

# **REFERRAL RESOURCE MANUAL OF CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES**

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## Summary of Civil Legal Services Providers

### American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).....

An affiliate of the national American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of New Mexico works to make justice, liberty and equity realities for all people in New Mexico, with particular attention to people and groups that have historically been disenfranchised. Currently the organization prioritizes reform of the criminal legal system (including police practices), immigrant rights, and the protection and expansion of access to abortion care. However, it also works on a broader range of issues, including free speech, LGBTQ rights, privacy concerns and much more.

The ACLU is not a legal services provider, but a social justice advocacy organization that devotes its legal resources to cases that can achieve systemic change. They receive hundreds of requests for assistance each month, but due to our lack of resources, they can only take on a small percentage of complaints that they receive. For more information about their guidelines for case selection and the types of cases that the ACLU generally considers, please visit:

<https://www.aclu-nm.org/en/resources/get-legal-help>

**Intake:** Submit complaint. Link to submit. Submission doesn't guarantee legal advice.

<https://action.aclu.org/legal-intake/nm-legal-complaint>

They will respond in writing within 4-6 weeks to let you know whether or not they are able to further investigate or take your case

**Eligibility Requirements:** The ACLU prioritizes complaints from people with limited financial means and from groups that have historically experienced discrimination and other forms of disenfranchisement.

**Service area:** Statewide

**Website:** <http://www.aclu-nm.org>

**Catholic Charities of  
Central New Mexico.....**

Catholic Charities is a Department of Justice recognized provider of low-cost immigration services in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Through one staff attorney and Department of Justice accredited representatives, they offer qualified legal services to individuals through two programs. **The Center for Immigration and Citizenship Legal Assistance (CICLA)** offers immigration representation in family-based immigration matters, consular processing, Deferred Action for Early Childhood Arrivals (DACA) renewals, permanent residence, and naturalization to individuals generally at about 1/3 the cost of private attorneys. Through the second program, the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivor Immigration Services (DVSASIS), Catholic Charities provides free legal representation through a supervising attorney to qualifying immigrant victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, including child sexual abuse, at no charge to obtain lawful status and permanent residency under the provisions of the VAWA and U-visa programs.

**Albuquerque:**

2010 Bridge SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

Hours: 8:00-5:00 Monday-Friday

**Intake:** (505) 724-4662 or (505) 724-4631

or e-mail at [citas@ccasnm.org](mailto:citas@ccasnm.org)

**Santa Fe:**

1234 San Felipe Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87505

Hours: 8:00 -12:00; 1:00 to 5:00 Monday-Friday

**Intake:** (505) 424-9789 or email at

[sf.citas@ccasnm.org](mailto:sf.citas@ccasnm.org)

**Eligibility Requirements:** For CICLA, there are reduced fees and anyone is eligible who is seeking the benefits they provide. For DVSASIS, there is no charge, if applicants meet the requirements for the benefits.

**Service area:** Both programs are statewide

**Website:** <https://www.ccasnm.org>

**Catholic Charities of  
Southern New Mexico.....**

They are one of a small number of low-cost legal service providers in their service area, which covers a 10-county region, including the entire southern half of New Mexico from Texas to Arizona, or 55,000 square miles. Provides pro bono or low-cost bilingual immigration legal services, including a family petition, employment authorization, naturalization, detention bond, asylum case, deportation defense, or other services. They provide assistance to victims of crime, including domestic violence. In addition, they provide counseling and referrals for those with financial needs and they offer monetary assistance to the poor.

**Las Cruces Office**

**Intake:** (575) 527-0500

125 W Mountain Ave.

Las Cruces, NM 88005

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Fri: 9:00am-12:00pm; 1:00pm-4:30pm

**Roswell Office**

**Intake:** (575) 622-1636

510 S Lincoln Ave.

Roswell, NM 88203

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Fri: 9:00am-12:00pm; 1:00pm-4:30pm

**Eligibility Requirements:** Because of funding they receive from the Mexican Consulate, they are able to provide free services for the majority of victims of crime and domestic violence and for Special Immigrant Juveniles who are Mexican Nationals. For other types of cases, they charge a flat fee which is much more reasonable than private attorneys, who charge by the hour. They also assist their clients in determining whether they qualify for a fee waiver for the immigration fees (for the types of cases for which fee waivers exist).

**Service area:** 10 southern counties

**Website:** [www.catholiccharitiesdlc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdlc.org)

**Disability Rights New Mexico (DRNM).....**

Provides several basic legal services for persons with disabilities and information about their legal rights; individual advocacy to resolve specific disability rights problems in areas of special education, employment, assistive technology, health services, accessibility, housing discrimination, Medicaid or waiver services, mental health services, abuse and neglect, self-determination, voting, access and accommodation rights; advocacy efforts to improve service systems and to generally promote, protect and expand the rights of persons with disabilities; and training activities to increase awareness of disability rights and increase empowerment.

**Intake:** Statewide Toll-free: 1-800-432-4682

**Office Locations:**

3916 Juan Tabo Blvd., NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87111  
Phone: (505) 256-3100  
Fax: (505) 256-3184

133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 11  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
Phone: (575) 541-1305 or (575) 647-9027  
Fax: (575) 647-9056

**Service area:** Statewide

**Eligibility Requirements:** No financial requirements. Person must have a disability. (If person says they have disability, send on and DRNM will determine.)

**Website:** [www.drnm.org](http://www.drnm.org)

**DNA People’s Legal Services (DNA) .....**

Provides free civil legal services to low-income people who otherwise could not afford to hire an attorney. Provides legal assistance, advice and representation in U.S. and tribal courts, promotes tribal sovereignty, and offer community education programs that promote greater understanding of the law.

DNA People's Legal Services Priorities:

- Preservation or promotion of Tribal Sovereignty
- Support for families' integrity, security and well-being
- Improving outcomes for children
- Preservation of the home (permanent and temporary) and the community
- Safety, stability and health for individuals, families and their communities
- Protection and preservation of fundamental freedoms
- Maintaining and enhancing economic stability, security and justice, especially fair opportunities for employment
- Populations with special vulnerabilities
- Community and economic development
- Tribal court criminal cases
- Other cases where justice will be served by DNA representation or assistance
- Emergency cases or matters not within established priorities that require immediate legal action to:
  - (a) Secure or preserve the necessities of life,
  - (b) Protect against or eliminate a significant risk to the health or safety of the client or immediate family members, or
  - (c) Address other significant legal issues that arise because of new and

unforeseen circumstances.

**Intake:** 1-800-862-7271

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Financial and legal status. Some exceptions in both categories for undocumented individuals when. For example, they receive NM VOCA funding that does not have income caps and that allow representation of undocumented individuals who are victims of domestic violence.

