

Legal Services Resource Guide



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This Resource Guide was prepared for use by the CCHERS' Community Advocacy Program (CAP) Family Advocates. CAP, a partnership of community health centers located in Boston's Dorchester, Roxbury, and South Boston neighborhoods, expands health and social services for domestic violence victims. We hope that the Guide will be helpful to our many colleagues working with victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Please note that the information provided is as current and accurate as possible, but is likely to vary or change at different times of the year, especially regarding the amount and flexibility of funding offered by/available through each agency.

Please help CCHERS keep this updated.
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Free Legal Services

This section includes the names of legal service agencies and other organizations that provide free legal assistance. Although each agency has its own set of policies and procedures, most free legal services are available only to those who meet the eligibility requirements. Many of the following agencies utilize the Federal Poverty Guidelines as an income determinant. A current (2008) Federal Poverty Guideline has been included in Appendix A.

Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau

24 Crescent Street, Suite #202
Waltham, MA 02453
(781) 893-4793
(781) 893-4799 fax

Intake/Contact Information

(781) 893-4793
Culah Pelligrini

Hours

Mon. – Fri. 9:00 AM – 4:45 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish (via outside translator)

Income Requirements \$

Federal Poverty Guidelines used to
determine eligibility for free services

Service Area

Newton, Watertown, and Waltham
If > 60 yrs. of age, will also serve in
Brookline, Belmont, Weston, and Wellesley

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues

*Specifics are determined on a case-by-
case basis*

Boston Medical Center Medical Legal Partnership for Children (MLPC)

Dowling 3502 South
771 Albany St.
Boston, MA 02118
(617) 414-7430

family.advocacy@bmc.org

Intake/Contact Information

(617) 414-7430

Hours

Mon. – Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Income Requirements \$

125% below Federal Poverty Guidelines;
higher incomes are referred out

Service Area

Acton, Arlington, Bedford, Belmont,
Boxborough, Burlington, Cambridge,
Carlisle, Concord, Harvard, Lexington,
Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Somerville,
Stow, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues

*Specifics are determined on a case-by-
case basis*

Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services

60 Gore Street, Suite #3
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 603- 2700
(617) 494-8222 fax

www.gbls.org

Intake/Contact Information ☎

(617) 603-2700

Hours

Mon. – Fri. 9:00 AM-5: 00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish
Haitian Creole

Income Requirements \$

125% below Federal Poverty
Guidelines; higher incomes are referred out

Service Area ☒

Acton, Arlington, Bedford, Belmont,
Boxborough, Burlington, Cambridge,
Carisle, Concord, Harvard, Lexington,
Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Somerville,
Stow, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues
*Specifics are determined on a case-by-case
basis*

Casa Myrna Vazquez Legal Advocacy Program

P.O. Box 180019
Boston, MA
(617) 521-0100

www.casamyrna.org

Intake/Contact Information ☎

(617) 521-0146

Janet Donovan

Hours

No specific hours indicated
*Must leave message on voicemail and
your call will be returned*

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Income Requirements \$

No specific guidelines indicated

Service Area ☒

Massachusetts
On a case-by-case basis

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues
*Specifics are determined on a
case-by-case basis*

***No representation for criminal cases –
will accompany clients to clerk hearings**

***Emergency representation for
restraining orders**

Other Services

Telephone referrals/legal information

Community Legal Services & Counseling Center (CLSACC)

1 West Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 661-1010
(617) 661-3289 fax

www.clsacc.org

Intake/Contact Information

(617) 661-1010
Ellen Willbur

Hours

9:00 AM-5: 00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Income Requirements \$

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Service Area

Suffolk County, parts of Middlesex and Norfolk Counties (Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Medford, Somerville, and Watertown)

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues
Statewide immigration services
*Political asylum and cases involving battered immigrant women
SSID and Housing cases

Other Services

Individual and Group Counseling (fee determined on a sliding scale fee starting at \$5 a session)

Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS)

Family Law Unit (FLU)

197 Friend Street
Boston, MA 02114

FAMILY LAW UNIT(FLU)

(617) 603-1803
(617) 371-1222 fax

GENERAL INFORMATION

(617) 371-1234
(800) 323-3205
(617) 371-1222 fax

www.gbls.org

Intake/Contact Information ☎

(617) 371-1234

CAP advocates may fax intake form to FLU
(617) 371-1222

Hours

Mon. – Fri. 9:00AM – 3:00PM
Except Weds. 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Languages Spoken

