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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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“

I will not reject, from any consideration personal to myself, the cause of the impoverished, the defenseless, or the oppressed.

I will endeavor always to advance the cause of justice...

Arkansas Attorney's Oath

”

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Greetings friends and supporters,

Since our start in 1967, Legal Aid's focus has been on representing thousands of low-income Arkansans annually. As we matured, we learned that we have to be more mindful, deliberate, and thoughtful when determining how we use our limited resources. The world simply does not give us what we need to assist everyone at the level that would benefit them most. We have extended our work beyond individual client representation to include systemic advocacy and extensive community engagement.

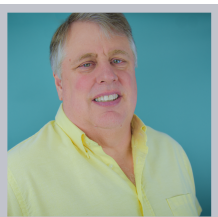
Rising consumer costs made 2022 a difficult year for many Arkansans living on the edge as they struggled to make ends meet. They came to us for help in near-record numbers, and we were up to the challenge.

While I can't speak to all the great work we did, each of our practice groups made significant contributions. It all starts with intake workers, the public face of legal aid. This core of dedicated staff processed more than 8,000 clients with empathy and kindness, making their outlook turn from despair to hope.

Our practice groups worked diligently to assure due process prior to termination of health care benefits, provide protection for more than 2,000 survivors of domestic violence, address egregious Fair Housing violations, and prevent unfair debt collection practices. We had a focus on assisting clients and families impacted by substance use disorder, which has become a national model for replication.

The efforts of our staff, board, and volunteers were centered on making a difference in the lives of our clients, and when appropriate, being agents of large-scale change.

Through it all, the clients inspired our work with their courage and determination. They are our raison d'être.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Richardson".

Lee Richardson

Executive Director

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As of December 31, 2022

ABOUT US

WHO WE ARE

Arkansas started its first legal services program in 1965. After multiple mergers, **Legal Aid of Arkansas** was created in 2002.

Legal Aid of Arkansas is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization that provides **free legal services** to low-income individuals residing in the state of Arkansas in civil (non-criminal) cases. Legal Aid has offices in **9 locations, serving 31 of the 75 counties in Northern and Eastern Arkansas.**

Legal Aid works together with The Center for Arkansas Legal Services and the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission to provide civil legal aid to all Arkansans.

OUR MISSION

The **mission** of Legal Aid of Arkansas is to champion equal justice for low-income individuals and communities and to remedy the conditions that burden and marginalize them.

CALL US

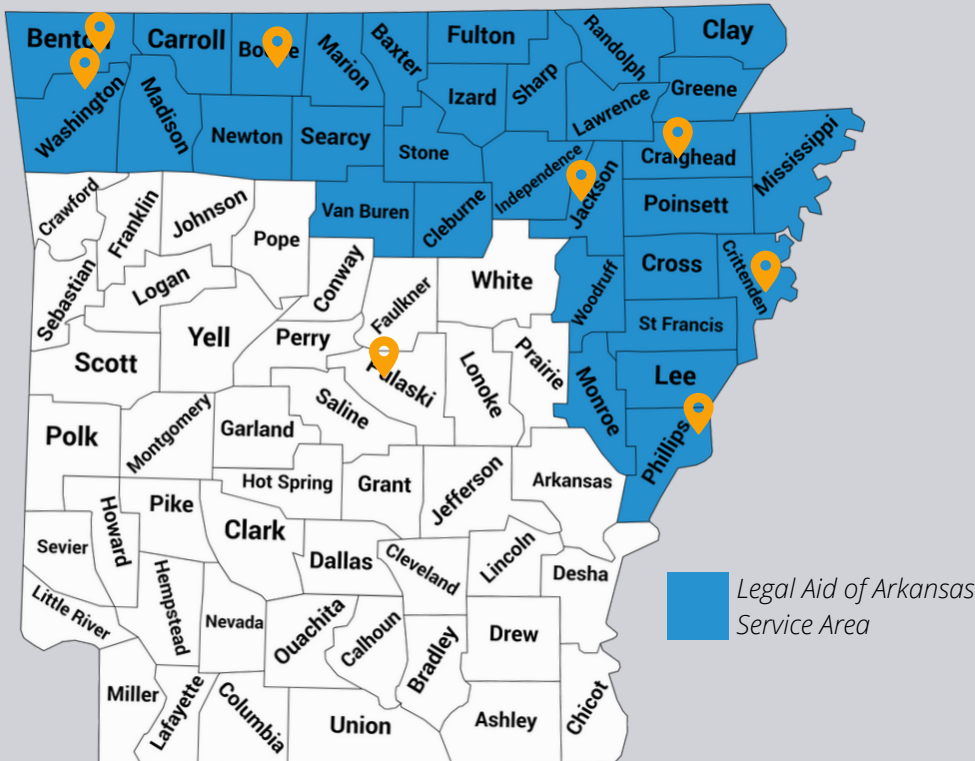
Helpline:

1-800-952-9243

Office:

1-870-972-9224

LOCATIONS



Harrison

205 West Stephenson
Harrison, AR 72601

Helena-West Helena

622 Pecan
Helena, AR 72342

Jonesboro

714 South Main Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Newport

202 Walnut Street
Newport, AR 72112

Springdale

1200 Henryetta
Springdale, AR 72762

West Memphis

310 Mid Continent Plaza, Ste 420
West Memphis, AR 72301

Arkansas Children's Hospital

1 Children's Way, Slot 695
Little Rock, AR 72202

Fair Housing Office

2725 Cantrell, Ste 104
Little Rock, AR 72202

Administration Office

1200 W. Walnut, Ste 3101-3107
Rogers, AR 72756

STAFF RECOGNITION



MyKayla Ladd, Intake Specialist

MyKayla Ladd is an Intake Specialist in our Jonesboro office. She joined Legal Aid in 2020.

LYNDA WARE SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

The Lynda Ware Social Justice Award is given to a Legal Aid support or administrative staff member who has shown a commitment to access to justice for all people, has helped Legal Aid significantly advance its mission, and whose life and professional accomplishments serve as an inspiration to others in the community. This award is given in honor of a long-time staff member who passed away in 2018.



Gaylynn Alden, Housing Paralegal

Gaylynn Alden is the Housing Paralegal in our Springdale office. She joined Legal Aid in 2013.

VERSALEE WYATT ALTRUISM AWARD

The Versalee Wyatt Altruism Award is given to a Legal Aid attorney or paralegal who has shown exemplary commitment to equal justice, has made a significant contribution to the enhancement of the fair administration of justice, and whose life and professional accomplishments serve as an inspiration to the entire legal profession. This award is in honor of a longtime client board member who passed away in 2014.

PAST LYNDA WARE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Neyra Galvez (2021)
Kori Lancaster (2020)
Elizabeth King (2019)

PAST VERSALEE WYATT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jason Auer (2021)
Andrea Walker (2020)
Kevin De Liban (2019)
Teresa Franklin (2018)

OUR IMPACT

IN 2022 LEGAL AID provided civil legal services to 7,160 Arkansans, impacting 17,884 household members including 8,205 children.

HELPED

2,138

individuals and families affected by domestic violence

EMPOWERED

1,277

families impacted by Opioid Use or Substance Use Disorder

ASSISTED

1,277

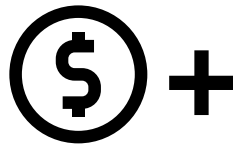
individuals age 60+ with civil legal issues