**Service area:** All areas of the Navajo Nation, including non-contiguous portions – Alamo, Ramah, and Tohajilee – the Jicarilla Apache reservation; and San Juan County.

**Website:** <https://dnalegalservices.org>

**Enlace Comunitario...**

Enlace Comunitario offers free legal help to victims of domestic violence. They assist clients in obtaining Domestic Violence orders of protection, as well as direct legal representation for domestic matters cases. They also coordinate with other agencies the provision of legal immigration assistance to victims of Domestic Violence.

**Intake:** 505-246-8972

**Eligibility Requirements:** Person seeking services must be a victim of domestic violence and preference is given to Spanish Speaking victims.

**Service area:** Albuquerque metropolitan area, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District and 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

**Website:** <https://www.enlacenm.org>

**Legal Resources for the Elderly Program (LREP)..**

Statewide free legal helpline for New Mexico residents age 55 and older. LREP provides legal advice and brief services in most areas of civil law, in both English and Spanish. LREP has no income restrictions. If a problem cannot be resolved through the helpline, referrals to private attorneys or other



organizations may be provided. LREP does not provide direct legal representation.

Legal advice is available for most civil legal issues, such as:

- Debt Problems
- Bankruptcy
- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Medicaid Long-Term Care
- Medicare
- Estate Planning
- Employment
- Grandparent Caregivers
- Social Security/Social Security Disability
- Probate
- Non Probate Transfers (including Transfers on Death Deeds)
- Power of Attorneys
- Advance Health Care Directives
- Kinship Guardianship
- Guardianship
- Foreclosure
- Consumer issues
- Workers Compensation
- Unemployment Compensation
- Family issues: Divorce/Custody/Visitation/Child Support
- Name Change/Real ID

**Intake:** 505-797-6005

Statewide: 1-800-876-6657

**Eligibility Requirements:** 55 years or older; no financial requirements.

**Service area:** Statewide

**Website:** [www.nmbar.org/Public/LREP](http://www.nmbar.org/Public/LREP)

**Native American Disability  
Law Center (NADLC).....**

A private nonprofit organization that advocates for the legal rights of Native Americans with disabilities. Through advocacy and education, they empower Native people with disabilities to lead independent lives in their own communities. The issues that they address include civil rights, education, health care,

and rights to public and private services. Their staff investigates abuse and neglect in care facilities, and provides rights-based training for people with disabilities, their families, educators and service providers. Provides advocacy, referral information, and educational resources to all Native Americans with a disability living anywhere in the Four Corners area who feels that they have been:

- discriminated against because of their disability
- abused or neglected, or
- wrongly denied a service

**Office Location:**

905 W. Apache Street  
Farmington, NM 87401

**Intake: Toll-free:** 800-862-7271

**Phone:** 505-566-5880; **Fax:** 505-566-5889

**Email:** [info@natedisabilitylaw.org](mailto:info@natedisabilitylaw.org)

**Eligibility Requirements:** Native American with a disability

**Service Area:** Four Corners

**Website:** <https://www.natedisabilitylaw.org>

**New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty (NMCLP).....**

New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty is a statewide nonprofit law firm dedicated to advancing economic and social justice through education, advocacy, and litigation. The Center works with communities to advance change in the Courts, the legislature and our public institutions. The Center offers representation before governmental agencies, through the legislative process, and in the courts on a broad range of issues, including the public education system, healthcare, public benefits, workers' rights, housing and fair lending. The Center also supports the advocacy of the Native American Budget and Policy Institute. The Center represents a limited number of individual clients in cases with systemic impacts.

**Intake:** 505-255-2840

**Eligibility Requirements:** Some individual clients must have income below 200% of the federal poverty level, but systemic advocacy and class action cases may have impacts and clients beyond that income range.

**Service area:** Statewide

**Website:** <http://www.nmpovertylaw.org>

### **New Mexico Immigrant Law Center (NMILC)...**

New Mexico Immigrant Law Center's (NMILC) mission is to advance justice and equity in low-income immigrant communities in New Mexico through collaborative legal services, advocacy and education. NMILC provides free information and legal assistance to low-income families in areas of immigration law and limited areas of business and employment law. Areas of immigration legal services include: immigrant survivors of domestic violence or other crimes; immigrant youth who are abandoned, abused, or neglected by one or both of their parents; those seeking asylum; those seeking to renew DACA, their residency, and to obtain citizenship; those in removal proceedings or immigrant detention. Areas of business or employment law: immigrants who are starting businesses or small-business owners who are immigrants who are experiencing tax or legal issues due to their immigration status.

NMILC's hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri (except 12:00-1:00pm)

**Intake:** 505-247-1023

**Eligibility Requirements:** NMILC prioritizes clients who are low-income (primarily below 125% of FPL but accepts clients below 200% FPL).

In order to be eligible to receive services from NMILC, you must meet the following requirements:

- Have a type of case that NMILC handles, as explained above;
- Be a resident of New Mexico; and

- Your income must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

NMILC is not able to assist individuals who are seeking help with:

- Employment based visas;
- Non-immigrant visas such as tourist or student visas; or
- Family-based petitions (if not in removal proceedings).

**Service area:** NMILC’s main office is in Albuquerque with a satellite office in Santa Fe; NMILC serves immigrants statewide.

**New Mexico Legal Aid (NMLA)**.....

**Website:** [www.nmilc.org](http://www.nmilc.org)

Legal services around public benefits, consumer rights, worker rights, Indian Law, family law, domestic violence, housing, foreclosure, landlord-tenant issues, health care, etc.

**Intake:**

Toll-Free: 1-833-LGL-HELP (1-833-545-4357)  
Monday-Thursday; 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Apply for help online at:

[www.newmexicolegalaid.org/node/230/apply-online-solicite-en-línea](http://www.newmexicolegalaid.org/node/230/apply-online-solicite-en-línea)

New Mexico Legal Aid has ten office locations serving all counties in New Mexico, although the majority of San Juan County is covered by their partner agency, DNA-People’s Legal Services.

**Volunteer Attorney Program (VAP):** New Mexico Legal Aid also runs the state’s Volunteer Attorney Program (VAP) in collaboration with the State Bar of New Mexico and the 16 Judicial District Pro Bono Committees. The VAP services include legal fairs and clinics around the state, and individual placement of clients with pro bono attorneys. VAP headquarters are in Albuquerque. The toll-free phone for administrative inquiries is 866-416-1922.

**Pegasus Legal Services for Children**.....

**Eligibility Requirements:** Financial and legal status

Education law, kinship guardianship services, legal representation for youth, representation in child welfare cases, Indian children representation, and young parent representation.