Portuguese
English
Spanish

*Translators for other languages available if cases are assigned to GBLS

Income Requirements \$

Federal Poverty Guidelines
See Appendix A for income guideline

Service Area ☒

Boston, Braintree, Brookline, Canton,
Chelsea, Cohasset, Everett, Hingham,
Holbrook, Hull, Malden, Medford, Melrose,
Milton, Newton, Norwell, Quincy,
Randolph, Revere, Scituate, Stoneham,
Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown,
Weymouth, and Winthrop

Cases Handled

- Family and Probate Court issues
- *Divorce
 - *Custody
 - *Paternity
 - *Child support
 - *Visitation
 - *Parental kidnapping
 - *Contested guardianships
 - *Abuse protection/Restraining orders (209A)
 - *DSS involvement

Miscellaneous

- CAP advocates may contact FLU attorneys' direct lines
GBLS also offers services through the following:
- *Asian Outreach Unit
 - *Elderly Unit
 - *Health and Disability Unit
 - *Medicare Advocacy Project
 - *Housing Unit
 - *Immigration Unit
 - *Welfare Law Unit

Harvard Legal Aid Bureau

1587 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02138
(617) 495-4408
(617) 496-2687 fax

www.law.harvard.edu/studorgs/hlab/

Intake/Contact Information

(617) 495-4408

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish
French (Limited)
Portuguese (Limited)

Income Requirements \$

Similar to Federal Poverty Guidelines

Service Area

Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Burlington,
Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden,
Medford, Melrose, North Newton, Reading,
Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield,
Waltham, Watertown, Weston, Wilmington,
Winchester, Winthrop, and Woburn

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues
Housing and Eviction issues
Unemployment
SSI and SSID issues

**DO NOT work with non-custodial parent, but
will review on a case-by-case basis**

Miscellaneous

Services provide by Harvard Law School
students
Operates all year round, but only accepts
new cases between September and April

Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts

405 Main Street, 4th Floor
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 752-3718

www.livejustice.org

Intake/Contact Information ☎

INTAKES MUST go through screening process at Battered Women's Resource, Daybreak, New Hope, Inc., or Wayside

GENERAL
(508) 752-3718

Battered Women's Resources, Inc. (Leominster)
(978) 537-2306
(877) 342-9355

Daybreak (Worcester)
(508) 755-9030

New Hope, Inc. (Webster)
(508) 949-0452

Wayside
(508) 478-6888 ext 177
(800) 511-5010

Hours
No specific hours indicated

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

*Translation for other languages can be arranged by appointment

Income Requirements \$

Under 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Depending on circumstance, up to 187% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

Service Area ☒

Worcester County only

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues

Specifics are determined on a case-by-case basis

*Complicated restraining orders in District Court

Miscellaneous

Full service office

“Women & Families in Crisis” handbook available

Legal Services for Cape, Plymouth and Islands, Inc.

460 West Main Street
Hyannis, MA 02601
(508) 775-7020
(800) 742-4107

18 Main Street extension
Plymouth, MA 02360
(508) 746-2777
(800) 585-4933

www.lscpi.org

Intake/Contact Information ☎

Hyannis Office:

(508) 775-7020

Plymouth Office:

(508) 746-2777

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Portuguese
Spanish

Income Requirements \$

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Service Area ☒

Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket and Eastern
Plymouth Counties (including the Plymouth
towns of Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanson,
Kingston, Lakeville, Marion, Marshfield,
Middleborough, Pembroke, Plymouth,
Plympton, Rochester, and Wareham)

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues
Housing issues

*Specifics are determined on a case-by-
case basis*

Other Services

Legal advice

Merrimack Valley Legal Services

35 John Street, Suite #302
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 458-1465
(800) 336-2262

170 Common Street, Suite# 303
Lawrence, MA 01840
(978) 687-1177
(800) 427-2521

www.mvlegal.org

Intake/Contact Information ☎

Lowell Office:

(978) 458-1465

Lawrence Office:

(978) 687-1177

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Income Requirements \$

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Service Area ☒

Lowell Office: Ashby, Ayer, Billerica,
Boxborough, Burlington, Chelmsford,
Dracut, Dunstable, Groton, Lowell,
Littleton, North Reading, Pepperell,
Reading, Shirley, Tewksbury, Townsend,
Tyngsborough, Westford, and Wilmington
Lawrence Office: Amesbury, Andover,
Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland,
Haverhill, Lawrence, Merrimac, Methuen,
Newbury, Newburyport, North Andover,
Rowley, Salisbury, and West Newbury

