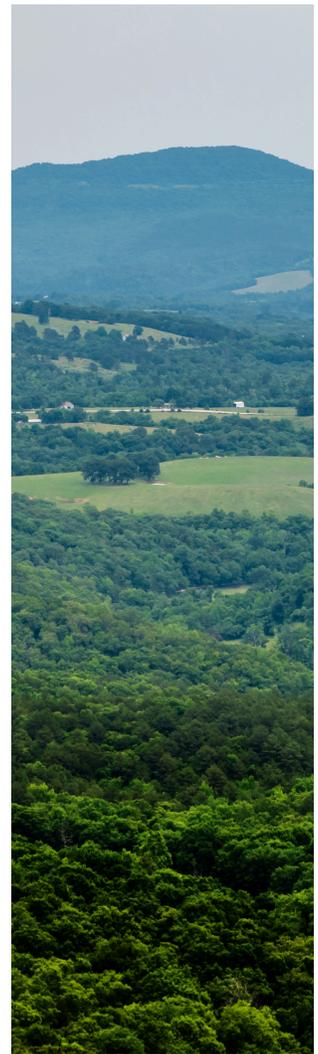




2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Scaling Up for Equal Justice



LEGAL AID OF ARKANSAS

Fighting Poverty | Maintaining Dignity | Assuring Justice

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DEAR FRIENDS,

2025 was a year of transition for civil legal aid in Arkansas.

After extensive study and recommendations by the Arkansas Legal Aid Task Force in 2024, the state moved toward a unified vision for delivering free civil legal assistance—one that emphasizes consistency, efficiency, and statewide access.

As the year ended, the Center for Arkansas Legal Services, founded in 1965 and long a bastion of service for Arkansans in Central and South Arkansas, ceased operations. **Legal Aid of Arkansas is both honored and humbled to be the primary provider of free legal services to qualified Arkansans statewide starting in 2026.**

This shift was not a merger but a strategic statewide realignment. The transition promises not only seamless continuation of services for existing clients but also significant improvements in clarity, consistency, and accessibility for the public. By eliminating duplicated systems and centralizing service delivery, the unified model is expected to improve efficiency and reduce costs—factors crucial to meeting the growing civil legal needs of Arkansans.

It is important to acknowledge the profound impact of the Center for Arkansas Legal Services decades of service and to honor the commitment of their staff, leadership, and community partners. This annual report documents the work, challenges, and achievements of a year defined by collaboration, careful planning, and a shared commitment to equal access to justice. The groundwork laid during this period ensures that Arkansas enters the next chapter of legal aid delivery stronger, more unified, and better equipped to serve every corner of our state.

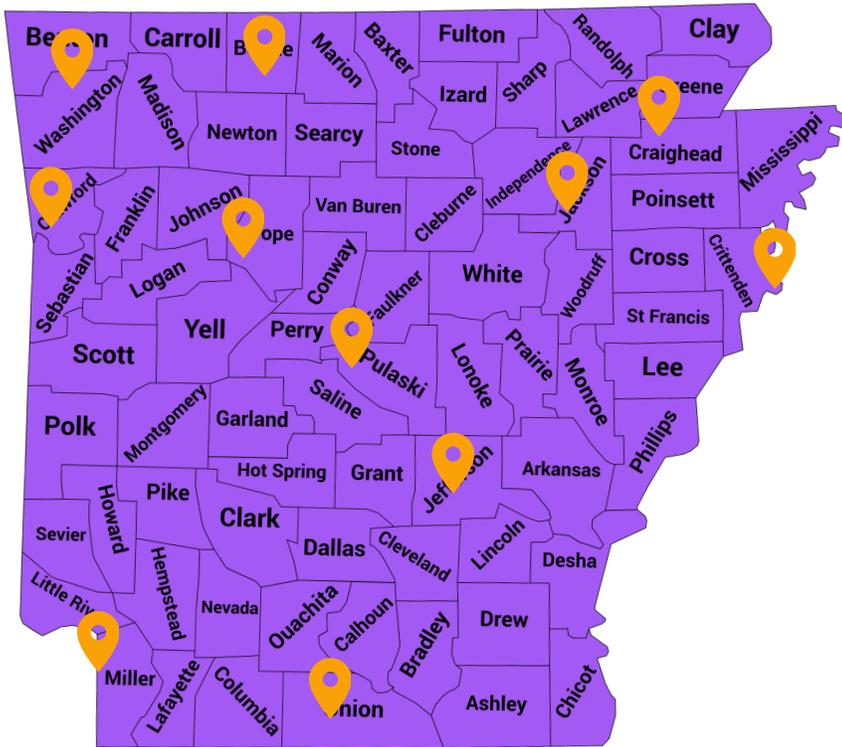
At Legal Aid, we will work tirelessly to ensure that the humblest among us have a voice when seeking help to correct a wrong. We will treat those who come to us in a time of need with the utmost dignity and respect. We will demand justice and accept nothing less.