**Intake:** (505) 244-1101

**Eligibility requirements:** Children

**Service area:** Statewide

**Website:** <https://pegasuslaw.org/>

**Senior Citizens' Law  
Office Inc. (SCLO).....**

Legal services around healthcare coverage and access (including Medicaid, Medicare and VA); long-term care; public benefits (including Social Security, SSI, VA and Civil Service); housing (including landlord/tenant issues and mortgage foreclosure defense); advance directives (powers of attorney for health and finances); guardianship and conservatorship (guardian ad litem); financial exploitation; consumer protection (including debt collection and scams), and Real ID.

**Intake:** (505) 265-2300

**Eligibility Requirements:** Aged 60 and older. Residents of Bernalillo County can qualify regardless of income, but must have a legal problem that falls within SCLO's case priority guidelines; residents of Sandoval, Valencia and Tarrant Counties must have incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

**Service area:** Bernalillo, Sandoval, Tarrant and Valencia Counties

**Website:** <http://sclonm.org>

**Southwest Women's  
Law Center (SWLC).....**

The Southwest Women's Law Center works to raise New Mexico's women and girls out of poverty, to secure equality and economic justice for them, and to ensure that New Mexico's women and girls are assured of their right to self-determination in all matters, including reproductive healthcare.

Legal services around advancing opportunities for women and girls in New Mexico by eliminating gender bias and discrimination, and lifting women and their families out of poverty by ensuring:

- access to quality affordable healthcare;
- access to equal pay;
- access to economic security for all women and girls, including survivors of domestic violence;
- access to comprehensive, scientifically sound information about reproductive healthcare, including contraception and abortion care; and
- access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare , including contraception and abortion care.

Provides individual legal advice and brief services in most areas of law, but specifically looks for cases relating to issues experienced by women and girls in the areas of discrimination (including gender, pregnancy and lactation); reproductive healthcare, rights, and access; and housing.

**Office Location:** 128 Quincy NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108

**Intake:**  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon-Fri  
505-244-0502 (Office)  
505-244-0506 (Fax)

**Eligibility Requirements:** Women and girls

The SWLC does not have any financial eligibility requirements. While our mission is centered around serving the women and girls of New Mexico, we do not turn anyone away if we are in a position to provide a service or a referral.

**United South Broadway  
Corporation (USBC).....**

**Service area:** Statewide

**Website:** <http://www.swwomenslaw.org>

Attorneys in the USBC Fair Lending Center provide free legal representation in foreclosure lawsuits to low-income homeowners statewide. The USBC Fair Lending Center offers free educational workshops for homeowners who are self-represented in their

foreclosure cases. USBC's HUD-certified housing counselors provide free assistance to homeowners, regardless of income, who are behind on their mortgage payments or in foreclosure to apply for loan modifications or other loss mitigation options. Counseling includes assistance with financial management and budgeting. The organization is a HUD approved housing counseling agency with experienced bilingual staff and has a statewide foreclosure defense project.

**Intake:** 505-764-8867, Ext. 223

8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Wednesday

8:00 a.m.-noon, Friday

**Office Location:**

1500 Walter SE

Albuquerque, NM 87102

**Service area:** Statewide

**Eligibility Requirements:** Housing counseling is free to all New Mexico

**Website:** [www.unitedsouthbroadway.org](http://www.unitedsouthbroadway.org)

**University of New Mexico  
Economic Justice Clinic...**

Students represent workers in the areas of wage theft, breach of contract, and employment discrimination. This work includes representation before administrative agencies and litigation in State courts at all levels, as well as community legal education initiatives. Students also represent individual tenants in eviction defense proceedings and security deposit disputes, and support tenant organizations in their affirmative efforts to improve housing conditions. Students also work on law reform efforts aimed at giving tenants enhanced protections.

**Intake:** (505) 277-5265

**Eligibility Requirements:** No hard rules, services offered to individuals and groups who are not otherwise able to retain private counsel.

**Service area:**

EJC offers its services to anyone in New Mexico. As a practical matter, they have pretty much stayed close to home, but they have occasionally had clients in other parts of the state.

**Categories of Legal Problem and Name of Organization:**

**1. Civil Rights/Discrimination-Categorized by organization.**

**A. ACLU-**The ACLU prioritizes cases related to civil rights issues, including those listed below, that have the potential to impact the civil liberties of large numbers of people, due to the high volume of complaints, they only accept a small percentage of the complaints that they receive.

- *Freedom of Speech and Press* – For example: a student is suspended for writing a newspaper article critical of the principal; a police officer is disciplined for speaking out against police brutality; a group is charged for police protection when it applies for a demonstration permit;
- *Freedom of Religion* – This involves both the right of individuals to practice their own religion and the separation of church and state. Schools and other public agencies cannot in any way promote or sponsor religious ideas;
- *Right to Privacy* – For example: searches and seizures of personal property without reasonable grounds to suspect the person of a crime;
- *Equal Protection/Discrimination* – For example: a sheriff's department which focuses on arresting African-American individuals; a pharmacy refusing to fill a reproductive health prescription based on an individual pharmacist's personal religious beliefs; a store refusing service to someone based on their sexual orientation.
- *Due Process of Law* – For example, a community group is denied a permit by the police and the town provides no way to appeal the police decision.

**B. Disability Rights New Mexico-** Discrimination in housing, transportation, employment, and access to public and private programs and services. Abuse, neglect, and rights violations in a nursing home or other institution.

a. Accessibility- helps ensure that people with disabilities have full access to private businesses and to government facilities, programs and services. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Working to remove architectural barriers and improve mobility;
- Ensuring that necessary aids and services are provided for people with communication disabilities;
- Ensuring that people with disabilities have equal access in higher education; and



- Advocating to modify policies so that persons with disabilities have equal access to services.
- C. KWH Law Center-**KWH Law Center is an innovative nonprofit organization that works to strengthen and support the well-being of women, children, families with children by providing strong advocacy in areas where public policy changes are critically needed such as access to healthcare, housing or apprenticeship programs for women. The Law Center also provides some limited direct representation particularly for children facing disciplinary actions in schools or representation before federal and state tax entities. We work to match pro bono attorneys with individuals and families when access to legal services is needed, but is not available as a result of conflicts with other legal services providers
- D. Legal Resources for the Elderly Program:** Employment, Landlord/Tenant and Housing Discrimination
- E. Native American Disability Law Center-** Discrimination in housing, transportation, employment, and access to public and private programs and services. Abuse, neglect, and rights violations in a nursing home or other institution.
- a. Accessibility- helps ensure that Native Americans with disabilities have full access to private businesses and to government facilities, programs and services. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- Working to remove architectural barriers and improve mobility;
  - Ensuring that necessary aids and services are provided for people with communication disabilities;
  - Ensuring that people with disabilities have equal access in higher education; and
  - Advocating to modify policies so that persons with disabilities have equal access to services.
- F. New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty-** Dedicated to advancing economic and social justice through education, advocacy, and litigation. The Center works with communities to advance change in the Courts, the legislature and our public institutions. The Center offers representation before governmental agencies, through the legislative process, and in the courts on a broad range of issues, including the public education system, healthcare, public benefits, workers' rights, housing and fair lending.
- G. Senior Citizens' Law Office-** Protecting the individual rights of nursing home and assisted living residents; age discrimination. For age discrimination, they provide counsel and advice and refer to the private bar.

