



## WHOM DOES LEGAL AID HELP?

- You must live in Sonoma County or have a case/legal matter in Sonoma County.
- You must be low-income (see back page for income limits. Note Domestic Violence victims, and clients who are 60 and over and who meet other eligibility criteria, are exempt from these guidelines.)
- ALL clients must bring us proof of their income, whatever it is (see back page).
- Legal Aid's services are available in English and Spanish.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:15 am—11:30 am and 1:15—4:00 pm, and Wednesdays 9:15 —11:30 am **CLOSED** Wednesday afternoon and Friday all day.

## WHAT CAN LEGAL AID HELP WITH?

► **Domestic Violence/Civil Harassment Restraining Orders:** If you are feeling afraid of someone you know, live with, have a relationship with, or are related to, we can help you seek a Restraining Order. We will help you prepare all the legal documents you need, assist you to write your story for the judge, help you prepare for your hearing and possibly help you with representation at the hearing. All of these services are confidential and private.

► **Guardianship Services:** If you are caring for, or want to care for a child that is not yours (grandchild, neighbor, a friend's child), a guardianship can give you custody of that child as well as access to financial and medical resources for the child.

► **Eviction/Housing Cases:** If you are being evicted or have questions about your rental housing, we can assist you with information and legal papers to respond to your eviction. We also assist low income landlords who are having difficulty with their tenants or need to file eviction papers. If you live outside of the city of Santa Rosa and have difficulty coming to our office, our Housing Outreach Team may be able to come to you! **Call our HOUSING HOTLINE (or come to our office in person) to see if you qualify or to schedule an appointment with our Outreach Team: 707-843-4432. NOTE: If you receive an unlawful detainer notice come to our office in person during business hours (rather than call for an appointment), as a response to a UD usually must be filed immediately.**

► **Elder Law Services:** If you are 55 or over, in addition to the services above Legal Aid may also help with Elder Abuse restraining orders, Consumer Finance/Debt and Creditor issues, and simple Estate Planning. **Contact our ELDER HOTLINE to see if you qualify and to schedule an appointment: 707-340-5610**

## What is Proof of Income?

**All Clients** must **bring proof of their income**, because Legal Aid needs to tell its funders whom we are serving. Please BRING one of the following things to show us what your INCOME is. NOTE: If you do not bring this documentation you may not be seen.

- ▶ If you work: A recent pay stub.
- ◆ If you get food stamps, SonomaWorks, or G.A.: Your benefits card or letter saying you get benefits.
- ▶ If you get SSI or Social Security: The letter describing your monthly benefit amount.
- ◆ If someone else supports you: A letter from them indicating they are supporting you.
- ▶ If you are staying in a shelter, a letter from the shelter stating that you are using their services.
- ◆ OR a document that shows what your resources are (tax return, bank statement, etc).

### Other important documents to bring with you!

- ◆ Police reports
- ◆ ANY COURT papers from the last Two years and the most CURRENT COURT ORDER in your case.
- ◆ Address and contact information of the person you are opposing in your case.

## Legal Aid can help you if:

- ▶ YOU receive public benefits:
  - ◆ Food Stamps
  - ◆ S.S.I.
  - ◆ SonomaWorks
  - ◆ General Assistance
  
- ▶ OR If your GROSS yearly income is no greater than:

a. One person: Up to \$32,340	e. Five people: Up to \$49,860
b. Two people: Up to \$36,960	f. Six people: Up to \$53,580
c. Three people: Up to \$41,580	g. Seven people: Up to \$57,240
d. Four people: Up to \$46,140	h. Eight people: Up to \$60,960

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