Sincerely,

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

Lee Richardson
Executive Director



Legal Aid of Arkansas Locations

Legal Aid is a non-profit law firm, serving all 75 counties.

Arkansas Children's Hospital

1 Children's Way, Slot 695
Little Rock, AR72202-3500

El Dorado

100 E Peach Street
Suite 270
El Dorado, AR 71730

Harrison

205 W Stephenson Avenue
Harrison, AR72601

Jonesboro

714 S Main Street
Jonesboro, AR72401

Little Rock

320 Executive Court
Suite 201
Little Rock, AR 72205

Newport

202 Walnut Street
Newport, AR 72112

Pine Bluff

211 W 3rd Avenue, Suite 100
Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Russellville

612 West B Street
Suite A
Russellville, AR 72801

Springdale

1200 Henryetta Street
Springdale, AR72762

Texarkana

3001 Richmond Road, Suite A
Texarkana, TX 75503

Van Buren

11 N 3rd Street
Suite A & B
Van Buren, AR 72956

West Memphis

310 Mid Continent Plaza, Suite 420
West Memphis, AR72301

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.

OUR HISTORY

Established in 1967 as Jackson County Legal Services, Legal Aid of Arkansas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit offering free civil legal help to people with limited incomes. For many years, Legal Aid served the northern and eastern regions. In 2025, it began a major shift.

Following Taskforce guidance, we undertook the significant effort of scaling up infrastructure to become the sole statewide provider after the Center for Arkansas Legal Services concluded its operations.

Through this foundational work, Legal Aid was poised to begin serving all 75 Arkansas counties through 12 regional offices in 2026.

Helpline: 1-800-952-9243

Mon-Thurs

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM &
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday evenings

5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

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BY THE NUMBERS 2025 IMPACT

PROGRAM IMPACT
9,500   
cases closed

24,103 
Household members
including children **10,599**

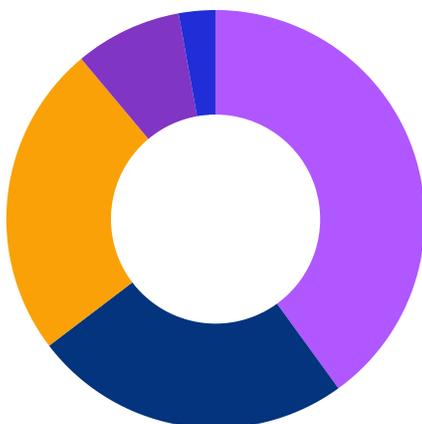
Financial Benefit 
\$5,582,223
recovered or avoided



In 2025, Legal Aid achieved a 16% increase in closed cases and extended its services to 96% of Arkansas counties, underscoring a coordinated commitment to unifying civil legal services statewide.

PRACTICE AREAS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

-  **Domestic Justice**
3,801 (40%)
-  **Consumer Protection**
2,340 (25%)
-  **Housing Justice**
2,305 (24%)
-  **Economic Justice**
785 (8%)
-  **Pro Bono**
269 (3%)



- Veterans Project**
284 cases closed
- Medical-Legal Partnership**
435 cases closed
- Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic**
221 cases closed
- Fair Housing Project**
118 cases closed

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

2,237 
Survivors of Domestic Violence

2,162 
Households with children at home

1,030 
Clients affected by OUD or SUD

5,774 
Households at or below 100% poverty

1,825 
Senior Citizens

725 
US Veterans

10,657 INTAKES IN 2025

- 6,174 Helpline (58%)
- 1,747 Online (16%)
- 1,162 Referrals (11%)
- 872 Outreach/Other (8%)
- 430 In-person (4%)
- 272 CALS transfers (3%)

6,174
Helpline intakes

370+ OUTREACH EVENTS
including **5** CLE Presentations



- 46** Legal Education Presentations
- 163** Help Desks Held

PRACTICE AREA

DOMESTIC JUSTICE

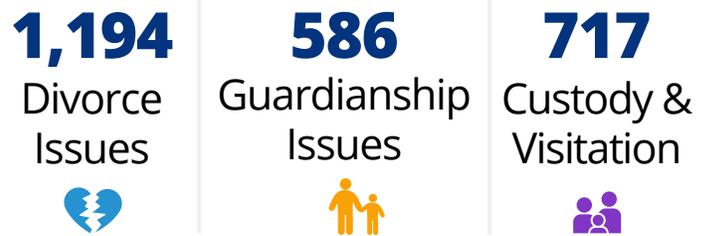
Our Domestic Justice workgroup helps victims of domestic violence, vulnerable children, and families find a pathway to **immediate safety and long-term stability** through comprehensive legal representation, advocacy, and outreach. We focus on mitigating **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)** and helping families avoid or overcome trauma by providing legal guidance on critical matters, including **Orders of Protection, custody, and guardianship**.