- H. Southwest Women’s Law Center-** Legal services around advancing economic and other opportunities for women and girls in New Mexico by eliminating gender bias and discrimination, and lifting women and their families out of poverty.
  
- I. City of Albuquerque Office of Civil Rights** The Office of Civil Rights investigates and advises on discrimination complaints in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodations for alleged discriminatory acts occurring within the City of Albuquerque and is dedicated to the protection and promotion of human rights, human dignity, equal access and opportunities for all members of the Albuquerque community. The office also offers non-discrimination technical assistance and training for employers and landlords/tenants. Services are free of charge. Dial 311 (505-768-2000) and ask for civil rights assistance or 505-768-4595. One Civic Plaza NW, 3rd floor, Suite 3010, Albuquerque, NM 87102  
[www.cabq.gov/civilrights](http://www.cabq.gov/civilrights)

**2. Consumer** - Categorized by subtopic.

**A. Auto sales**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (3) Senior Citizens’ Law Office

**B. Debt collection**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (3) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty- Represents a limited number of individual clients and engages in administrative and legislative efforts to end predatory debt collection and enforce state law.
- (4) Senior Citizens’ Law Office

**C. Auto repossession**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (3) Senior Citizens’ Law Office

**D. Predatory lending**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (3) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty- Represents a limited number of individual clients and engages in administrative and legislative efforts to end predatory debt collection and enforce state law.
- (4) Senior Citizens' Law Office

**E. Mail Order**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (3) Senior Citizens' Law Office

**F. Auto repair**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (3) Senior Citizens' Law Office

**G. Door-to door sales**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (3) Senior Citizens' Law Office

**H. Mobile home sales**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (3) Senior Citizens' Law Office

**I. Title and payday loans**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (3) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty- Represents a limited number of individual clients and engages in administrative and legislative efforts to end predatory debt collection and enforce state law.
- (4) Senior Citizens' Law Office

**J. Telephone sales**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (3) Senior Citizens' Law Office

**K. Home repairs**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (3) Senior Citizens' Law Office-Very limited

**L. Bankruptcy**

- (1) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid-Very limited

**M. Other- Brief services and legal counsel**

- (1) Southwest Women's Law Center-The SWLC can provide general legal advice and brief services in the area of consumer law.

**3. Domestic Violence**

**A. New Mexico Legal Aid-Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Legal Helpline**

The New Mexico Legal Aid Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Legal HelpLine is a free statewide service that provides legal information and referrals.

- Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- All calls are confidential.
- Language translation services available.
- Legal information on Orders of Protection, divorce, paternity, child support, child custody and visitation,
- housing, benefits and the criminal process.
- Referrals to statewide service providers.
- Victims, friends, family members, advocates, case managers, and attorneys are welcome to call.
- New Mexico attorneys available to help you on a case by case basis.

**Toll free telephone: 1-877-974-3400**

**(CAUTION! Please call the Helpline only from a phone or an email address that is safe and private. Do not use a phone that anyone other than you or a trusted friend may have access to.)**

**B. DNA Legal Services**

**C. Enlace Comunitario- Orders of protection, limited to Spanish-speaking immigrants.**

**D. Catholic Charities of Central New Mexico-**Provides free legal representation to qualifying immigrant victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, including child sexual abuse.

**E. Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico**

**F. New Mexico Immigrant Law Center-** If immigration-related and individual is undocumented.

**G. Southwest Women’s Law Center-** The SWLC provides general legal advice and brief services in this area.

**4. Education**

**A. Disability Rights New Mexico-** Special education advocacy services for students with disabilities.

**B. Native American Disability Rights Law Center-**Education advocacy services.

**C. Pegasus Legal Services for Children-** Provides free legal services to ensure children (especially those with disabilities) receive appropriate education, with a particular focus on the needs of children with disabilities.

**D. New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty-** Represents a limited number of individual clients in this area but does engage in impact litigation and legislative work to enforce the *Yazzie/Martinez* court ruling finding that NM’s system of education does not meet constitutional standards

**E. Southwest Women’s Law Center-**The SWLC provides general legal advice and brief services in this area and will accept referrals in the area of Title IX.

## **5. Employment**

### **A. Wage claims and breach of contract**

- (1) NMLA-Agricultural workers
- (2) Southwest Women’s Law Center
- (3) University of New Mexico Economic Justice Clinic
- (4) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty-Accept limited cases to address systemic barriers to minimum wage enforcement.
- (5) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

### **B. Retaliation**

- (1) Southwest Women’s Law Center
- (2) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

### **C. Discrimination**

- (1) Disability Rights New Mexico- Disability related.
- (2) Native American Disability Law Center-Disability related.
- (3) Southwest Women’s Law Center
- (4) NMLA-Unlawful discharge
- (5) University of New Mexico Economic Justice Clinic
- (6) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

### **D. Workplace injuries**

- (1) Southwest Women's Law Center-Legal advice and brief services.
- (2) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty-Workers compensation access to farm workers.
- (3) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

#### **E. Employment Supports**

- (1) Disability Rights New Mexico-Disability related, including assistive technology. May involve advocacy with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).
- (2) Native American Disability Law Center- Disability related, including assistive technology. May involve advocacy with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

#### **6. Estates, Wills, POAs, Advance Directives**

**A. Senior Citizen's Law Office** - Health Care and Financial Powers of Attorney, Organ and Tissue Donation, and Cremation Authorization are provided as a free service. Wills, Affidavits of Surviving Spouse, Affidavits of Successors in Interest, Transfer on Death Deeds and uncontested simple probates are provided on a reduced fee basis.

**B. University of New Mexico Economic Justice Clinic**

**C. New Mexico Legal Aid- Through Volunteer Attorney Program (VAP).**

#### **7. Family-Categorized by subtopic**

##### **A. Divorce**

- (1) New Mexico Legal Aid-Only divorces when domestic violence; for other divorces, advice or referral to clinic may be provided.
- (2) DNA Legal Services- Only divorces when domestic violence; for other divorces, advice or referral to clinic may be provided.
- (3) Enlace Comunitario- Limited to Spanish-speaking immigrants who are victims of domestic violence.
- (4) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program-Do not require domestic violence in order to provide assistance.

