

Legal services

The following agencies provide free legal services, information, or advice for people with low income living in Massachusetts. They are listed alphabetically.

Some provide services for the whole state. Others have a more limited service area. Some can help with many general areas while others have a more specific focus.

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)

Citizenship (Naturalization, Certificate of Citizenship, ESOL Classes, Civics Preparation Classes); Family Petitions; Adjustment of Status; Fee Waivers; Green Card Renewals; Passport Applications; Temporary Protected Status (TPS); Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); U Visas; and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

714 Parker Street
Roxbury, MA 02120

Phone: 617-445-6000

URL: www.bostonabcd.org

Service Area: Boston

AIDS Action Committee

Civil matters, including housing, estate planning, discrimination, employment, and family law. Applying for income benefits, including private disability insurance, Social Security, EAEDC, and health coverage

75 Amory Street
Boston, MA 02119

Phone: 617-437-6200

URL: www.aac.org

Service Area: Statewide

Ascentria Care Alliance (previously Lutheran Social Services of New England)

Immigration applications and petitions, citizenship applications, family-based petitions, and green card applications

11 Shattuck Street
Worcester, MA 01605

Phone: 774-243-3100

URL: www.ascentria.org/ilap

Service Area: Statewide

Bentley Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

Tax assistance for prior years to low income taxpayers who may have a controversy with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

175 Forest Street
MOR 133
Waltham, MA 02452

Phone: 781-891-2083

Service Area: Statewide

Berkshire Probate and Family Court Lawyer for the Day

Answer questions and help fill out court forms at the Berkshire Probate and Family Court

44 Bank Row
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Phone: 413-442-6941

Service Area: Berkshire County

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)

BARCC Legal Advocates are lawyers and rape crisis counselors with specialized legal training. They work with 250 clients each year. They work with the police, district attorneys, and the courts to ensure that survivors get the best possible care.

90 Bishop Allen Drive
Cambridge, MA 02139

Phone: 800-841-8371 (24-hour hotline); 617-492-8306

URL: www.barcc.org

Service Area: Greater Boston

Boston College Legal Services LAB

Boston College law students supervised by staff attorneys

885 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02459

Phone: 617-552-0248

URL: www.bc.edu/schools/law/center-experiential-learning/legal-services-lab.html

Service Area: Watertown, Waltham, and Newton

Center for Law and Education–Boston

Programs and pro bono counsel representing low-income students and their parents in education law-related matters

99 Chauncy Street, Suite 700

Boston, MA 02111

Phone: 617-451-0855

URL: www.cleweb.org

Service Area: Statewide

Center for Public Representation–Northampton

Mental health law and disability law services, including help with applications for SSDI/SSI benefits

22 Green Street

Northampton, MA 01060

Phone: 413-587-6265 / TTY: 413-586-6024

URL: www.centerforpublicrep.org

Service Area: Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties

Children’s Law Center of Massachusetts

Legal representation to children and youth in proceedings involving school matters, restraint and seclusion, discipline, special education/child welfare, and juvenile justice

298 Union Street, 2nd Floor

Somerville, MA 01901

Phone: 781-581-1977

URL: www.clcm.org

Service Area: Statewide

City of Boston Immigration Clinic

Immigration clinics for constituents

One City Hall Square

Boston, MA 02201-2030

Phone: 617-635-2980

URL: www.cityofboston.gov/newbostonians

Service Area: Boston

Community Legal Aid–Northampton

Legal services to low-income and elderly individuals and families

20 Hampton Avenue

Northampton, MA 01060

Phone: 413-584-4034 / TTY: 413-584-4034

URL: www.communitylegal.org

Service Area: Franklin and Hampshire Counties

Community Legal Aid–Pittsfield

Free legal services to low-income and elderly individuals and families

152 North Street, E-155

Pittsfield, MA 01201

Phone: 413-499-1950

URL: www.communitylegal.org

Service Area: Berkshire County

Community Legal Aid–Springfield

Free legal services to low-income and elderly individuals and families

One Monarch Place

Suite 400

Springfield, MA 01144

Phone: 413-781-7814 / 800 639-1109

URL: www.communitylegal.org

Service Area: Hampden County

Community Legal Aid–Worcester

Free legal services to low-income and elderly individuals and families

405 Main Street, 4th floor

Worcester, MA 01608

Phone: 508-752-3718 / TTY: 508-755-3260

URL: www.communitylegal.org

Service Area: Worcester County

Community Legal Services and Counseling Center

Free legal aid and affordable psychological counseling

1 West Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Phone: 617-661-1010

URL: www.clsacc.org

Service Area: Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Medford, Somerville, and Watertown

