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2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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Lee Richardson
Executive Director

Dear friends,

Access to free civil legal aid plays a vital role in ensuring equal access to justice. At Legal Aid of Arkansas, we help legions of low-income individuals and families facing critical civil legal problems. The number exceeded 8,000 in 2024 and the need continues to grow each year.

As we enter 2025, big changes to the civil legal aid delivery system are in store. After 60 years of outstanding service, the Center for Arkansas Legal Services will sunset at the end of the year and Legal Aid of Arkansas will become a statewide program, offering services in all 75 counties.

While serving the entire state is daunting, we are well equipped to meet the challenge. Legal Aid will become the fourth largest law firm in Arkansas. We are skilled at leveraging the resources we are provided to have the most impact on those we serve. We endeavor to provide the highest volume of services possible while remaining focused on working upstream to alleviate potential downstream consequences such as homelessness and increased reliance on public assistance.

The legal system can be complex and intimidating. We make sure that the humblest among us is the peer of the most affluent when seeking access to justice. We build confidence in the rule of law, the great equalizer that assures an orderly society, and the cornerstone of this great Republic in which we live.

We will continue to address issues that impact people's lives by preventing wrongful evictions and ensuring safe living conditions, assisting with child custody, domestic violence and other family-related matters, helping families access essential healthcare benefits, and protecting against consumer fraud. These are just a few of the issues we assist with that help families maintain stability and security in their lives.

Free civil legal aid is a crucial component of a thriving society. It safeguards fundamental rights and strengthens communities. We look forward to your support and input as we launch into a new era for Legal Aid in Arkansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Richardson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

WHO WE ARE

Legal Aid of Arkansas started out as Jackson County Legal Services in 1967. Through expansion and merger, the current configuration was created in 2002.

Legal Aid 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 7 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 to remedy the conditions that burden them.

CALL US

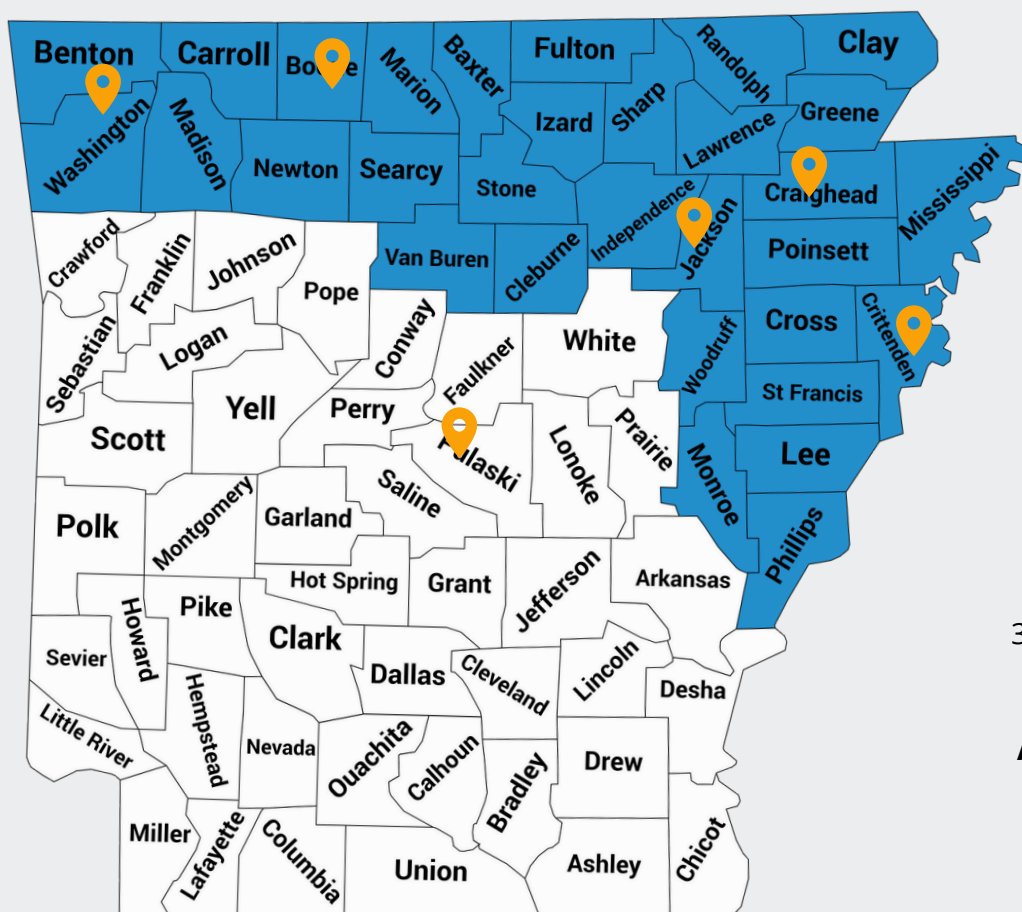
Helpline:

1-800-952-9243

Office:

1-870-972-9224

LOCATIONS



Harrison

205 West Stephenson
Harrison, AR 72601

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






Legal Aid of Arkansas Service Area

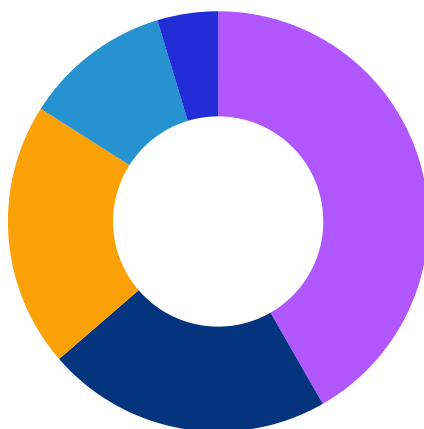
PROGRAM IMPACT
8,161   
 cases closed

21,367 
 Household members
including children **9,218**

Financial Benefit 
\$5,020,067.57
 recovered or avoided

PRACTICE AREAS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

-  **Domestic Justice**
3,404 (42%)
-  **Consumer Protection**
1,791 (22%)
-  **Housing Justice**
1,661 (20%)
-  **Economic Justice**
924 (11%)
-  **Pro Bono**
381 (5%)



Veterans Legal Services

149 cases closed

Medical-Legal Partnership

488 cases closed

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

199 cases closed

Fair Housing Project

153 cases closed

Project case numbers are subsets of overall cases and provided to illustrate the impact of these projects.

2,188 
 Survivors of Domestic Violence

1,893 
 Households with a child under 5 years

1,008 
 Clients affected by OUD or SUD

5,119 
 Households at or below 100% poverty

1,775 
 Senior Citizens

649 
 US Veterans

8,709 INTAKES IN 2024

We completed 4,860 helpline intakes, 1,171 online intakes, 547 in-person intakes, and 2,131 intakes from referrals and outreach events.

4,860
 Helpline Calls

350+ OUTREACH EVENTS

including **5** CLE Presentations



38 Legal Education Presentations


280 Client facing outreach events

DOMESTIC JUSTICE

Legal Aid’s Domestic Justice Workgroup is committed to promoting the stability and well-being of individuals and families. We focus on individuals impacted by domestic violence and adverse childhood experiences through legal representation, advocacy, and outreach.

Domestic Justice
3,404   
cases closed

9,513 
 Household members
including children **4,794**

Financial Benefit
\$269,224 
recovered or avoided

A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME

Audra* was born with meth in her system and spent her first two weeks of life enduring painful withdrawals. **Neither parent could care for her**, but her great-grandmother, stepped in to provide a safe, stable home.

For over a decade, Audra thrived with her great-grandmother. Though her mother remained in her life, parent time became increasingly unsafe, and Audra’s mother began to insist Audra should live with her. When her mother tried to force her to misuse drugs, the police intervened.

Audra’s great-grandmother turned to Legal Aid. Attorney Lela Davison filed for **Emergency and Permanent Guardianship**. Thanks to her great-grandmother and Legal Aid, Audra is safe, secure, and looking forward to a bright future.