## **B. Adoptions**

- (1) Enlace Comunitario-- Limited to Spanish-speaking immigrants who are victims of domestic violence.
- (2) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

## **C. Child support**

- (1) Enlace Comunitario-- Limited to Spanish-speaking immigrants who are victims of domestic violence.
- (2) New Mexico Legal Aid -Only in conjunction with representation in domestic violence or domestic violence divorce.
- (3) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

## **D. Custody**

- (1) Enlace Comunitario-- Limited to Spanish-speaking immigrants who are victims of domestic violence.
- (2) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

## **E. Parentage**

- (1) Enlace Comunitario-- Limited to Spanish-speaking immigrants who are victims of domestic violence.

## **F. Other Family**

- (1) Senior Citizens' Law Office- Grandparent Raising Grandchildren's project drafts caregiver affidavits, powers of attorney to handle a child's affairs and helps family's access the new kinship stipends for family members raising minor relatives.
- (2) Southwest Women's Law Center-The SWLC provides general legal advice and brief services in the area of family law.

## **8. Guardianship**

### **A. NMLA-Through Medical-Legal Guardianship projects**



**B. Pegasus Legal Services for Children-** Pegasus provides legal services to grandparents and other kinship caregivers taking care of children whose parents are unable or unwilling to provide them with proper care. The Guardianship Legal Helpline, a project of Pegasus and Law Access New Mexico, provides information, advice, and assistance to self-represented litigants in kinship guardianship cases statewide. Pegasus also provides full service direct legal representation in contested or uncontested guardianship cases throughout all of New Mexico in many parts of the state.

**C. Senior Citizens' Law Office-** Serves as guardian ad litem for alleged incapacitated adults aged 60 and older; also challenges inappropriate protective orders.

**D. Southwest Women's Law Center-** Provides general legal advice and brief services in the area of guardianships/conservatorship.

**E. Disability Rights New Mexico-** Advocacy services only on behalf of adult with disabilities contesting guardianship or restrictions on person's rights.

**F. Native American Disability Law Center-** Advocacy services only on behalf of adult with disabilities contesting guardianship or restrictions on person's rights.

**G. Legal Resources for the Elderly Program**

**H. Advocacy Inc.-**Provides Guardian *ad Litem*, Youth Attorney and Respondent Attorney legal services for families and children who are in foster care and dependents of the State of New Mexico in Bernalillo County.

[www.nmadvocacy.org](http://www.nmadvocacy.org)

*Toll free: (866) 257-5320     Albuquerque: (505) 266-3166*

**I. Kinship Navigator Helpline -**Helps kinship guardians find resources available to them.

*Toll free: (855) 546-1212*

**J. ARC of New Mexico -**Provides guardianship services to adult persons with developmental disabilities who may not have family or friends to provide support.

[www.arcnm.org](http://www.arcnm.org)

*Toll free: (800)358-6493     Albuquerque: (505) 883-4630*

## **9. Health-** Categorized by subtopics

### **A. Medicaid**

(1) New Mexico Legal Aid

- (2) Disability Rights New Mexico
- (3) DNA Legal Services
- (4) Senior Citizens' Law Office
- (5) Southwest Women's Law Center-Legal advice and brief services.
- (6) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

**B. Medicare**

- (1) Senior Citizens' Law Office
- (2) Southwest Women's Law Center-Legal advice and brief services.
- (3) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

**C. Medical bills and debt collection**

- (1) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (2) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty-Represents a limited number of individual clients in medical debt collection cases and engages in advocacy to address systemic errors in hospital billing practices, as well, and advocacy to increase medical billing protections for patients.
- (3) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program
- (4) Senior Citizens' Law Office

**D. Private Health insurance**

- (1) Senior Citizens' Law Office- Medicare-related private health insurance
- (2) Southwest Women's Law Center-Legal advice and brief services.

**E. Reproductive health**

- (1) Southwest Women's Law Center--The SWLC engages in advocacy to ensure that New Mexico's women and girls have unfettered access to reproductive healthcare, including contraception and abortion care. The SWLC will accept referral of cases in which access to reproductive healthcare, including contraception and abortion care, has been interfered with or denied.

## **10. Housing, Landlord-Tenant, Foreclosure**

### **A. Landlord-Tenant**

- (1) New Mexico Legal Aid-Public and private housing. Heavy emphasis on public and subsidized housing, some limited private landlord-tenant.
- (2) Disability Rights New Mexico-Limited to disability related evictions
- (3) Native American Disability Rights New Mexico- Limited to disability related access to housing and evictions.
- (4) DNA Legal Services
- (5) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty- The Center represents a limited number of individual clients in this area.
- (6) Senior Citizens' Law Office- Handles a variety of landlord-tenant matters including disputes related to property conditions and maintenance, and evictions for tenants of both public and private housing. SCLO also represents low-income landlords who rely on rental income to meet their basic needs.
- (7) Southwest Women's Law Center- SWLC provides general legal advice and brief services in this area.
- (8) University of New Mexico Economic Justice Clinic-Students represent individual tenants in eviction defense proceedings and security deposit disputes, and support tenant organizations in their affirmative defense to improve housing conditions. Students also work on law reform efforts aimed at giving tenants enhanced protections.
- (9) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program- For tenants but also provides advice to landlords that have 2 or less units.

### **B. Foreclosure**

- (1) United South Broadway Corporation- Free legal representation in foreclosure lawsuits to low-income homeowners statewide. The USBC Fair Lending Center offers free educational workshops for homeowners who are self-represented in their foreclosure cases. USBC's HUD-certified housing counselors provide free assistance to homeowners, regardless of income, who are behind on their mortgage payments or in foreclosure to apply for loan modifications or other loss

mitigation options. Counseling includes assistance with financial management and budgeting.

- (2) Senior Citizens' Law Office
- (3) New Mexico Legal Aid-Very limited.
- (4) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

## **11. Immigration or Citizenship**

### **A. Immigration benefits, applications and petitions**

- (1) Catholic Charities of Central New Mexico
  - (a) Adjustment of Status
  - (b) Removal of conditions
  - (c) Deferred Action \*DACA\* renewals
  - (d) Consular Processing (outside of U.S.)
  - (e) Applications to renew permanent resident cards
  - (f) Citizenship Certificate & Naturalization
  - (g) U visas for victims of sexual assault, including child sexual assault and VAWA petitions
  
- (2) Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico
  - (a) Naturalization/Citizenship
  - (b) Family-based petitions
    - b.1 Family Petition (I-130)
    - b.2 Adjustment of Status (I-130/I-485)
    - b.3 Removal of conditions of residency (I-751)
    - b.4 Waiver of extreme hardship for unlawful presence (I- 601 and I-601A)
    - b.5 Consular Process
  - (c) Green card renewals
  - (d) DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)
  - (e) U-visas (for crime victims) \*
  - (f) T-visas (for trafficking victims) \*
  - (g) VAWA (visas for victims of domestic violence) \*
  - (h) SIJS (Special Immigrant Juvenile Status) – for children who have been abandoned, abused, or neglected by one or both parents\*
  - (I) Defense of Deportation
  - (j) Asylum and Defense of Deportation
  - (k) Bond Hearings

\* Because of the funding they receive from the Mexican Consulate, they are able to provide free services for the majority of victims of crime and domestic violence and for Special Immigrant Juveniles who are Mexican Nationals. For other types of cases, they charge a flat fee which is much more reasonable than private attorneys, who charge by the hour. They also assist their clients in determining whether they qualify for a fee waiver for the immigration fees (for the types of cases for which fee waivers exist).