REPRESENTED

1,184

individuals in court or administrative hearings

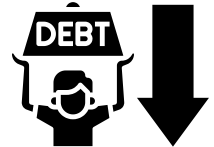
ECONOMIC BENEFITS



TOTAL RECOVERED
\$3,552,021

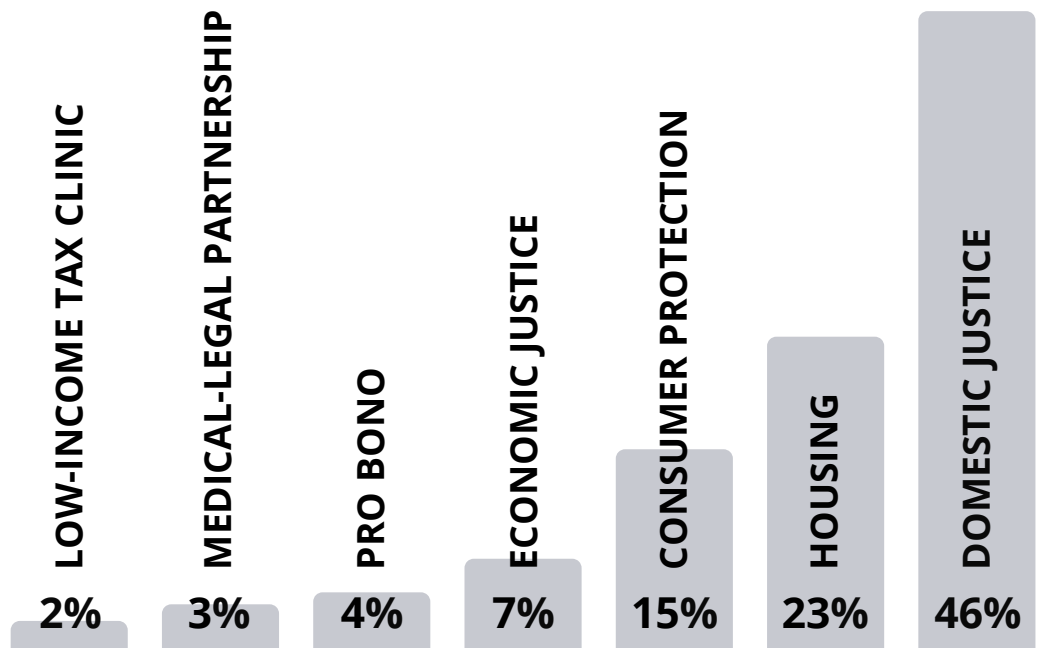


ASSETS INCREASED
\$1,680,711



DEBT DECREASED
\$1,871,309

CASES BY WORKGROUP OR PROJECT



SERVED

2,468

individuals and families in minority-led households

SUPPORTED

1,153

individuals and families of the LGBTQ+ community

AIDED

228

veterans and veteran households with legal issues

OUR PROGRAMS

ADVOCACY REPORT

Litigation is the core of what we do at Legal Aid of Arkansas. To be sure, community outreach, engagement, and advocacy are all important components of our work. They are vital to our mission as we work to fight poverty, maintain dignity, and assure justice. While we do these things well, others in the community are also engaged in this work.

We are unique in providing attorney representation to clients. Other than some nuanced and focused exceptions, we are the only game in town. While we can agree that the most humble among us should be the peer of the most affluent when accessing justice, many low-income Arkansans would be left standing outside the courthouse door if not for Legal Aid.

The number of people that have only us to turn to with civil legal problems is staggering. While focusing on people below 125%, we can generally find a way to help those with household income in up to 200% of poverty. That is 37.8% of everyone living in the area we serve or 450,823 people. For every attorney we have, we have a minimum of 15,000 potential clients, and the 2022 LSC Justice Gap Study tells us that 3 in 4 of those people experienced at least one civil legal problem in the past year. To help every person with a problem, our attorneys would have to help over 11,000 clients each. The most dedicated attorney might be able to help 3% of that number and still maintain some degree of professional responsibility. We swim upstream, but we do so with intentionality.

We are one of 22 programs funded by the Legal Services Corporation in nine Southern states. Dividing the number of clients served by the eligible poverty population, we finished well ahead of all but one of these programs in cases closed per eligible client, and our numbers were more than double those of 15 of the other programs. We generally do a lot more with less.

In 2022 litigation led us to virtually every possible level of court in the country. We had cases at the United States Supreme Court, 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, both Arkansas Federal District Courts, U.S. Tax and Bankruptcy Court, the Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, and every Circuit Court where we practice, as well as significant litigation on the administrative and state district court level.

We are a firm focused on litigation that alleviates suffering and poverty. We are a firm that provides hope. We are Legal Aid of Arkansas.