**Details have been changed to protect the privacy of our clients.*



Legal Aid helped **502 families** with guardianship issues in 2024. **Guardianships** safeguard against abuse and neglect, ensuring security and well-being.



920
Orders of Protection

566
Custody & Visitation



1,079
Divorce Issues


CONSUMER PROTECTION

Legal Aid’s Consumer Protection Workgroup empowers low-income Arkansans by helping them navigate legal challenges related to protecting their assets, income, and essential resources. The workgroup focuses on protecting consumers from debt collection practices, preventing the loss of resources through bankruptcy, and reducing barriers by sealing criminal records.

Consumer Protection

1,791   
cases closed

4,873 
Household members
including children **1,928**

Financial Benefit
\$3,542,820 
recovered or avoided

Legal Aid helped **141 individuals** with bankruptcies in 2024.

Bankruptcies allow clients to discharge or restructure their debt, ensuring long-term financial security.



LEGAL AID HELPS SCAM VICTIMS

After struggling subsist on their retirement, an elderly couple* decided to try creating an on-line business they found on the internet. Their website developer told them that for a small fee, they’d be making internet sales in no time. They provided their credit card information to pay the inexpensive fee. It turned out the **website developer was a scammer**, who charged for services the couple did not realize they had agreed to.

The couple realized they had been charged thousands of dollars, and they struggled to absorb the new charges. Distressed, they reached out to Legal Aid. Attorney Forrest Stolzer helped the couple file for bankruptcy and **discharge their debt**. The couple was able to move forward with a means to pay their bills.

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679
Criminal Record Sealing

276
Collection Issues




141
Contracts & Warranties

HOUSING JUSTICE

Legal Aid’s Housing Justice workgroup is dedicated to ensuring access to safe and affordable housing for low-income Arkansans through legal representation, advocacy, and education. We help people resolve landlord issue, defend against evictions, and aid homeowners facing foreclosure to ensure all Arkansans can attain and maintain stable housing.

Housing Justice
1,661   
cases closed

3,783 
 Household members
including children **1,315**

Financial Benefit
\$146,007 
recovered or avoided

VETERAN MAINTAINS HOUSING

Ms. Scarlet* had lived in her home for nearly a decade when she **received an eviction notice**. Concerned because her **Housing Choice voucher** had been used for the month, she turned to Legal Aid for help. Our attorney, Kate Rieber, explained that her landlord was legally required to give at least 30 days’ notice. Kate intervened, and Ms. Scarlett had time to secure new housing.

As she settled into her new home, Ms. Scarlet received a move-out bill for nearly \$14,000. The former landlord had filed the bill as debt with the public housing authority (PHA), and they revoked her voucher. Kate negotiated with the landlord and the PHA to cover legitimate costs, and **her voucher was reinstated**.

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Legal Aid helped **34 clients** with **public housing** issues in 2024. Legal advocacy for PHA residents is crucial for low-income household in Arkansas.



679
Landlord Disputes

409
Wills & Estates




90
Powers of Attorney

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Legal Aid’s Economic Justice workgroup focuses on advocating for economic security for all Arkansans through comprehensive legal representation and community outreach. We are dedicated to improving access to public benefits and healthcare, and advocating for employment rights. The workgroup’s advocacy involves litigation at all levels of state and federal courts in Arkansas.

Economic Justice
924   
cases closed

2,207 
 Household members
including children **836**

Financial Benefit
\$687,784 
recovered or avoided

Legal Aid helped **66 individuals** with SNAP-related issues in 2024. Access to **SNAP benefits** is crucial for low-income to overcome food insecurity.



SNAP BENEFIT MISUNDERSTANDING

Sandi* was laid off from her job, and she needed help covering food expenses. She applied for **SNAP benefits** and was approved. While signing her paperwork, the caseworker informed her that she would not need to report any changes until her recertification in four months. Sandi quickly found a new job and assumed she could discard the **recertification papers** when they arrived. She was shocked when DHS accused her of failing to report and warned of fraud charges.