Our Domestic Justice workgroup expanded into new counties and added three new staff members, resulting in a 12% increase in cases closed as we scaled toward statewide service.

Legal Aid helped 924 individuals and families with **Orders of Protection** in 2025. Orders of Protection secure **immediate physical safety**, preventing violence and further harm.

SNAPSHOT: CASES SERVED



Rhea* believed that all children need their father. However, she didn't know how to protect her young children while their father beat, threatened, demeaned, and socially isolated her. She was often scared and doubted her self-worth. She told her Legal Aid attorney, Kris Ramsfield, "[I don't] know my rights when it comes to all of this or what everything means."

Kris helped her seek an Order of Protection and patiently supported her as she learned her rights and worked through her belief that the violence was her fault. It wasn't a straight path. There were setbacks, fears, and second chances. But with legal support, counseling, and effort, Rhea found a way forward for herself and her children.

Today, she stands confident and independent, building a peaceful life for her young family. Legal help gave her the space to start again.

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

PRACTICE AREA

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Our Consumer Protection workgroup helps low-income Arkansans achieve **financial security and long-term stability** by providing the legal assistance they need to **safeguard their assets, income, and vital resources**. We defend clients against **predatory debt collectors**, challenge **unfair trade practices**, assist with **bankruptcy filings**, and file petitions to **seal criminal records**. By removing barriers to employment and housing, we ensure equal access to justice and empower individuals to build a better future.



Our Consumer Protection workgroup expanded into new counties and added a new staff member, driving a 31% increase in closed cases as we broaden our advocacy for low-income Arkansans.

Legal Aid addressed **433 collection-related cases** in 2025. Ensuring protection from unlawful garnishments is **vital for the financial stability** of vulnerable Arkansans.

SNAPSHOT: CASES SERVED



After the recent loss of her son, Donna* placed the proceeds from his life insurance policy into a savings account to help cover funeral expenses and stabilize her finances. Within weeks, she discovered that an old debt collector had filed a Writ of Garnishment, seeking to collect nearly five times the original amount she owed.

Legal Aid’s Consumer Protection attorney, Josh Eide, successfully filed a Motion to Quash the garnishment because Arkansas law prohibits collection against funds paid under life insurance policies. Access to the resources Donna needed during this difficult time was restored.

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PRACTICE AREA

HOUSING JUSTICE

Our Housing Justice workgroup helps low-income Arkansans achieve **housing stability and security** by providing legal representation and education. We **defend tenants facing eviction**, support homeowners at **risk of foreclosure**, and **challenge housing discrimination**. We also assist with critical property matters, including **deeds, land contracts**, and essential **estate planning** such as wills and powers of attorney to **remove barriers to stable housing** and empower families to build a foundation for lasting well-being.



"Our Housing Justice workgroup expanded its reach and legal education into new counties by adding six staff members, resulting in a 39% increase in closed cases.

In 2025, Legal Aid assisted **89** individuals with **Reasonable Accommodation requests**. Securing accommodations is vital for **protecting housing rights** for Arkansans.

SNAPSHOT: CASES SERVED

1,430
Rental Disputes


103
Powers of Attorney


399
Wills & Estates


Charlie*, a disabled Veteran living in public housing, became upset when advised he was behind on his rent due to an increase for which he had never received notice. He emailed the office asking for evidence that his rent had been raised – and they ignored him. He went into the office, was treated dismissively, and a heated conversation ensued.

He angrily exited the office and soon thereafter received a Notice to Vacate. He reached out to Legal Aid for help. Attorney Ginny Ashcraft conferred with the client's physician and created a Reasonable Accommodation requiring Charlie to return to therapy and to interact with the Housing Authority remotely. The Reasonable Accommodation was approved, and the Veteran was able to remain in his home.

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PRACTICE AREA

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Our Economic Justice workgroup helps low-income Arkansans achieve **economic security and long-term stability** by providing the legal representation and advocacy they need to access **vital public benefits and healthcare**. We represent clients in state and federal courts on critical matters, including **Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, and Veterans' benefits**, as well as **unemployment and employment rights**. By **challenging denials of essential disability and educational services**, we **remove systemic barriers** to financial stability and ensure individuals have the resources they need to build a secure future.