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues

Neighborhood Legal Services

37 Friend Street, 3rd Floor
Lynn, MA 01902
(781) 599-7730
(781) 595-2022 fax
(800) 747-5056

www.neighborhoodlaw.org

Intake/Contact Information ☎

(781) 599-7730

Hours

INTAKE

Mon. – Fri. 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

*Call to make an appointment

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Income Requirements \$

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Service Area ☒

Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester,
Hamilton, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield,
Manchester, Marblehead, Middleton,
Nahant, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Saugus,
Swampscott, Topsfield, and Wenham

Cases Handled

Specifics are determined on a case-by-case basis

New Center for Legal Advocacy

257 Union Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
(508) 979-7160
(508) 979-7162 fax

Intake/Contact Information ☎

(800) 244-9023

Hours

INTAKE

Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Tues. 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

GENERAL

Mon. – Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Portuguese
Spanish

Income Requirements \$

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Service Area ☒

Southeastern Massachusetts (Bristol and
Norfolk Counties; some parts of Plymouth
County)

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues

Specifics are determined on a case-by-case basis

Miscellaneous

May be referred out for services

New England School of Law Domestic Violence Clinic

46 Church Street
Boston, MA
(617) 422-7380

www.nesl.edu

Intake/Contact Information ☎

(617) 422-7380
Maria Chang

*Must call for intake –
NO WALK-IN SERVICE

Hours
Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken
English

Income Requirements \$
Federal Poverty Guidelines

Service Area ☒
Greater Boston area

Cases Handled
Family Court
Specifics are determined on a case-by-case basis

Miscellaneous
Cases handled by law students
No new cases in June or during the
Christmas break
If immigration status becomes an issue –
must deal with immigration issues first
elsewhere

Northeastern University School of Law

Domestic Violence Institute

716 Columbus Avenue, Suite #212
Roxbury, MA 02120
(617) 373-8617
(617) 373-8236 fax

www.dvi.neu.edu

Intake/Contact Information ☎

(617) 373-8617
Lois Kanter

Hours
Call anytime and leave a message on the
intake line

Languages Spoken:
English
Spanish
*Languages spoken change with each new
cycle of law students

Income Requirements \$
No specific income guidelines indicated

Service Area ☒
Greater Boston Area

Cases Handled
Referrals from Dorchester Court and Boston
Medical Center Offices
Probate and Family Court issues
*209A Restraining Orders
*Victim Compensation issues

Other Services
Brief advice and referrals on civil legal
issues

Miscellaneous
Cases handled by law students

South Middlesex Legal Services Lawyer for a Day Program (LFAD)

354 Waverly Street
Framingham, MA 01702
(508) 620-1830
(800) 696-1501
(508) 620-2323 fax

www.smlegal.org

Intake/Contact Information

(508) 620-1830

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Portuguese
Spanish

Income Requirements \$

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Service Area

Acton, Ashland, Bellingham, Carlisle,
Concord, Dedham, Dover, Foxboro,
Framingham, Franklin, Holliston,
Hopkinton, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln,
Marlboro, Maynard, Medfield, Medway,
Millis, Natick, Needham, Norfolk,
Norwood, Plainville, Sharon, Sherborn,
Stow, Sudbury, Walpole, Wayland,
Wellesley, Weston, Westwood, and
Wrentham

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court Issues
NO restraining orders
Generally DO NOT work with
non-custodial parents

*Specifics determined on a case-by-
case basis*

Other Services

Telephone advice by attorney

Programs

Lawyer For A Day (LFAD) Program

This program is made possible by Grant No. 2004-X1288-MA-WL awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The grant allows South Middlesex Legal Services to partner with Domestic Violence Services of Central Middlesex, Inc, REACH, and Voices Against Violence. This program enables an attorney to provide free, hour-long consultations with individual victims or survivors of domestic violence. LFAD addresses concrete difficulties that interfere with a victim/survivor's ability to maintain a separation. They include child support enforcement, access to government benefits (including unemployment), priority status for housing subsidies, utilities, etc.

*Domestic Violence Services of Central Middlesex, Inc.