UNMET NEEDS



Arkansas' poverty rates rank **5th highest** in the nation
US Census Bureau (2023)



In 2022, **74%** of low-income households **experienced 1+ civil legal issue**
Justice Gap Study (2023)



AR has the **fewest attorneys per capita in the US** with 1 attorney for every 435 people.
American Bar Association (2023)



In 2022, low-income Americans received inadequate legal help for **92%** of their needs.
Justice Gap Study (2023)

OUR PROGRAMS

3,587

cases served

9,535+

lives impacted

DOMESTIC JUSTICE

The Domestic Justice workgroup helps with a variety of family law issues, including divorces, protective orders, and child custody cases in which there is an immediate or ongoing risk of harm. We also assist in other areas including, but not limited to, guardianships for adults and minors, problems with birth certificates, child support issues, emancipation, and name changes.

1,736

cases served

3,943+

lives impacted

HOUSING

The Housing workgroup fights housing-related discrimination under various federal, state, and local laws. We help people resolve private landlord-tenant issues, defend tenants facing civil eviction suits, and aid homeowners facing foreclosure suits. As COVID unwinds and housing prices across Arkansas soar, we are working hard to ensure all Arkansans can attain, or maintain safe, affordable housing.

552

cases served

1,270+

lives impacted

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

The Economic Justice workgroup helps with a wide range of civil legal issues, including access to public benefits (including Social Security, Medicaid, unemployment, and SNAP benefits), employment discrimination (including Title VII, ADEA, ADA, and PDA), and education law issues (including ADA, IDEA, 504, FAPE, and LRE). A primary goal of the Economic Justice workgroup is insuring access to healthcare for low-income Arkansans. As pandemic-era protections begin to unwind, the workgroup expects to help as an unprecedented number of Medicaid beneficiaries faced with issues relating to eligibility or reductions in services received. The workgroup's advocacy involves litigation at all levels of both state and federal courts in Arkansas.

1,285

cases served

3,136+

lives impacted

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Consumer Protection workgroup focuses on asset, income, and resource protection. It protects consumers from unfair trade and debt collection practices. In 2022 the Consumer Protection workgroup expanded its re-entry area of practice to include assisting clients with early discharge of their state supervised probation/parole. In addition to sealing criminal records, this helped remove barriers to employment and housing. The workgroup also continued its fight against unfair trade and abusive debt collection practices.

OUR PROJECTS

BEYOND OPIOIDS PROJECT

Beyond Opioids provides free civil legal services to eligible clients impacted by the **opioid crisis and other substance use disorders** in Arkansas.

The Beyond Opioids Project is a consortium of **prevention, treatment, and recovery service providers** led by the two legal aid programs in Arkansas: the Center for Arkansas Legal Services (CALs) and Legal Aid of Arkansas (Legal Aid).



Scan the QR code to find out more about our Beyond Opioids Project or visit us [here](#).



In 2022, the Beyond Opioids Project **closed 615 cases, serving 1,566 people** impacted by Opioid Use Disorder or Substance Use Disorder. Of the cases served in 2022, **66% were focused on domestic justice**.

LOW-INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC

The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic **ensures the fairness and integrity of the tax system for taxpayers who are low-income or speak English as a second language**.

They provide representation, resources, and education on rights. The LITC team works in tandem with the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service and provides services at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites. The program actively advocates and identifies issues that may be unjustly facing low-income Arkansans within the IRS tax system.



Scan the QR code to find out more about our LITC Project or visit us [here](#).



In 2022, clinic advocates helped clients **recover over \$565,000 for 90 clients** against the IRS. The LITC team **conducted 29 educational activities** and **participated in 59 outreach events** in English, Spanish, and Marshallese.

OUR PROJECTS

FAIR HOUSING PROJECT

The Fair Housing Project of Legal Aid of Arkansas works to **eliminate housing discrimination** and to ensure **equal housing opportunities for all** people through education, outreach, public policy initiatives, advocacy, and enforcement.



Scan the QR code to sign up to be a Fair Housing Project Tester or visit us [here](#).



In 2022, the Fair Housing Project **closed 151 cases, serving 315 people** impacted by housing discrimination, and **provided representation in state or federal courts on 24 cases**. Our housing team and our testers in the community **conducted 92 fair housing tests**.

If you believe you have been discriminated against, please call the fair housing helpline at 1-870-338-9834.

MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS (MLP)



Legal Aid of Arkansas is engaged in Medical-Legal Partnerships (MLP) throughout the state with a variety of healthcare providers.

MLP's team lawyers and paralegals work with healthcare teams in medical settings to **detect, address and prevent health-harming social conditions for people**. The goal is for attorneys and medical staff to work together to achieve lasting positive health outcomes.

In 2022, the MLP team **closed 241 cases referred** by Arkansas Children's Hospital and Mid-Delta Health Systems.

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACES)



Legal Aid of Arkansas works to mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) by (ACES) for households with children.

By prioritizing cases where there is a child under the age of 5, **advocates help prevent stress in a child's life from causing serious physical, mental, and emotional issues**. The goal is to work with community providers to achieve positive outcomes.

In 2022, Legal Aid advocates **served 1,686 households** with children under the age of 5 years old.

SUCCESS STORIES

CLIENT CASE

Ms. Peacock* already had an Order of Protection, but her divorce was not going well. She and her husband could not agree on how to fairly divide the marital property, so the two issues were bifurcated (i.e., the divorce was granted but they needed to move forward with separating the property in separate court actions). Ms. Peacock knew she needed an attorney's help with this matter.

Ms. Peacock had been a mom – working low-pay jobs so she could make caring for her family and supporting her husband's employment her first priority. Now that their relationship was over, Mr. Peacock did not think he needed to share the significant work-related assets of their marriage. He had a plan that would allow him to keep all of his retirement while also walking away debt-free. He offered to give his ex-wife \$10,000 but insisted she takes on all of the marital debt – and that would settle the case.

Unaware of her legal rights, Ms. Peacock was elated with this offer. However, her Legal Aid attorney urged her to wait until after Discovery to make any decisions. Ms. Peacock agreed, and Discovery revealed her ex-husband's 401K plan was worth \$128,000. Her attorney advised her that, under the Qualified Domestic Relations rules, she was legally entitled to half of the retirement. Instead of receiving \$10,000 along with an additional debt burden, Ms. Peacock was awarded \$64,000 and her ex-husband was ordered to pay all of the marital debts. Instead of facing poverty and homelessness, Ms. Peacock was able to purchase a modest home and move forward from a better place.

**The name has been changed to protect privacy*



Legal Aid of Arkansas

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MAINTAINING DIGNITY.
ASSURING JUSTICE.**

POST-SERVICE REVIEWS

"If it hadn't been for Kate. I would have been homeless. She went up against a very wealthy landlord and she showed no fear. I have so much respect and admiration for her. She went out of her way to call and check on me because I had surgery on my shoulder. I will always be grateful for what she did for me. Thank You All."

- A grateful client

"I can't say enough good things about Joshua Eide. He is the kindest and most compassionate attorney I have ever met, and he provided excellent representation."

- A happy client

Mrs. Grady was very pleasant and professional and I will recommend her to everyone in need of Legal assistance.

- A satisfied client

Could not have asked for better representation! Mr. Ramsfield was very professional and extremely caring and very passionate about helping others during trying times! I'd recommend him to anyone!

- An appreciative client

PRO BONO IMPACT

HIGHLIGHT 2022: IN-PERSON CLINIC WORK

2022 saw the easing of COVID restrictions, allowing us to get back to in-person events, including Clinics, Helpdesks, and Community Education Events.

In 2022, we held our annual Single Parent Scholarship Fund Estate Planning Clinic in Benton County, Equality Crew Estate Planning Clinic in NWA, several Name Change Clinics in NWA, Constitution Day Record Sealing Clinic in Mississippi County, and two Estate Planning Clinics with EAAAA and the VA in Jonesboro, in person.

The clinic setting allows us to make a big impact in a short period. We can assist with an individual's legal need, start to finish, in one day. At clinics held from July 2022 to November 2022, volunteers assisted 174 clients, prepared 371 documents, and provided advice and extended services to several more.

2022 also allowed us to get back to holding in-person helpdesks, including a week-long Helpdesk in Washington County to celebrate Pro Bono Week, which was staffed fully with volunteer attorneys and students.