Court Service Center, Brooke Courthouse

Filling out court forms; workspace; community resources, self-help materials

24 New Chardon Street, 2nd floor
Boston, MA 02114

Walk-ins only

URL: www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/court-management/plan-initiatives/court-service-centers.html

Service Area: Suffolk County

Court Service Center, Franklin County Courthouse

Legal information; research, interpreter access, access to online resources

101 Munson Street
Ground floor
Greenfield Corporate Center
Greenfield, MA 01301

Phone: 413-775-7483

URL: www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/court-management/plan-initiatives/court-service-centers.html

Service Area: Franklin County

Disability Law Center

Protection and advocacy for the rights of Massachusetts residents with disabilities

11 Beacon Street, Suite 925
Boston, MA 02108

Phone: 617-723-8455 800-872-9992

TTY: 617-227-9464 / 800-381-0577

URL: www.dlc-ma.org

Service Area: Statewide

Family Court Workshop for Mothers and for Fathers

Workshops on family law matters; legal referrals; information on community programs and services

Court Service Center, 2nd floor Brooke Courthouse
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

URL: www.mass.gov/courts/docs/courts-and-judges/courts/probate-and-family-court/workshop-flyer-english.pdf

Service Area: Suffolk and Middlesex Counties

Franklin Probate and Family Court Lawyer for the Day

Answer questions, help fill out court forms

101 Munson Street
Greenfield, MA 01302

Phone: 413-774-7011

Service Area: Franklin County

Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders

Resources for LGBT issues including family law; federal benefits after DOMA; anti-discrimination law in employment, housing and public accommodations; violence, hate crimes, and harassment; HIV testing, privacy, transgender and youth issues, including bullying and discrimination; legal planning documents.

30 Winter Street
Suite 800
Boston, MA 02108

Phone: 617-426-1350

URL: www.glad.org

Service Area: Statewide

Greater Boston Legal Services—Cambridge (Cambridge Somerville Legal Services (CASLS))

Civil (non-criminal) legal assistance ranging from legal advice to full case representation. Poverty law, mental health issues.

60 Gore Street Suite 203
Cambridge, MA 02141

Phone: 617-603-2700

URL: www.gbls.org

Service Area: Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Somerville, Winchester, and Woburn

Greater Boston Legal Services – Boston (GBLS)

Civil (non-criminal) legal assistance ranging from legal advice to full case representation, depending on client need. Services include domestic violence legal assistance.

197 Friend Street
Boston, MA 02114

Phone: 617-371-1234 / TTY: 617-371-1228

URL: www.gbbs.org

Service Area: Greater Boston

Greater Lowell Bar Association Housing Court Lawyer for the Day

Helps low-income tenants and landlords with housing issues during the sessions of the Northeast Housing Court

Lowell Superior Court House
360 Gorham Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Service Area: Acton, Ayer, Billerica, Boxborough, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Dunstable, Groton, Littleton, Lowell, Maynard, Pepperell, Shirley, Stow, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough, and Westford

Hampden County Legal Clinic

Consumer and housing law

50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01102

Phone: 413-733-6500

URL: www.hcbar.org/category/5303/legal-clinic.htm

Service Area: Greater Springfield

Hampden County Probate and Family Court

Answer questions and help fill out court forms

50 State Street, 4th Floor
Springfield, MA 01003

Phone: 413-748-8600

Service Area: Hampden County

Hampshire Probate and Family Court Lawyer for the Day

Answer questions and help fill out court forms

33 King Street
Northampton, MA 01060

Phone: 413-586-8500

Service Area: Hampshire County

Harvard Legal Aid Bureau

Referrals to full case representation, especially in housing, family, government benefits, and wage-and-hour law

23 Everett Street
Cambridge, MA 02318

Phone: 617-495-4408

URL: www.harvardlegalaid.org/

Service Area: Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Cambridge, Medford, and Somerville

Health Care for All

Answer questions about health coverage in Massachusetts

One Federal Street
Boston, MA 02110

Phone: 617-350-7279

URL: www.hcfama.org/

Service Area: Statewide

Health Law Advocates

Represent residents experiencing difficulty accessing or paying for needed medical services