Sandi contacted Legal Aid. Attorney Victoria Frazier quickly **appealed the overpayment** and negotiated a deal to avoid criminal penalties. In the end, Sandi accepted a one-year SNAP sanction.

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219
Medicaid Issues

276
Social Security Benefits




90
Veterans Benefits

LEGAL SERVICES FOR VETERANS

Our Veterans Project helps Veterans address legal challenges that create barriers to stable housing. Partially funded through the Veteran’s Administration, Legal Aid provides critical legal services, attends Veterans Treatment Court, and shares a Medical-Legal Partnership with the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville. Our Veterans Project is supported by our entire staff. This flexibility allows us to best meet the unique needs of our clients efficiently and effectively.

Veterans Project*
149   
cases closed

203 
 Household members
including children **80**

Financial Benefit
\$101,011 
recovered or avoided

A VETERAN MAINTAINS HIS INDEPENDENCE

An elderly** Veteran was approved for a VA Pension with **Aid and Attendance**. Shortly thereafter, he was contacted by a company that offered to manage his home care payments, arranging 40 hours of in-home care and taking his pension each month. He appreciated the care—until the company **cut his hours in half** but continued taking his entire pension.

He turned to Legal Aid for help, and Paralegal/Veterans Liaison, Gaylynn Alden, worked to unravel the issue. The Veteran closed his bank account to stop unauthorized withdrawals, but this also disrupted his SSA benefit deposits. We helped him redirect his funds to a new account, **restoring his control over his own money**.

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Legal Aid helped **12 Veterans** with Veterans benefit issues in 2024. We help Veterans obtain or increase their **Veterans Benefits** they earned.



20
Divorce Issues

15
Record Sealing



23
Landlord Disputes

*The case numbers for this project are a subset of all workgroup case numbers. The information is provided to illustrate the pressing issues affecting veterans and the impact of these services.

MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

Legal Aid’s Medical-Legal Partnerships (MLPs) create long-term solutions that improve health indicators, reduce Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and other issues related to housing, mainstream benefits, and educational issues. Our MLPs are supported by our entire staff. This flexibility allows us to best meet the unique needs of our clients efficiently and effectively

MLP S*
488   
 cases closed

1,735 
 Household members
including
children **962**

Financial Benefit
\$62,796 
 recovered or avoided

2024 MLP LOCATIONS

- Arkansas Children’s Hospital, LR
- Mid-Delta Health Systems
- VA Medical Center, Fayetteville
- Arisa Health, Blytheville
- Arisa Health, West Memphis
- Boston Mountain Rural Health Center



47
Adult Guardianships

51
Social Security Benefits



28
Landlord Disputes

BEYOND OPIOIDS



Legal Aid’s Beyond Opioids Project focuses on providing legal services to clients in rural areas and confronting the challenges of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

In 2024, Boston Mountain Rural Health Center, our partner for our Beyond Opioid’s Program, **referred 53 OUD/SUD** cases.

Legal Aid continues to give priority to all OUD/SUD cases, **closing 1,008 cases** in 2024.*

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LOW-INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC

Legal Aid's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) serves as a vital resource for low-income individuals. Funded in part by the IRS, our statewide project operates as an independent advocate for taxpayers and offers essential tax assistance to Arkansans facing disputes with the IRS and state tax authorities. In coordination with the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service, we help clients resolve tax issues including audits, collections, appeals, and innocent spouse relief. Additionally, we assist in increasing awareness and utilization of free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) preparation services. Our mission is to use a combination of legal representation, community education, and policy advocacy to ensure low-income taxpayers are able to successfully navigate interactions with tax authorities.

LITC*
199 
cases closed

656 
 Household members
including
children
97

Financial Benefit
\$1,181,295 
recovered or avoided

**The case numbers for this project are a subset of the Consumer Protection workgroup case numbers. The information is provided to illustrate the pressing tax issues affecting Arkansans and the impact of these services.*

HIGHLIGHTS

● Consultations

Our Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic provided **288 tax consultations** in addition to representation.