We also held several information sessions in the community to educate members on their rights and the law, including Record Sealing and Estate Planning.

Getting out, in person, into the community is when we make the biggest and best impacts.

- Ashley Norman, Pro Bono Director

2022 PRO BONO IMPACT



250+
Volunteer
Attorneys
and Law
Students



303
Extended
Service
Cases
Closed



2200+
Hours
est. \$245,000
in donated
time



200+
Clients
Assisted at
Legal Aid
Clinics

PRO BONO IMPACT



On Constitution Day, law students from the University of Arkansas, Mississippi County Prosecutors, Court Clerks, and Judges volunteered to seal criminal records for 50 clients, prepared 150 legal documents, and provided advice for 30 individuals.



During Pro Bono week, University of Arkansas law students learn about Pro Bono opportunities at Legal Aid of Arkansas.



Legal Aid of Arkansas partnered with the University of Arkansas School of Law, Cocoon Collective, The Transition Closet, QLaw, OutLaw, and Arkansas Appleseed Legal Justice Center to host a Name and Gender marker change clinic, successfully assisting 20 clients with 80 documents.



Legal Aid of Arkansas hosted an Estate Planning Clinic with East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging in Jonesboro, preparing over 30 estate planning documents and advising several individuals. Pro Bono attorneys accepted two clients for extended services.



The University of Arkansas students volunteered at the Washington County Help Desk during Pro Bono Week.



Legal Aid staff helped prepare 167 documents for 58 clients during the Estate Planning and Gender and Marker Change Clinic at the Heroncrest event center in Elm Springs, AR.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Now that Covid 19 is (mostly) behind us, Legal Aid is excited to more deeply engage with our community. Throughout the pandemic, we continued to stay in touch via Zoom and Facebook and we are happy to say that, by the end of December 2022, we were able to reopen clinics and start to meet with people in person. We love providing free legal services and educational outreach to our community, as well as getting the chance to collaborate with other organizations to ensure justice is available to everyone.

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CLE
Presentations

42

Community
Events

545

Educational
Presentations

17

Community
Clinics

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Legal Aid attorneys and Pro Bono volunteers assisted Arkansans in Northwest Arkansas with name changes.



Josh Eide, Legal Aid staff attorney (right), visited the Fayetteville probation and parole office during National Re-entry week to answer questions about civil legal issues.



Legal Aid of Arkansas staff attended the Batesville Parade on Saturday, June 6, 2022.



Mason Gates, Equal Justice Works Fellow, helped Arkansans at the Estate Planning Clinic in collaboration with East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging in Jonesboro, AR.

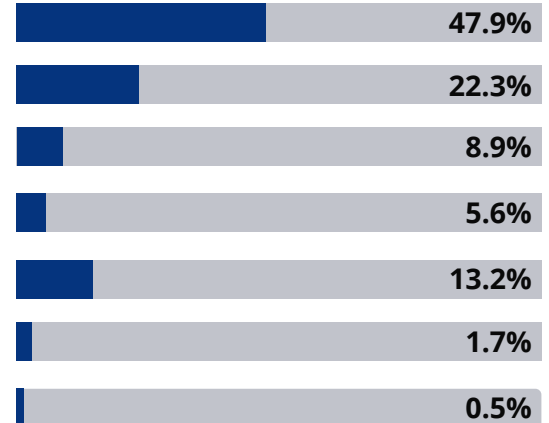
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The financial data was derived from Legal Aid of Arkansas's financial statements. The financial statements of Legal Aid are audited annually and are available upon request.

REVENUE

Legal Services Corporation	\$2,163,010.72
Other Federal Funds	\$1,005,267.74
State Funds	\$400,737.33
Access to Justice Foundation	\$252,445.35
Other Grants and Contracts	\$596,113.49
Donations	\$76,141.23
Other Revenue	\$20,898.17