One Federal Street
Boston, MA 02110

Phone: 617-338-5241

URL: www.healthlawadvocates.org

Service Area: Statewide

Irish International Immigrant Center

Weekly immigration clinic that offers attorney consultations; U.S. citizenship clinics. Family reunification, asylee/refugee green cards, citizenship, Temporary Protected Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, humanitarian relief, and green card renewals

100 Franklin Street
Boston, MA 02110

Phone: 617-542-7654

URL: www.iiicenter.org/

Service Area: Boston

Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts LLC

Attorneys and paralegals represent poor and elderly clients with high priority legal problems. JCSM also provides group representation and community education.

231 Main Street, Suite 201
Brockton, MA 02301

Phone: 508-586-2110

URL: www.sccls.org

Service Area: Plymouth County

Lawyers Clearinghouse

Free legal clinics at three area shelters: Cardinal Medeiros Center, Pine Street Inn, and St. Francis House

Represent homeless persons using shelter services

16 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108

Phone: 617-778-1980

URL: www.lawyersclearinghouse.org

Service Area: Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Boston

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice

Legal representation to victims of discrimination based on race or national origin

294 Washington Street
Suite #443
Boston, MA 02108

Phone: 617-482-1145

URL: www.lawyerscom.org/

Service Area: Greater Boston

Legal Advocacy and Resource Center, Inc. (LARC)

Free hotline legal advice and information, or referrals to other legal and social service agencies

197 Friend Street, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Phone: 617-603-1700 / 800-342 -LAWS

URL: www.larcma.org

Service Area: Eastern Massachusetts

Legal Services Center

Five law clinics offered to low- and moderate-income residents: administrative/disability; family; predatory lending/consumer protection; post-foreclosure eviction defense housing; and veterans

122 Boylston Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Phone: 617-522-3003 / TTY: 617-522-3575

URL: www.law.harvard.edu/academics/clinical/lsc/

Service Area: Boston, Suffolk County

Local Consumer Programs / Office of the Attorney General

State and federal consumer protection laws.
Mediation services on business complaints.

URL: www.mass.gov/ago/consumer-resources/consumer-assistance/mediation-services/local-consumer-programs.html

Service Area: Statewide

Massachusetts Advocates for Children (MAC)

Special education and school discipline issues; mental health; impact of trauma on learning

25 Kingston Street, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02111

Phone: 617-357-8431 / TTY: 617-357-8434

URL: www.massadvocates.org

Service Area: Statewide

Massachusetts Attorney General's Elder Hotline

Debt and debt collection practices, health insurance, home improvement, landlord-tenant issues, long-term care insurance, scam awareness, telemarketing

Phone: 1-888-AG-ELDER (1-888-243-5337) /
TTY: 617-727-4765

URL: www.mass.gov/ago/consumer-resources/consumer-information/resources-for-elders/elder-hotline.html

Service Area: Statewide

Massachusetts Attorney General's HomeCorps

Foreclosure prevention and borrower support, loan modification, borrower representation, borrower recovery

Phone: 617-573-5333 / TTY: 617-727-4765

URL: www.mass.gov/ago/homecorps

Service Area: Statewide

Massachusetts Bar Association Dial-A-Lawyer

Basic legal information provided on the phone

20 West Street

Boston, MA 02111

Phone: 617-338-0610 / 877-686-0711

URL: www.massbar.org/for-the-public/need-a-lawyer/dial-a-lawyer

Service Area: Statewide

Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee

Advice and direct representation to persons with mental health needs on a wide range of legal issues. Mental health of client must be a primary factor in the case

24 School Street

Suite 804

Boston, MA 02108

Phone: 617-338-2345, press "4" / 800-342-9092

URL: www.mhlac.org/

Service Area: Statewide

MetroWest Legal Services

Family law, domestic violence, education, elder law, housing, government benefits, disability, immigration, homelessness, consumer, bankruptcy, foreclosure defense, and unemployment

63 Fountain Street

Suite 304

Framingham, MA 01702

Phone: 508-620-1830 / 800-696-1501

URL: www.mwlegal.org

Service Area: Norfolk and South Middlesex counties

Northeast Legal Aid—Lawrence, Lowell, and Lynn (Merger of Neighborhood Legal Services and Merrimack Valley—North Shore Legal Services)