Intake/Contact Info

(888) 399-6111

Service Area: Acton, Bedford,
Carlisle, Concord, Lincoln,
Maynard, Stow, and Hanscom Air
Force Base

*REACH

Intake/Contact Info

(781) 891-0724

Service Area: Belmont, Billerica,
Boxborough, Brookline, Burlington,
Carlisle, Concord, Dedham,
Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton,
Maynard, Needham, Newton,
Reading, Sudbury, Waltham,
Watertown, Wellesley, Weston,
Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn

*Voices Against Violence (VAV)

Intake/Contact Info

(508) 820-0834

Service Area: Ashland, Dover,
Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton,
Hudson, Marlborough, Natick, Sherborn,
Southborough, Sudbury, Stow, Wayland,
and Weston

South Costal County

Legal Services

231 Main Street, Suite #201
Brockton, MA 02301
(508) 586-2110
(800) 244-8393
(508) 587-3222 fax

21 South 6th Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
(508) 979-7150
(508) 992-2383 fax

Intake/Contact Information

(800) 244-9023

***All intakes are done through the
New Center for Legal Advocacy***

Hours

Mon. – Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Portuguese
Spanish

Income Requirements \$

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Service Area

Brockton and Bedford counties

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court Issues

***Specifics are determined on a
case-by-case basis***

Western Massachusetts Legal Services

Franklin and Hampshire Counties

20 Hampton Avenue, Suite #100
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-4034
(413) 585-0418 fax

55 Federal Street
Greenfield, MA 01301
(413) 774-3747
(413) 585-0418 fax

Hampden County

1 Monach Place Suite 400
Springfield, MA 01144
(413) 781-7814
(413) 746-3221 fax

57 Suffolk Street – 1st Floor
Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 533-3675
(413) 746- 3221 fax

Berkshire County

152 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 499-1950
(413) 448-2715 fax

85 Main Street
North Adams, MA 01247
(413) 664-4531

<http://www.wmls.org>

Intake/Contact Information

*** Contact individual offices for intake***

Hours

M-T & TH 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
W 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
NO INTAKES on Friday

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish
German
French

Income Requirements \$

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Service Area

Franklin and Hampshire Counties, Hampden County, and Berkshire County

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues

Specifics are determined on a case-by-case basis

Victim Rights Law Center

18 Tremont Street, Suite # 220
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 399- 6720
(617) 399- 6722 fax

<http://victimrights.org>

Intake/Contact Information

(617) 399- 6720
*Call for appointments

Hours

Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 5:00pm

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Income Requirements \$

No income restrictions

Service Area

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Cases Handled

Sexual Assault cases
Civil law cases

WilmerHale Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School

122 Boylston Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
(617) 522-3003
(617) 522-0715 fax

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

Intake/Contact Information

(617) 522-3003

*Call for appointments

Hours

Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 6:00pm

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Income Requirements \$

Free legal services and sliding scale/fees available for low-income clients; Income eligibility varies by practice area.

Service Area

Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Roslindale, West Roxbury, parts of Fenway, South End, Dorchester, and Mattapan

*Cases accepted outside of this area on an individual case-by-case basis

Cost for Services

Free & Sliding-scale fee

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues

*209A cases

AIDS Law Unit

*Estate Planning and Permanency Planning for terminally ill and frail elderly
Social Security Disability appeals
Housing evictions related to foreclosures
Predatory Lending and Consumer issues
Special Education Rights for children
witnessed to domestic violence

Miscellaneous

Services provided by Harvard Law students

Closed for 3 weeks in December and at times throughout the summer

**Women's Bar Foundation
Family Law Project for Battered
Women**

27 School Street, Suite #500
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 973-6666

www.womensbar.org

Intake/Contact Information ☎

(617) 973-6666
Legal Interns

Hours

Variable- 2 days per week

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish
Russian
Haitian
Portuguese

Income Requirements \$

Approximately half below 187.50% and one
half between that and 250% of the Federal
Poverty Guidelines

Service Area ☒

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues
*209A cases

Miscellaneous

Focus on cases deemed ineligible for other
legal services
Usually cases taken through referral from a
legal services center or other agency

Reduced Fee/Sliding Scale Fee Services

This section includes the names of private attorneys who have experience working with victims of domestic violence and provide legal services at a reduced rate. It is very important to make direct calls to the attorney's office to ensure that there has been no change in the fee scale.