(3) New Mexico Immigrant Law Center

(a) **Citizenship:** NMILC assists Legal Permanent Residents with preparing their citizenship applications primarily through their pro se (unrepresented model), but will represent individuals who are elderly, have complex cases, or otherwise when it is determined that representation is needed.

(b) **Humanitarian-Forms of Relief:** NMILC assists individuals in obtaining a visa if they are: survivors of certain crimes, including domestic violence, felonious assault, human (sex or labor) trafficking; or are immigrant youth who are abused, abandoned, or neglected by one or both parents.

(c) **Asylum:** NMILC assists individuals who are afraid to return to their home country because they face persecution or torture and who may be eligible for asylum.

(Note) Enlace Comunitario coordinates with NMILC to assist their own clients who are victims of domestic violence and who express interest in applying for immigration relief programs (VAWA, U-Visas).

**B. Immigration court representation and Immigrant Detention**

(1) New Mexico Immigrant Law Center

(a) **Removal Proceedings:** NMILC represents individuals from New Mexico who are in removal proceedings at the immigration court in El Paso.

(b) **Immigration Detention-**Provides legal information to immigrants detained at the Cibola County Correctional Center and the Torrance County Detention Facility. Detained individuals will be given information about these services by

the prison's staff but families may contact NMILC for more information.

**12. Public Benefits**-Categorized by subtopics (Note: Southwest Women's Law Center provides general legal advice and brief services in this area.)

**A. SNAP**

- (1) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (2) DNA Legal Services
- (3) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty- The Center represents a limited number of individual clients in cases involving denial of Medicaid, and focuses on representing immigrant families. The Center also represents the class of Medicaid and SNAP applicants in a consent decree enforcing proper application processing practices and time frames.
- (4) Senior Citizens' Law Office

**B. TANF**

- (1) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (2) DNA Legal Services
- (3) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty- The Center represents a limited number of individual TANF clients in cases involving TANF. The Center does engage in statewide advocacy and impact litigation to address systemic barriers to TANF and legislative efforts to expand the program.

**C. Child care assistance**

- (1) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (2) DNA Legal Services
- (3) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty- The Center represents a class of child care assistance applicants in a consent Decree requiring the state to provide adequate due process in its application processing practices.

**D. WIC**

- (1) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (2) DNA Legal Services

**E. Unemployment Compensation**

- (1) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (2) DNA Legal Services
- (3) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty-Accept limited cases to address systemic barriers to unemployment compensation benefits.
- (4) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

**F. Social Security/SSI Eligibility terminations and overpayments**

- (1) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (2) DNA Legal Services
- (3) Senior Citizens' Law Office
- (4) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

**G. Veterans Benefits**

- (1) New Mexico Legal Aid
- (2) DNA Legal Services
- (3) Senior Citizens' Law Office
- (4) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

**12. Tax**

**A. New Mexico Legal Aid-Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic**

Call 833-545-4357(toll-free) or 505-768-6134 to schedule a phone or in-person intake interview.

Clinic only accepts personal income tax cases. It can help a sole proprietorship, but not a partnership or incorporated business. It may also be able to help with

New Mexico income tax, but only if the state problem is related to a federal income tax issue. The Clinic cannot help with cases involving New Mexico gross receipts tax. The Clinic does provide brief consultations.

**B.** DNA Legal Services-Resolve IRS Tax controversies.

**13. Special Projects or Populations**

**A. Agricultural workers**

- (1) New Mexico Legal Aid

**B. Children and Youth**

- (1) Pegasus Legal Services for Children

In addition to providing assistance in the areas of education and kinship guardianship, Pegasus provides free legal services for the following issues:

- Legal representation to youth up to age 25 on range of civil legal issues.
- The Pegasus Youth Law Project provides legal representation to youth on a range of legal issues including emancipation, family law for young parents, access to health and mental health care, and helping youth transition from foster care to adulthood. Pegasus prioritizes services to youth who are homeless, parents, or transitioning from foster care. *Pegasus does not serve parents over age 25 in family law matters.*
- Legal representation for youth in foster care as guardians ad litem for children up to age 14, and as attorneys for children 14 and older, the Second Judicial District and Guard at litem in the specialized ICWA court in the Second Judicial district in the Seventh Judicial District which includes Torrance, Socorro, Sierra and Catron counties.

**C. Immigrants**

- (1) New Mexico Immigrant Law Center
- (2) Catholic Charities of Central New Mexico
- (3) Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico
- (4) Enlace Comunitario
- (5) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty-Focuses on access to public benefits for immigrants and would like referrals related to that.



#### **D. LGBTQ+ Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking**

Can access civil legal assistance wherever they are in New Mexico through New Mexico Legal Aid.

**1-877-545-7270** or email: **Safe2BU@nmlegalaid.org**

**CAUTION!** Please call or email the helpline only from a phone or an email address that is safe and private. Do not use a phone or an email account that anyone other than you or a trusted friend may have access to. **If you are in immediate danger or require emergency response, call 911 before calling NMLA**

Safe To Be You! project partners have joined together to make sure LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking can access civil legal assistance wherever they are in New Mexico. Project staff are dedicated to providing free civil legal services – legal advice, referrals and/or full attorney representation in court – to address the broad range of legal needs within the LGBTQ+ community.

NMLA can help you with a wide range of legal problems, including housing, access to healthcare, education and employment issues, family law, civil rights and many more.

They may be able to help with:

- Protection and restraining orders in state or tribal court
- Eviction, housing and foreclosure
- TANF, food stamps (SNAP), SSI and other public benefits
- Loans, credit problems, financial counseling, consumer Relief
- Health care access: Medicare and Medicaid
- Employment problems
- Family law – marriage / divorce, custody, parentage, emancipation
- Civil rights
- Access to trauma counseling
- Immigration
- Relationship recognition
- Problems with schools
- Name changes and legal issues with gender transitioning

#### **E. Native Americans**

(1) DNA Legal Services- DNA is committed to providing high quality legal services to persons living in poverty on the Navajo, Hopi and Jicarilla Apache Reservations, and in parts of Northern Arizona, Northwest New Mexico, and Southern Utah. DNA's main office, as well as DNA's Fort Defiance branch

office, are located in Window Rock, Arizona. DNA also has branch offices in Chinle, Arizona, Tuba City, Arizona, Flagstaff, Arizona, on the Hopi BIA judicial compound near Keams Canyon, Arizona, and Farmington, New Mexico. DNA legal staff practice in tribal, state, federal, and administrative courts.