● Language Access

Our in-house Spanish and Marshallese interpreters helped more than **200 clients with limited English proficiency**.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

In 2024, LITC presented **14 webinars** in English (12), Spanish (1), and Marshallese (1). All webinars were close captioned. Webinar topics included, among others, general tax education, tax implications of disasters, and predatory lending practices for refund anticipation loans. We also helped assist at **3 IRS Problem Solving Days**, and gave a **live Tax 101 presentation** to Rogers High School students.



**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
 OUR LOW-INCOME
 TAXPAYER CLINIC**

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FAIR HOUSING PROJECT

Legal Aid’s Fair Housing Project works to ensure housing opportunities for all Arkansans. Funded in part by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), our statewide project focuses on community education, public policy initiatives, and fair housing enforcement through legal representation and testing.

Fair Housing*
153   
cases closed

337 
 Household members
including children
120

Financial Benefit
\$53,869 
recovered or avoided

*The case numbers for this project are a subset of the Housing Justice workgroup case numbers. The information is provided to illustrate the pressing fair housing issues affecting Arkansans and the impact of these services.

HIGHLIGHTS

Reasonable Accommodation

We advocated for **41 clients in obtaining reasonable accommodations** and/or modifications to their housing.

Fair Housing Testing

We conducted **106 fair housing tests** in the rental, sales, assisted living, homes, homeless shelters, and more.

Litigation

Represented more than **20 clients** in **administrative proceedings**, and litigated in state and federal courts.

Fair Housing Investigations

We **referred 10 cases** with violations to the fair housing rights act **to HUD for investigation.**

BECOME A FAIR HOUSING TESTER

Legal Aid relies on passionate independent contractors to conduct fair housing tests in the community, ensuring fair housing practices for all.



APPLY TODAY!




COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Legal Aid’s Fair Housing Project focuses on community education to tenants, landlords, housing authorities and legal professionals to help raise awareness of the complex fair housing laws. In 2024, the Fair Housing team **conducted 20 outreach and education events.** These efforts included in-person and virtual presentations, distribution of accessible written materials, and direct engagement with stakeholders to provide practical guidance on legal rights and responsibilities.

Legal Aid works diligently to ensure all Arkansans have access to civil legal services. However, limited funding and high demand means there are a lot of unmet needs. To bridge the gap in services, we depend on private practice attorneys to volunteer their time and expertise to provide representation to Legal Aid clients. Our clients receive services they otherwise might not have received, and our volunteer attorneys enhance their professional reputations - its a win-win.

Pro Bono
381   
 cases closed

991 
 Household members
including children
345

Financial Benefit
\$374,162 
 recovered or avoided

HIGHLIGHTS

● Legal Clinics

56 clinics held
628 people served
347 documents created



Most of our clinics were multi-disciplinary, focusing on a range of legal issues. In addition, we held **11 criminal record sealing** and **4 estate planning** clinics.

● Volunteers*

260+ law students and volunteer attorneys
1,900+ volunteer hours
\$380,000+ cash value of volunteer time

*Totals include volunteer attorney time on pro bono cases and legal clinic time.



SPRING BREAK ROAD TO JUSTICE

In March 2024, Legal Aid held its annual Road to Justice event. The event provides valuable experience to law students while offering critical legal services to rural communities.

We had **eight law students**, under attorney supervision, provide legal assistance at clinics held in **Cross, Woodruff, and Poinsett counties**. We **served 22 clients** in three days.

TAKE PRO BONO CASES ON PALADIN

The Arkansas Access to Justice Foundation, offers an online portal to find and take on pro bono cases for low-income Arkansans.

SIGN UP TODAY TO VOLUNTEER!



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A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC

On November 21st, Legal Aid of Arkansas and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs joined forces with a remarkable coalition of legal service providers to host a groundbreaking Veterans Legal Clinic at the Fayetteville VA Medical Center. This first-of-its-kind event, modeled after a national initiative by the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) Veterans Task Force, provided free, high-quality legal assistance to more than 120 veterans from Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

Under the leadership of Helen Gratil, Director of the statewide Beyond Opioids project, with the support of attorneys Casey Copeland and Melissa McManus of Legal Aid of Arkansas, this clinic ensured Veterans had access to expert legal guidance on VA benefits, estate planning, family law, housing, and more. Veterans were matched with volunteer attorneys and Veterans Service Officers (VSOs), receiving direct assistance on critical legal matters that impact their lives.