Christine Butler

Maureen Monks

620 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02139

(617) 492-5110

(617) 492 5112 fax

Intake Information ☎

(617) 492-5110

*If possible, intake calls are made by an advocate

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00AM – 5:00 PM

*May do some evening appointments

Languages Spoken

English

Income Requirements \$

Annual income includes earned and other sources of income

Service Area ☒

Middlesex and Suffolk counties only

Cost for Services (Sliding Scale Fee)

\$15,000 or less	\$75/hr
\$15,000-\$25,000	\$85/hr
\$25,000-\$35,000	\$100/hr
\$35,000-\$40,000	\$125/hr
\$40,000-\$50,000	\$150/hr
more than \$50,000	\$175/hr

Cases Handled

Family and Probate Court issues

Indirect Service Providers

This section includes the names of private law firms who have been known to advocate for and provide services to victims of domestic violence. Although these agencies **DO NOT** take direct intakes, they receive their cases from some of the referring agencies in the “**Free Legal Services**” section of this guide. The support from these agencies surrounding domestic violence is invaluable.

Choate, Hall & Stewart

Two International Place
Boston, MA 02110
(617) 248-5000
(617) 248- 4000 fax

www.choate.com

Foley Hoag LLP

Seaport World Trade Center West
155 Seaport Blvd
Boston, MA 02210
(617) 832-1000
(617) 832- 7000 fax

www.fhe.com

Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo

1 Financial Center, 41st Floor
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 542-6000
(617) 542- 2241 fax

www.mintz.com

Other Resources

This section includes the names of agencies that provide additional resources to victims of domestic violence. Some of these agencies address the legal issue faced by the victims, but do not provide direct representation. Also, many of these agencies provide referrals to a variety of outside resources, including legal assistance.

Essex County Family Legal Aid Center

Essex Family Law Project

70 Washington Street, Suite #220
Salem, MA
(978) 740-6688

www.neighborhoodlaw.org

Intake Information

(978) 740-6688
(888) 835-4300
Pat Lavesh

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish
Cambodian
Danish
French
German
Norwegian
Swedish

Service Area

Essex County (Gloucester, Ipswich, Lynn,
Peabody, and Salem)

Services

Legal advocacy and representation
Referrals to other social service agencies

Miscellaneous

This is a joint project of Neighborhood
Legal Services, Help for Abused Women
and Children, The Women's Crisis Center of
Newburyport, the Women's Resource
Center, and Alternative House

Fenway Community Health Center

Violence Recovery Program

7 Haviland Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 927-6250
(800) 834-3242

www.fenwayhealth.org

Intake Information

(617) 927-6250
(800) 834-3242

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Service Area

Greater Boston

Services

Safety planning
Counseling around the decision to go to
court
Lawyer referral service
Support groups

Miscellaneous

Services directed to serve the gay, lesbian,
bisexual, and transgender community

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)

30 Winter Street, Suite #800
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 426-1350
(617) 426-3594 fax

www.glad.org

Intake Information ☎

(617) 426-1350
(800) 455-GLAD Hotline

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Service Area ☒

New England

Services

Referrals for legal services
Legal information hotline

Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project (GMDVP)

955 Massachusetts Avenue, PMB131
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 354-6056
(800) 832-1901 (hotline)
(617) 354-6072 fax

www.gmdvp.org

Intake Information ☎

(617) 354-6056
(800) 832-1901 24-hour crisis line

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English

Service Area ☒

Greater Boston

Services

Safety planning
Crisis intervention
Emergency shelter and housing advocacy
Legal advocacy
Information and referrals

Harbor Communities Overcoming Violence (HarborCOV) Immigrant Legal Advocacy and Support Collaborative (ILASC)

PO Box 505754
Chelsea, MA 02150
(617) 884-9799
(617) 884-9929 fax
www.harborcov.org

Intake Information

(617) 884-9799

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish
Khmer
Creole
Portuguese
Italian
American Sign Language

Service Area

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Services

Family and Probate Court issues
*209A cases
Support services for immigrants
*”T” and “U” Visas for victims of trafficking
and other violent acts

Cost of Services

Free

Miscellaneous

ILASC is a statewide project to provide increased access to information and resources, legal assistance and culturally relevant services through collaboration with HarborCOV, GBLS, Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, and Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition. Funded through the Department of Social Services and Department of Public Health,

ILASC provides information, training and technical assistance free of charge to individuals and organizations working with immigrants affected by domestic and sexual violence.

