

# Free or Low Cost Legal Resources Available in Dane County

## **Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health (ABC for Health) 608 261-6939**

Services include Health Benefits Counseling, Legal Services for Health Care Financing, Covering Kids and Families MAP Projects, Professional Training and Consultation, Public Information Services, Health System Research and Advocacy. Children and families especially those with special health care needs or with problems accessing health care. Free services if income levels are met. If income levels are not met, fees are determined on a sliding scale basis.

## **AIDS Network (608) 252-6540 ext. 37 or 1-800-486-6276**

This service is for people living with HIV/AIDS living below 300% of the federal poverty level. Eligible clients are assisted by legal staff or referred to volunteer or reduced rate attorneys when available, depending on agency resources and the legal issue. Information and referral is provided with respect to a wide range of issues, including housing, employment, public benefits, estate planning, health benefits, family, bankruptcy/debt, consumer, civil rights, and confidentiality.

## **Center for Patient Partnerships 608-890-0321**

A project at the UW Law School that helps advocate for patients with life threatening or serious chronic illness make informed decisions and get the health care they need and deserve. It provides information and services that are intended to empower the patient.

## **Centro Hispano 608-255-3018**

Provides information and referral services, employment help, translation, and housing assistance with an emphasis on serving the Latino community.

## **City of Madison Foreclosure Prevention Program 608-261-5677**

## **Community Immigration Law Center 608-257-4845**

Every 2nd & 4th Friday from 2-5 PM at First Presbyterian Church. Volunteer law students and attorneys provide case evaluation/assessment, referrals, assistance with basic immigration-related forms, and “know your rights” information/presentations. Spanish interpreters available. Interpreters for other languages may not be available, so it is best to bring one.

## **Community Justice, Inc. 608-204-9642**

Non-profit law firm serving people with lower incomes in a wider range of legal issues.

## **Consumer Law Clinic 608-263-6283**

Provides legal services to low-income individuals with consumer law issues.

## **Domestic Abuse Intervention Services Legal Program 608-251-4445**

Provides legal advocacy to help victims of domestic violence with restraining orders, family law, criminal law, immigration, attorney referrals, and more.

## **Disability Rights Wisconsin 608-267-0214; TTY: 888-758-6049**

Disability Rights Wisconsin serves people of all ages, including people with developmental disabilities, people with mental illness, people with physical or sensory disabilities, and people with traumatic brain injury.

## **Domestic Violence Immigration Clinic 608-890-3753**

UW law students assist immigrant survivors of abuse in petitions for submission to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Prevention Act of 2000, also known as the U Visa,

**Elder Law Center-Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups** 608-224-0606

Provider of legal services and resources to citizens 60 years and older with special emphasis on the frail and vulnerable elderly in need of long-term care.

**Family Court Assistance Project** 608-262-2301

Information and assistance from UW-Madison law students to people without lawyers. Will assist clients with restraining orders, divorce, and other family law related paperwork.

**Family Court Counseling Services** 608-266-4607

Assists with court-ordered mediation, family studies, and runs parenting classes for those with family law cases in Dane County.

**Family Law Assistance Center**

Wednesdays 11:30am -1:30pm; Spanish speakers available 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

Volunteer attorneys provide family law information and assistance.

Room L1000, Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison

**Foreclosure Answer Clinic**

1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. First come, first serve. For more information, contact the UW Law School's Consumer Law Clinic at (608) 263-6283.

**Lawyer Referral & Information Services Hotline- State Bar of Wisconsin** 608-257-4666

If you are looking for general legal information or an answer to a simple legal question (i.e., landlord/tenant, small claims court, simple family law, basic probate questions and traffic violation questions), you can get help through this program. LRIS will make an appointment for a lawyer to call you back, free of charge, within a few days to briefly discuss your question.

**Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.** 608-256-3304/ 800-362-3904

Provides free legal assistance to low-income persons in the following areas: family law, housing (landlord-tenant, section 8, public and subsidized housing), consumer, foreclosures, and public benefits (disability and SSI, Medical Assistance and Badger Care, Food Stamps, W2, child care, unemployment insurance). For intake information: [http://www.legalaction.org/content/index.cfm?cm\\_id=13](http://www.legalaction.org/content/index.cfm?cm_id=13)

**Legal Resource Center – Dane County** M-F 8:30 -4:30 608-266-6316

Room L1007, Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison

Legal forms available here and online: [www.wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit.htm](http://www.wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit.htm)

**Modest Means Program** [www.legalexplorer.com/lawyer/lawyer-notafford.asp](http://www.legalexplorer.com/lawyer/lawyer-notafford.asp)

A program from the State Bar of Wisconsin that may be able to help individuals get legal representation at a reduced rate. Individuals must fill out an application.

**Neighborhood Law Project** 608-260-8221

Free legal services in three areas: landlord/tenant, public benefits, and unpaid wages.

Must be low-income. Call for an appointment.

**Small Claims Assistance Center**

Tuesdays, 9:00am – 11:00am: Information and assistance with small claims.

Room L1000, Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison.

Check <http://www.countyofdane.com/clrkcourt/prepare/assistance.aspx> for Spanish schedule.

**State Public Defender**

608- 266-9150

Legal services for indigent defendants in Dane County criminal account, juveniles in Dane County, and clients involved in mental commitment proceedings.

**Tenant Resource Center Helpline**

608-257-0006 or

Information about tenant rights and responsibilities.

877-238-7368 (outside Dane Co.)

**Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic**

608- 246-4357

The only way to schedule an appointment with the clinic is through the United Way (dial 2-1-1 from any local **Phone** or the above listed number) Help with the pursuit of unemployment compensation benefits.

**UW-Madison Legal Information Center**

608-263-3243

UW-Madison law students provide legal information. Not available in summer or over breaks.

**Wisconsin Guardianship Support Center**

800-488-2596

Answers questions about Wisconsin law relating to adult guardianships, living wills, and Do Not Resuscitate orders.

**Wisconsin State Law Library**

Circulation 608-266-1600, Reference 608-267-9696, 800-322-9755  
Legal reference and research assistance including help locating statutes, court forms, court procedures, primary and secondary practice materials such as local, state, or federal treatises, electronic reference sources and more.