(2) Native American Disability Law Center

(3) New Mexico Legal Aid

#### **F. Persons with Disabilities**

(1) Disability Rights New Mexico

(2) Native American Disability Law Center

#### **G. Seniors**

(1) Senior Citizens' Law Office- Offer the following free services to seniors age 60 and over who reside in Central New Mexico:

- (a) Healthcare: Healthcare provider billing disputes, health insurance disputes, denials and termination of coverage, and Medicaid and Medicare programs coverage issues; Veterans Affairs; TRICARE; health care powers-of-attorney.
- (b) Public benefits: Help with food stamps, LIHEAP, Medicaid, Veteran's benefits, Social Security, SSI, Civil Service, and Railroad Retirement.
- (c) Housing: Foreclosure defense and prevention; reverse equity mortgage advice; eviction defense and prevention; landlord-tenant disputes; and public and section 8 housing assistance.
- (d) Advance directives: Health Care and Financial powers of attorney, organ donation and cremation authorization.
- (e) Financial Well Being: Financial exploitation prevention and defense, consumer matters, financial powers of attorney, debt collection, identity theft and prevention, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Veterans Affairs, Civil Service, and Railroad Retirement benefits, and other public benefits programs.
- (f) Guardianships: *Guardian Ad Litem* (GAL) appointments for allegedly incapacitated seniors.
- (g) Consumer Protection: debt collection, unfair trade practices, lemon law, billing disputes, predatory lending and identity theft.

- (h) Long Term Care: protecting the individual rights of nursing home and assisted living residents.
- (i) Real ID
- (j) Grandparent Raising Grandchildren's project drafts caregiver affidavits, powers of attorney to handle a child's affairs and helps family's access the new kinship stipends for family members raising minor relatives.

(2) Legal Resources for the Elderly Program (LREP)- Statewide free legal helpline for New Mexico residents age 55 and older. LREP provides legal advice and brief services in most areas of civil law in both, English and Spanish. LREP has no income restrictions. If a problem cannot be resolved through the helpline, referrals to private attorneys or other organizations may be provided. LREP does not provide direct legal representation.

Advice is available for most civil legal issues (no criminal cases), such as:

- Debt Problems
- Bankruptcy
- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Medicaid Long-Term Care
- Medicare
- Estate Planning
- Employment
- Grandparent Caregivers
- Social Security/Social Security Disability
- Probate
- Non Probate Transfers (including Transfers on Death Deeds)
- Power of Attorneys
- Advance Health Care Directives
- Kinship Guardianship
- Guardianship
- Foreclosure
- Consumer issues
- Workers Compensation
- Unemployment Compensation
- Family issues: Divorce/Custody/Visitation/Child Support
- Name Change/Real ID

## **H. Women and Girls**

- (1) Southwest Women's Law Center- The SWLC will speak to anyone who contacts their office and provide general legal advice and/or brief services relating to most types of legal issues. Their priority target population is

women and girls. If they are unable to provide general legal advice and/or brief services, they attempt to provide a referral to another non-profit organization or private attorney better equipped to assist the client. They are particularly interested in cases involving any type of discrimination and cases related to reproductive rights, access and justice.

## **Appendix of other providers and resources**

**Note: Some of these programs, workshops and clinics may not be available because of Covid.**

### **1. Friday Homeless Legal Clinics**

The State Bar Young Lawyers Division operates homeless legal clinics in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Volunteer attorneys staff the clinics, provide legal information and advice and refer clients to low-income or pro bono legal service programs at the following locations: Homeless Legal Clinic at Albuquerque Healthcare of the Homeless 1217 First St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, 9-11 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month. St. Elizabeth Shelter Homeless Legal Clinic, 804 Alarid St., Santa Fe, NM 87505 10 a.m.-noon every Tuesday.

### **2. Appleseed**

New Mexico Appleseed is part of the national network of Appleseed Centers whose mission is to address the root causes of poverty. The Harvard Law School class of 1958 founded this network to create state centers working on systemic solutions to poverty from a local perspective. New Mexico Appleseed is an independent non-profit center and the network allows us to collaborate with other centers on ideas and best practices, as well as access pro-bono support from national firms.

222 E. Marcy St., Suite 20  
Santa Fe, NM 87501 USA  
(o) 505.814.1200  
(f) 888.819.5622

Website: <https://www.nmappleseed.org/>

### **3. Parents Reaching Out (PRO)**

Provides services statewide around the following issues:

- Support for families of infants and toddlers who are at risk for or have developmental delays, disabilities or medical conditions.
- Help families understand the healthcare system and make informed decisions about their own healthcare services
- [parentsreachingout.org](https://parentsreachingout.org)

- *Toll free: (800) 524-5176 Albuquerque: (505) 247-0192*
- *Las Cruces: (575) 202-3444*

#### **4. New Mexico Christian Legal Aid Society**

New Mexico Christian Legal Aid has expanded its services to provide Preventative Law and Community Legal Education seminars serving over 1500 persons each year. NMCLA volunteers encourage and support one another through prayer, training and mentor-ship, and fellowship events.

Persons requesting legal assistance must be present at the service location and complete an eligibility form. See also the Volunteers section for site information. Site Coordinators assist the needy in determining eligibility and setting up appointments. Volunteer Christian attorneys then meet with these persons at the time of their visit and offer confidential legal assistance. Volunteers are available at The Rock at Noon Day every Wednesday at 1:00pm to interview persons needing legal assistance. The Rock at Noon Day is located at 2400 Second Street Albuquerque, NM 87102

#### **5. Advocacy Inc.**

Advocacy Inc. is a nonprofit agency protecting and promoting the interests of at-risk children and youth in New Mexico by providing low- or no-cost legal advocacy and support services. The agency serves children from birth to 18 years and provides guardianship, adoption and guardian ad item services. Provides assistance in uncontested legal guardianship services to low-income caregivers raising children whose parents are unable or unwilling to care for them. It offers four programs designed to fill the legal needs of children in Bernalillo County: a) guardianship legal services; b) adoption legal services; c) Guardian ad Litem services; and d) information, referral, and training. 6301 Fourth NW Suite 3 866-257-5320 Albuquerque, NM 87107 [www.nmadvocacy.org](http://www.nmadvocacy.org)