The event’s success was a testament to the collaboration of five LSC-funded legal aid providers, private attorneys, and dedicated law students. More than two dozen volunteer attorneys, staff from five legal aid programs, Kutak Rock, Tyson Foods, and other private firms, generously provided their expertise and services at no charge. Attorneys from Arkansas Access to Justice, the University of Arkansas School of Law, and the Fayetteville VA staff also played a vital role in ensuring seamless service.



From left: Ivan Justiniano-Rivera, Graduate Law Fellow, LSC, Helen Gratil, Director of Beyond Opioids, CALS, Nick Hasenfus, Tech Transactions & IP Licensing Attorney, Holland & Knight, I/p, Stefanie Davis, Deputy General Counsel and Ethics Officer, LSC, Anais Taboas, Program Counsel, LSC, Will Gunn, General Counsel, LSC

Thanks to the dedication of this extraordinary group of volunteers, the Fayetteville Veterans Legal Clinic provided Veterans with the stability and security they deserve. With continued support, we hope to expand this initiative, ensuring more Veterans receive the legal help they need to move forward with confidence. This clinic demonstrated the power of collective effort and the commitment of Legal Aid and its partners to serving our Veterans. The impact of this work was felt by all involved, and it will serve as a model for future Veteran legal clinics nationwide.



1 Multi-disciplinary legal clinic

120 Veterans served

5 LSC-funded Legal Aid providers

26 volunteer attorneys

LYNDA WARE SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD



Allison Tank
MLP Paralegal

Allison Tank is our Medical Legal Partnership Paralegal at our Little Rock Children's office. She joined Legal Aid in 2022.

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.

VERSALEE WYATT ALTRUISM AWARD



Lindsey Schmeidler
Domestic Justice Attorney

Lindsey Schmeidler was a Domestic Justice attorney in our Springdale Office. She joined Legal Aid in 2021.

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.

RECENT RECIPIENTS

LYNDA WARE AWARD

David Bowman (2023)
MyKayla Ladd (2022)
Neyra Galvez (2021)
Kori Lancaster (2020)
Elizabeth King (2019)

VERSALEE WYATT AWARD

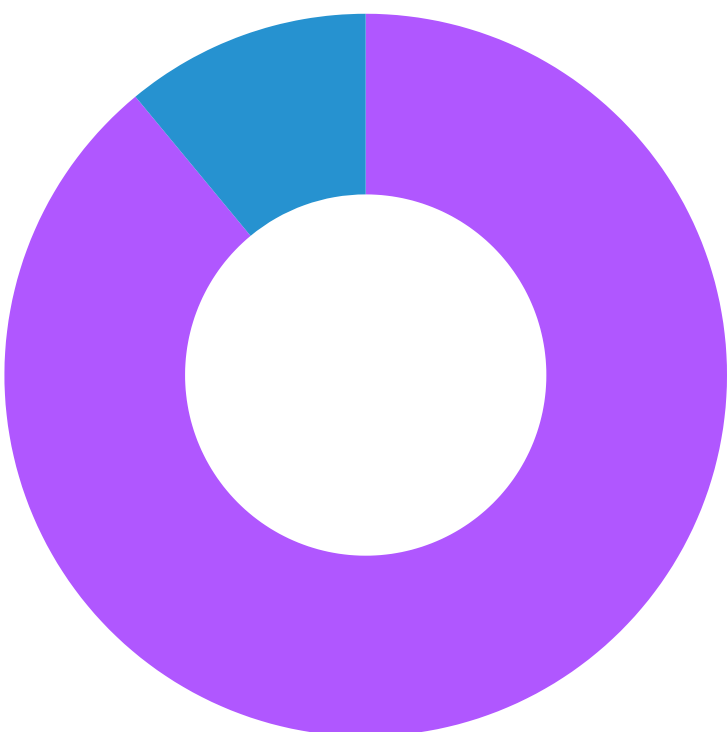
Lela Davison (2023)
Gaylynn Alden (2022)
Jason Auer (2021)
Andrea Walker (2020)
Kevin De Liban (2019)

The financial data was derived from Legal Aid’s financial statements. Our financial statements are audited annually, and the statements are available upon request.

