASE.

Income 0.4%



WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE DO WE PROVIDE?

The following types of services are available:

- Full Representation a lawyer or a legal advocate in court or at a hearing at a government agency
- Brief Advice consultation in person or over the telephone
- Pro Se Legal Clinic where you are shown how to "help yourself" with a particular legal problem
- Self-Help Materials such as educational fact sheets and brochures
- Community Legal Education preventative education about legal rights and responsibilities
- Other workshops and other services

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York fights for fairness, dignity, and justice for those living in poverty and for a society which is inclusive and equitable for all. We transform lives, build community and empower people by using the law to address individual and systemic wrongs and inequities.

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