Total Revenue **\$4,514,614.03**

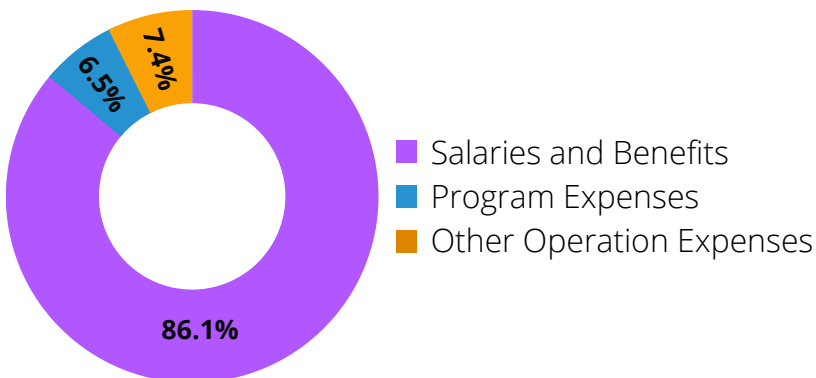


Percent of Total Funding

EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	4,013,335.01
Program Expenses	\$304,161.81
Other Operation Expenses	\$342,945.12

Total Expenses **\$4,660,441.94**



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I am elated to be with a lawyer whose purpose is to empower all who seeks justice! Not all are accepted for extended service but all have a chance to be empowered. ADVICE that allows one to make better to best decision. I love this place and the heart of all who works here! We see the numbers for those we extend but the numbers of victories unknown surpasses all that can ask or think!

- Kathy Grady, Paralegal

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PRO BONO VOLUNTEERS

Legal Aid's pro bono program enhances our ability to provide equal access to justice for our clients. We refer hundreds of cases a year to attorneys working in private practice and corporations, and we depend on law students to help clients in our clinic setting. Legal Aid appreciates the commitment to serving Arkansans that pro bono attorneys and law students bring to our organization.

VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS

Storm Bruce Adams	Suzanne Clark	James Gramling Jr.	Martin Kasten
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Katelyn Admire	R. Alan Cline	Ty Griffin	Kristen Komander
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Margaret Benson	Mark Drake	Mauricio Herrera	Randel Miller
Tyler Benson	Susan Duell	Heather Hersh	Donn Mixon
Payton Bentley	R.G. Earnest	Peyton Hildebrand	Barrett Moore
Alexandra Benton	Bria Eaton	Hadley Hindmarsh	Mike Moore
David Biondolillo	Frank Falkner	Brian Hogue	Paul Morris
John Blair	Betsy Finocchi	Curtis E. Hogue	Victoria K. Morris
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Shannon Briese	Jenna Fogleman	Kasper Huber	W. Ray Nickle
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PRO BONO VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS

Robert Riley	Kathryn Smith	Tom Thompson	Wesley Weichman
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Mallory A Sanders	Eric Stansell	Samantha Vital	Wade Williams
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Edward Schieffler	Blane Swain	William A. Waddell	Marquisa Wince
Mary Schneider	Kathleen Talbott	Curtis Walker Jr.	Jared Woodard
Renee Schuldt	Don Taylor	Bradley Wallace	Jennifer Woodruff-
Allison Scott	Robert E. Tellez	Kyle Ward	Douglas
Jan Scussel	Stephen Terry	Bill Watkins III	Rick Woods
Clay Sloan	Trent Thomas	Peyton Watts	Rebecca Worsham
Bo Smith	Larry Thompson	Wesley Watts	Steven S. Zega
Charlcee Smith			

LAW STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Shelby Anthony	Jissel Espanza-Saccede	Callie Marsh	Tess Shelton
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Grayson Coon	Clayman Kidd	Caitlin Robb	Keeli Wallace
Toni Cross	Anna Lim	Lexi Robertson	Jessica Warsheski
Austin Davis	Branden Little	Miles Russon	Arthur White
Corissa Davis	Denver Lockart	Andrew Sanders	Kentavius Whitt
Jaci Duvall	Gabreilla Lopez-Gardner	Madd Shaddox	

Volunteer names include attorneys who completed extended services representation or clinic work in 2022. We extend our deepest gratitude to the volunteers who provided services in 2022 but are not represented on this list.

OUR DONORS

Legal Aid of Arkansas relies on the support of individuals, foundations, corporations, and the local community to continue the fight for equal justice. We are grateful for every contribution.

