

## Help for Persons with Disabilities

### Clients' Rights Advocate

This project provides advocacy for persons with disabilities. We focus mainly on issues of eligibility, due process rights, and access to public services and benefits. We can help with problems related to the Americans with Disabilities Act, transit and paratransit, the Golden Gate Regional Center, the San Mateo County mental health system, and the Social Security Administration.

### Kids in Crisis

The Kids in Crisis project provides advocacy on behalf of children with disabilities and their families on issues related to Special Education, Golden Gate Regional Center eligibility and services, California Children's Services and SSI. We can also help children and their families access the health care programs and other services they need, including Medi-Cal, In-Home Support Services, Healthy Families and Healthy Kids.

Serving over 2500 people each year, Legal Aid's mission is to be a source of high quality legal advice, education and representation in San Mateo County.

Legal Aid services are primarily directed at low income people and the elderly. Eligibility levels may vary depending on the source of our funding. We cannot accept criminal or fee generating cases. Contact us to find out if you are eligible.

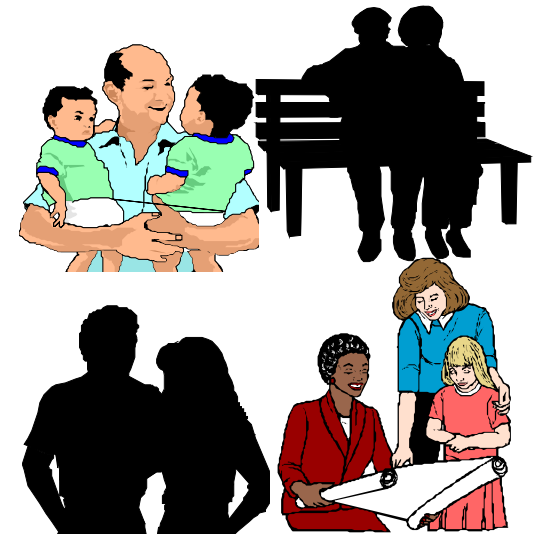
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## OUR SERVICES



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Hours:  
9:00 - 12:00  
1:00 - 5:00

Providing Legal Services  
Since 1959

### **Help with Public Benefits**

The Public Benefits program offers assistance to San Mateo County residents concerning AFDC/CalWORKs, Welfare-to-Work requirements, Food Stamps, General Assistance, Medi-Cal, SSI, and Social Security.

### **Family Law Assistance**

Legal Aid helps family law clients who are experiencing domestic violence or having custody/visitation problems with their children's other parent. We have a pro bono project for victims seeking domestic violence restraining orders. We also take requests for assistance from other new clients in the family law area as our office resources permit.

### **Help for Teen Parents**

The Teen Parent Project helps teen parents protect themselves and their children from abuse and find the resources to continue attending school. It offers free legal help, advice, and representation in family law (including child custody & visitation, restraining orders, child support, & paternity), public benefits, emancipation, guardianship, school problems, and immigration for teen victims of abuse.

### **Help for Seniors**

The Senior Advocates project helps people aged 60+ years with legal problems concerning government benefit programs, landlord/tenant issues, consumer issues and debt collection, and elder abuse. We can also help with simple wills, guardianships, and questions about durable powers of attorney.

### **Help for Tenants**

The HomeSavers project assists households that are at risk of homelessness in defending evictions. Services also include information and advocacy related to repairs to the premises, termination of housing subsidies, illegal rent increases, and other disputes with landlords.

### **Health Consumer Center**

The Health Consumer Center helps San Mateo County residents who are having problems accessing health care or health insurance. We can provide assistance with Medi-Cal, Denti-Cal, Medicare, Ace and private insurance. We can also assist individuals who have medical bills or who are experiencing problems with medical debt.

### **CareGivers Network**

This project offers free legal advice to two groups of caregivers: family members caring for seniors aged 60 and over or grandparents and other relatives who are caring for someone else's children. We help with guardianships, conservatorships, simple planning for incapacity, and other caregiving issues.

### **The Peninsula Family Advocacy Program (FAP)**

FAP is a medical-legal partnership that works to improve the health and welfare of low-income pregnant women, children and their families by addressing the underlying legal causes of poor health. FAP provides onsite legal representation, advocacy and education to families whose children receive medical care at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and Ravenswood Family Health Center and to pregnant women who receive prenatal care at the above clinics and at San Mateo Medical Center and affiliated prenatal clinics. In addition, FAP trains healthcare providers on legal issues affecting their patients and works on policy issues that impact children's health.