REVENUE

FUNDING	AMOUNT	% OF FUNDING
Legal Services Corporation	\$2,132,844.00	44%
Other Federal Funds	\$792,217.04	17%
State Funds	\$647,956.48	13%
Access to Justice Foundation	\$212,500.00	4%
Other Grants and Contracts	\$906,934.97	19%
Donations	\$107,158.56	2%
Other Revenue	\$27,526.04	1%
Total Revenue	\$4,827,137.09	

EXPENSES



Salaries and Benefits	\$4,327,391.39
Program Expenses	\$554,655.75
Other Operation Expenses	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$4,882,047.14

- Salaries and Benefits (89%)
- Program Expenses (11%)

Legal Aid of Arkansas depends on its volunteer Board of Directors to provide oversight, accountability, and high-level strategic planning. We want to thank our board members for their guidance and insight. The Board Member information below is as of December 31, 2024.

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Legal Aid’s Pro Bono program enhances our ability to provide equal access to justice for our clients. We refer hundreds of cases every 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. We thank our volunteers for the contribution of their time and talents.

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Legal Aid of Arkansas and Arkansas Justice Reform Coalition offered a Record Sealing Clinic on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the Level 2 Barber Lounge in Fayetteville, AR.



The Veterans Stand Down on August 28, 2024, took place in Jonesboro, where Legal Aid staff and volunteers were able to provide Legal services to Veterans.



Kris Ramsfield, Domestic Justice Attorney, and Jaden Atkins, Economic Justice Attorney, table at the ArkanSalsa Fest.



On September 14th, Legal Aid staff, with the help of Forrester City School District, the 1st Judicial District Circuit and District Court clerks, University of Arkansas School of Law student volunteers and staff, came together for a record sealing event in Forrest City, serving 58 individuals.



Legal Aid of Arkansas, Beyond Opioids Project, Center for Arkansas Legal Services, and the 18th Judicial Drug Court had a successful clinic on September 19th, serving 55 individuals with their record-sealing process, and drafting over 207 documents.



Cory Crawford, Housing Attorney, talks with Cathleen Lowe, former tax extern for Legal Aid, and Billie Padgett, Veteran, from Beaver, AR, at the VA Mental Health Summit on September 12th at the Botanical Gardens in Fayetteville.



Legal Aid of Arkansas hosts an Estate Planning Clinic in partnership with the NWA Black Heritage Association, U of A School of Law & Wright, Lindsey, Jennings.



On October 28, 2024, Walmart legal attorneys and Legal Aid staff attorneys will volunteer their time at the Family Clinic in Benton County.



Legal Aid of Arkansas LITC Director Jennifer Gardiner with LITC Program Director Tamara Borland at the LITC Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.



Legal Aid of Arkansas staff, U of A Law students, and pro bono volunteers assisted dozens of individuals with Name changes on October 25, 2024.



Pro Bono Week at UARK Law featured a panel discussion with Lee Richardson (J.D. '87), executive director of Legal Aid of Arkansas, along with his staff members: Cory Crawford (J.D. '11), Jaden Atkins (J.D. '20), Joshua Eide (J.D. '16), Casey Copeland (J.D. '04), Lindsey Schmeidler (DJ Attorney), and Heiling Ortega (Pro Bono Coordinator).



Terry Davis, Legal Aid's Marshallese Interpreter, sat with RMI Consul General, Anjanette Anjel, to discuss what civil legal services Legal Aid of Arkansas offers the Marshallese Community. And, spoke to high school students and their families at Har-Ber High, distributing flyers about domestic violence and orders of protection.