Help for Abuse Women and their Children (HAWC)

27 Congress Street
Salem, MA 01970
(978) 744-8552
(978) 744-6841 24-hr hotline
(978) 745-6886 fax

www.helpabusedwomen.org

Intake Information

(978) 744-8552

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish
Russian
Hungarian

Service Area

Essex County (Gloucester, Ipswich, Lynn, Peabody, and Salem)

Services

Legal advocacy
Referrals for legal services

Miscellaneous

Works closely with Neighborhood Legal Services (Lynn).
Outreach offices in Gloucester, Ipswich, Saugus, and Lynn

Jewish Family and Children's Services

Kol Isha Domestic Violence Program

1430 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02451
(781) 647-5327

174 Portland Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 227-6641

www.jfsboston.org

Intake Information

(781) 647- 5327

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Russian

Service Area

Greater Boston

Services

Court accompaniment
Counseling and safety planning
Referrals to pro bono and reduced fee lawyers
Financial assistance
Legal advocacy

Miscellaneous

Available to all women, but geared towards the Jewish community
Hotline available for Jewish women
1-800-883-2323 (Shalom Taskforce)
Works with the Jewish Domestic Violence Coalition of Greater Boston

Contact Person: (Julie Goschalk, LICSW)
125 High Street
Boston, MA 02110
(617) 969-9602
www.ajcongress-ne.org

Legal Advocacy and Resource Center (LARC)

197 Friend Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 603-1700
(800) 342-5297 Hotline

www.larcma.org

Intake Information

(617) 603-1700
(800) 342-5297

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Wed. 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

*For Tuesdays: Call intakes can be scheduled from 9:00 AM – 7:30 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Service Area

Greater Boston

Services

Statewide referrals
Legal advice

Miscellaneous

Determines eligibility for GBLS
Produces monthly intake update

Martha's Vineyard Community Services

Women's Support Services

PO Box 369
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568
(508) 693-7900
(508) 693-7192 fax

www.mvcommunityservices.com

Intake Information

(508) 696-SAFE (7233)- 24 hour hotline

Hours

No specific hours indicated

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Service Area

Greater Boston

Services

Emergency services
Legal and court advocacy
Legal referrals

Cost of Services

Free and confidential

Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

20 West Street
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 654-0400
(617) 338-0500

www.massbar.org

Intake Information

(617) 654-0400

Hours

Mon. – Fri. 9:00 AM – 4:45 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Service Area

Greater Boston

Services

Lawyer referrals given – may be reduce fee
lawyer

Miscellaneous

NO LEGAL ADVICE GIVEN

Massachusetts Justice Project

405 Main Street, Suite #300
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-9888
(888) 427-8989
(508) 831-0736 fax

57 Suffolk Street, 4th Floor
Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 533-2660
(800) 639-1209
(413) 535-1774 fax

Intake Information

Hours

Worcester Office

(508) 831-9888
(888) 427-8989
Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Holyoke Office

(413) 533-2660
(800) 639-1209
Mon. & Tues. 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Wed. 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Thurs. 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Service Area

Worcester Office

Worcester County

Holyoke Office

Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and
Hampshire counties

Services

Initial intake for Western Massachusetts
Legal Services and Legal Assistance
Corporation of Central Massachusetts
Legal advice
Referrals for further legal services

National Lawyer's Guild

14 Beacon Street, Suite #407
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 227-7335

www.nlgmass.org

Intake/Contact Information

(617) 227-7008

Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM -4:00 PM

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish
Polish

Service Area

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Cost for Services

Free referrals
Sliding-scale fee varies

Services

Referral to lawyers; reduced fee varies
Generalized practice
Specialized practice
*Immigration cases

Miscellaneous

Referral will be given to Family Law lawyers, BUT no guarantee that they have Domestic Violence experience

Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association

99 Chancy Street
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 423-0648
(617) 423-0061 fax

www.vlpnet.org

Intake Information

(617) 603-1700

*Most intakes go through LARC

Hours

No specific hours indicated

Languages Spoken

English
Spanish

Service Area

Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Braintree, Brookline, Cambridge, Canton, Chelsea, Cohasset, Everett, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Milton, Quincy, Randolph, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Weymouth, Winthrop, and Wollaston

Services

Free legal services

Miscellaneous

Family Law is a priority

Appendix

2008 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$10,400	\$13,000	\$11,960
2	14,000	17,500	16,100
3	17,600	22,000	20,240
4	21,200	26,500	24,380
5	24,800	31,000	28,520
6	28,400	35,500	32,660
7	32,000	40,000	36,800
8	35,600	44,500	40,940
For each additional person, add	3,600	4,500	4,140

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