Free civil legal services to low-income and elderly residents

50 Island St., #203A

Lawrence, MA 01840

181 Union Street, #201A

Lynn, MA 01901

35 John Street, Suite 302

Lowell, MA 01852

Phone: 978-458-1465 / 800-336-2262

URL: www.northeastlegalaid.org/

Service Area: Essex and Northern Middlesex Counties

PAIR Project (Political Asylum/Immigration Project)

Immigration legal services to asylum-seekers and immigrants unjustly detained in Massachusetts

98 N. Washington Street Suite 106

Boston, MA 02114

Phone: 617-742-9296

URL: www.pairproject.org/

Service Area: Statewide

Project Citizenship

Workshops providing eligibility screening, application assistance, legal referrals and all materials needed to apply for U.S. citizenship. Partner agencies provide support services, including civics instruction, application assistance, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes

4 Faneuil South Market Building

3rd Floor, Suite 4025

Boston, MA 02109

Phone: 617-694-5949

URL: www.projectcitizenship.org

Service Area: Statewide

Shelter Legal Services (DBA Veterans Legal Services)–Chelsea Soldiers’ Home, New England Center for Homeless Veterans, and Cambridge Multi-Service Center

Walk-in legal clinics. Legal services for veterans and the homeless; representation of Cambridge residents facing eviction

885 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02459
Phone: 617-552-0623

URL: www.shelterlegalservices.org

Service Area: Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, and Suffolk Counties

Small Claims Advisory Service

Information (not legal advice) on Massachusetts law, small claims procedure, and effective court presentations

Phillips Brooks House Harvard Yard
Cambridge, MA 02138
Phone: 617-497-5690

URL: www.masmallclaims.org

Service Area: Statewide

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.–Hyannis

Represent poor and elderly clients with high priority legal problems. Group representation and community education

460 West Main Street
Hyannis, MA 02601
Phone: 508-775-7020 / 800-244-9023

URL: www.sccls.org/

Service Area: Southeastern Massachusetts

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.–Fall River

Attorneys and paralegals represent poor and elderly clients with high priority legal problems. Also provides group representation and community education.

22 Bedford Street
Fall River, MA 02720
Phone: 508-676-6265 / 800-244-9023

URL: www.sccls.org/

Service Area: Southeastern Massachusetts

Tenant Advocacy Project – Harvard Law School

Legal advice and representation regarding public housing eviction, application denials for public housing and tenant-based voucher programs, reasonable accommodation requests, residual tenancy, transfer denials, and subsidy terminations

6 Everett Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
Phone: 617-495-4394

No walk-ins

URL: www.law.harvard.edu/academics/clinical/tap/tenants/index.html

Service Area: Greater Boston

Tri-City Community Action Program Inc.

Housing, tax and fuel assistance; Head Start services

110 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148
Phone: 781-322-4125

URL: <http://tri-cap.org/>

Service Area: Malden, Medford, Everett, Melrose, and Wakefield

Victim Rights Law Center

Assist victims of rape and sexual assault only.

115 Broad Street
Boston, MA 02110
Phone: 617-399-6720

URL: www.victimrights.org

Service Area: Statewide

Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association

Free civil legal assistance related to assault in areas of education, restraining orders, immigration housing, public benefits, privacy, and employment

99 Chauncy Street
Suite 400
Boston, MA 02111
Phone: 617-423-0648
Phone: 617-603-1700 / 866-778-0939

URL: www.vlpnet.org

Service Area: Statewide

Volunteers for Justice/Lawyer for the Day

Volunteer lawyers and lay advocates provide free legal help to tenants on a first-come basis

Western Mass. Housing Court, Springfield session
37 Elm Street
Springfield, MA 01103

Every Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Service Area: Hampden County

Women's Bar Foundation

Free legal assistance to victims of domestic violence on family law issues and 209A Abuse Prevention Orders, low-income seniors seeking an end-of-life document such as a will, health care proxy, power of attorney, or homestead declaration, and low-income individuals involved in housing disputes in Hampden County

27 School Street
Boston, MA 02108

Phone: 617-973-6666

URL: www.womensbar.org

Service Area: Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk

Worcester County Probate and Family Court Lawyer for the Day

Volunteer lawyers are available to answer questions and help fill out court forms at the Worcester County Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608

Phone: 508-831-2200

Service Area: Worcester County