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POST-SERVICE REVIEWS

"Ms. Frazier was very professional and helped us understand things. She listened. She was very helpful."

- A satisfied client

"I would love to have Katherine Manuel as my permanent attorney! She was absolutely great!"

- A grateful client

"I was very pleased with Jaden. She was very polite, kept me informed - she was a blessing. Represented me well."

- A happy client

A YEAR IN REVIEW



Legal Aid of Arkansas attorneys Victoria Frazier and Nikki Clark attended the NITA Advocacy Skills and Training Conference in Dallas, Texas.



Legal Aid staff, Jaden Atkins, Joan Camerlingo, and Neyra Galvez, participated in the Hispanic Women's Organization Cinco de Mayo event in Washington county.



Legal Aid Deputy Director Andrea Walker and Legal Aid Paralegal Beth Shoupe joined Carol Duncan, Jonesboro City Attorney, and Heather Owens, Jonesboro Assistant City Attorney, at a special event in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Crime Victims' Rights week hosted by Family Crisis Center, Inc. and Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault in Jonesboro, AR.



Legal Aid of Arkansas's Fair Housing and Medical-Legal Partnership teams conducted a disaster training drill in Little Rock, AR.



Legal Aid of Arkansas Executive Director Lee Richardson and Housing Attorney Cory Crawford represented us at the Ozark Beer Reproductive Health Clinic in Rogers, AR.



Staff attorney Joshua Jackson is spreading awareness about the Beyond Opioids Project at the Stone County Hometown Health Fair in Mountain View, AR.

A YEAR IN REVIEW



Mykayla Ladd, Legal Aid intake specialist, participated in the Jonesboro Pride Parade in June, 2022.



Legal Aid of Arkansas staff came together for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training from the University of Arkansas IDEALS institute.



Trevor Hawkins, Economic Justice staff attorney, visited the Delta for its annual Juneteenth celebration to provide information on how Legal Aid of Arkansas can help with civil legal issues.



Legal Aid of Arkansas Pro Bono Director Ashley Norman, Pro Bono Coordinator Heiling Ortega, and Legal Aid staff attorney Josh Eide attended the Veteran's Expo on November 4, 2022, in Washington County.



Mr. Jonathan Takiah and his wife were awarded a tax fraud settlement with the help of Legal Aid's Low-Income Tax Clinic in Springdale, AR.



Kory Witt, Fair Housing Testing Coordinator, and law-student Grace Faulkenberry attended the 15th annual CDBG in the Park event at the Walker Park pavilion in Fayetteville, AR.

A YEAR IN REVIEW



Victoria Frazier, Lela Davison, Kathy Grady, Nikki Clark, and Katharine Manuel came together at the Legal Aid Statewide Conference at DeGray Lake State Park Resort.



Legal Aid staff participated in the Big Gay Market at the Momentary in Bentonville, AR.



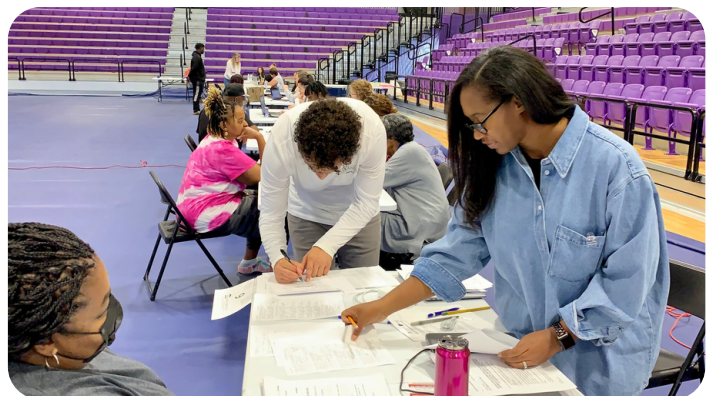
Legal Aid staff tabled at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, AR for Constitution Day.



Legal Aid attorneys attended the 2022 Annual Arkansas Bar Association conference.



Legal Aid participated in the Rogers Farmers Market for education and outreach in the Northwest Arkansas area.



Legal Aid staff and pro bono volunteers helped clients with sealing criminal records during constitution week.