#### **6. KWH Law Center**

KWH Law Center is an innovative nonprofit organization that works to strengthen and support the well-being of women, children, families with children by providing strong advocacy in areas where public policy changes are critically needed such as access to healthcare, housing or apprenticeship programs for women. The Law Center also provides some limited direct representation particularly for children facing disciplinary actions in schools or representation before federal and state tax entities. We work to match pro bono attorneys with individuals and families when access to legal services is needed, but is not available as a result of conflicts with other legal services providers

824 Gold Ave SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

P: 505-205-0868  
 E: pherndon@kwhlawcenter.org

**B. Other Resources and Services:**

**1. ATTORNEY REFERRAL PROGRAMS**

30-minute meeting with private attorney for \$50.00	<b>Albuquerque Bar Association's          Lawyer Referral Service</b> <a href="http://abqbar.org/About_LRS">abqbar.org/About_LRS</a> <i>Statewide: (505) 243-2615</i>
SBGR will collect information to determine type of legal issue. Then will attempt to put the caller in contact with a private attorney for 30-minute consultation. The program charges a \$35 referral fee for this service. If the attorney agrees to provide any additional services beyond the consultation, the caller must discuss the cost of those services directly with the referral Attorney.	<b>State Bar General Referral          Program</b> <a href="http://nmbar.org/Nmstatebar/For_Public/Lawyer_Referral.aspx">nmbar.org/Nmstatebar/For          Public/Lawyer_Referral.aspx</a> <i>Statewide: (800) 876-6227</i>  <i>Albuquerque: (505) 797-6066</i>

**2. Consumer Debt/Bankruptcy Workshop**

Get answers to questions about repossessions, foreclosures, collection issues, bankruptcy and more. The free presentation includes a presentation by a volunteer attorney, an open question and answer period and a one on one consultation with an attorney. The workshops occur on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except November) at 6 p.m. at the State Bar Center (5121 Masthead NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111). To register please call (505) 797-6094  
[View/Print the Workshop Flyer](#)

**3. Divorce Options Workshops**

Attendees will learn how to save time, money and stress at the State Bar's free Divorce Options Workshop. The workshop includes a presentation by a volunteer attorney, materials on divorce and an open question-and-answer period. This event is a free community service open to the public. Workshops are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the State Bar Center (5121 Masthead NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111). To register please call (505) 797-6022.  
[View/Print the Workshop Flyer](#)

**4. Common Legal Issues for Senior Citizens (LREP Workshops)**

The Legal Resources for the Elderly Program (LREP) presents free legal workshops. Seniors, family members and others who work with seniors are invited to attend. Topics include

powers of attorney, advance health care directives, estate planning and long-term Medicaid planning. After the workshops, an attorney will be available to execute powers of attorney and advance health care directives (R.S.V.P. required). For workshop dates and locations and more information, visit the [LREP webpage](#).

**5. Veterans Civil Legal Advice Clinic**

New Mexico veterans can get civil legal advice in areas like family law (divorce custody, child support), consumer rights, bankruptcy, landlord/tenant, foreclosure, employment and more at quarterly clinics organized by the Young Lawyers Division. Appointments are not necessary. Space is limited, so veterans will be served on a first come, first served basis. Volunteer attorneys will provide brief civil legal advice. Attendees should bring all paperwork related to their case. For more information, visit the [VA Clinic webpage](#).

**6. Homeless Legal Clinic**

New Mexico attorneys meet with homeless persons in one- to two-hour session and provide free on-the-spot legal information and advice as well as referrals to low income/pro bono legal service programs. Clinics operate in Albuquerque, Las Cruces and Santa Fe. Visit the [Homeless Legal Clinic webpage](#) for more information.

**C. PRO SE ASSISTANCE (COURT SELF-HELP CENTERS AND SERVICES)**

Provides some court forms and limited information. \*indicates the courthouse has self-help services.

First Judicial District Court *	<a href="http://firstdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">firstdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Santa Fe: (505) 455-8146 Tierra Amarilla: (575) 588-0058
Second Judicial District Court *	<a href="http://seconddistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">seconddistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Albuquerque: (505) 841-6702
Third Judicial District Court *	<a href="http://thirddistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">thirddistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Las Cruces: (575) 528-8326
Fourth Judicial District Court *	<a href="http://fourthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">fourthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Las Vegas: (505) 425-7281 Santa Rosa: (575) 472-3888
Fifth Judicial District Court	<a href="http://fifthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">fifthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Carlsbad: (575) 885-4740 Lovington: (575) 396-8571 Roswell: (575) 622-2565

Sixth Judicial District Court	<a href="http://sixthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">sixthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Deming: (575) 546-9611 Lordsburg: (575) 542-3411 Silver City: (575) 538-3250
Seventh Judicial District Court	<a href="http://seventhdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">seventhdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Estancia: (505) 894-7167 Socorro: (575) 835-0050 Truth or Consequences: (575) 384-2974
Eighth Judicial District Court	<a href="http://eighthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">eighthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Clayton: (575) 374-9577 Raton: (575) 445-5584 Taos: (575) 758-3173
Ninth Judicial District Court	<a href="http://ninthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">ninthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Clovis: (575) 742-7500 Portales: (575) 359-6920
10th Judicial District Court	<a href="http://tenthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">tenthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Fort Sumner: (575) 355-2896 Mosquero: (575) 673-2252 Tucumcari: (575) 461-2764
11th Judicial District Court *	<a href="http://eleventhdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">eleventhdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Aztec: (505) 334-6151 Farmington: (505) 326-2256 Gallup: (505) 863-6816
12th Judicial District Court *	<a href="http://twelfthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">twelfthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Alamogordo: (575) 437-7310 x 147 Carrizozo: (575) 648-2432
13th Judicial District Court	<a href="http://thirteenthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov">thirteenthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Bernalillo: (505) 867-2376 Grants: (505) 287-8831 Los Lunas: (505) 865-4639
Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court *	<a href="http://metrocourt.state.nm.us">metrocourt.state.nm.us</a> Albuquerque: (505) 841-9817
New Mexico Supreme Court Limited forms, court rules, and procedures and statutes	<a href="http://supremecourt.nmcourts.gov">supremecourt.nmcourts.gov</a> Santa Fe: (505) 827-4860
New Mexico Court of Appeals Forms, court rules, and procedures and statutes	<a href="http://coa.nmcourts.gov">coa.nmcourts.gov</a> Santa Fe: (505) 827-4925 Albuquerque: (505) 841-4618



<p>U.S. Bankruptcy Court Limited forms, court rules and procedures and statutes</p>	<p><a href="http://nmb.uscourts.gov">nmb.uscourts.gov</a> Albuquerque: (505) 348-2500 Toll-free: (866) 291-6805</p>
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