Our Economic Justice workgroup onboarded three new staff members and expanded into new counties, scaling our impact and increasing access to vital benefits for low-income Arkansans.

Legal Aid assisted **87 people** with **Medicaid issues** in 2025. Programs like ARChoices are vital for helping **seniors and people with disabilities live independently at home**.

SNAPSHOT: CASES SERVED



This past year, Legal Aid has represented several clients enrolled in ARChoices, a Medicaid program serving older adults and people with physical disabilities. Inadequate patient assessments have resulted in reduced hours of care for people with significant medical needs. Cleata* contacted our Economic Justice group after learning she would be losing the in-home medical assistance she depends on to live independently.

Attorney Trevor Townsend proved the nurse who assessed Cleata's needs failed to conduct a thorough and sound assessment and had mischaracterized Cleata's needs. Following a reassessment, Cleata's hours of care were restored.

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

PROJECTS

MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

Our **Medical-Legal Partnerships (MLPs)** address **social determinants of health** related to housing, public benefits, family violence, and educational issues. Our MLPs are supported by an **integrated staffing model** in which all staff **collaborate and take responsibility** for every case. This **flexibility** allows us to best meet our **clients' unique needs** and ensure comprehensive care.

2025

MLPs*
435   
cases closed

1,480 
Household members
including children **814**

Financial Benefit
\$172,202 
recovered or avoided

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

INTEGRATED MEDICAL-LEGAL INTERVENTION

Full-Time Integration

Staff are on-site full-time each week to catch legal issues at the point of care.

Arkansas Children's Hospital

Onsite Location Little Rock

MLP serves all Arkansas Children's Hospital facilities



Rotating Clinic Sites

Regularly scheduled visits to VA and regional community health centers.

Mid-Delta Health Systems

Clarendon

East Arkansas Family Health Center

Helena & Marvell - NEW

VA Medical Center

Fayetteville

VA Medical Center

Little Rock - NEW

Referral-Based

A specialized referral network for rural and recovery-focused legal aid.

Boston Mountain Rural Health Center

Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shields - NEW

We closed **1,030 OUD/SUD cases** in 2025. We support families in recovery by **bridging high-priority partner referrals** with our general intake efforts.



In 2025, we expanded our medical-legal partnerships to two new regional health centers and started a pilot program for our Beyond Opioids project.

PROJECTS

LOW-INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC

Legal Aid's **Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC)** plays a crucial role as a resource for low-income individuals. Our project serves as an **independent advocate** for taxpayers and provides **vital tax assistance** to Arkansans facing disputes with the **IRS and state tax agencies**. In partnership with the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service, we support clients in resolving tax issues, including **audits, collections, appeals, and innocent spouse relief**. We also work to raise awareness and encourage the use of free **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** preparation services. Our goal is to combine **legal representation, community education, and policy advocacy** to ensure low-income taxpayers can effectively manage their interactions with tax authorities.

2025

LITC*
221 
cases closed

735 
Household members
including children **288**

Financial Benefit
\$1,525,546 
recovered or avoided

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Service Highlights

- Our Low Income Taxpayer Clinic provided **402 tax consultations** in addition to formal legal representation.
- Our dedicated in-house **Spanish and Marshallese interpreters provided access for 271 tax clients.**

Outreach and Education

The **Low Income Taxpayer Clinic** reached **41,000 viewers** through its **educational programs on social media**. Our **"Tax 101" sessions** at **area high schools, NWA Community College**, and the **University of Arkansas** helped first-time filers navigate the federal tax system and **FAFSA applications**. Additionally, **Super Saturday VITA events** provided on-site tax rights education and **tax consultations**. Our collaborations with multiple community partners demonstrated our commitment that **tax justice** remains accessible to students, first-time filers, and families **across Arkansas**.



In 2025, our LITC expanded its reach by taking on more case representations, consultations, and educational projects than it had in previous years.

PROJECTS *continued*

FAIR HOUSING PROJECT

Legal Aid's Fair Housing Project aims to provide housing opportunities for all Arkansans. Our efforts include **community education, public policy initiatives, and fair housing enforcement** through legal representation and testing.

As national enforcement priorities shifted and **funding** was delayed, our Fair Housing team focused on ensuring clients continued to receive guidance and representation. **Persistence and collaboration**, along with staff commitment, have sustained Legal Aid throughout this critical period. The year highlighted both the importance of fair housing protections and the **adaptability of the Legal Aid team** delivering them.

2025 Highlights

- Our Fair Housing Project closed **118 cases**, served a total of **283 household members**, including **77 children**, and helped our clients **avoid or recover \$67,095.***
- We conducted **95 fair housing tests** and trained **16 new testers**.
- We partnered with the **Arkansas Fair Housing Commission** on a **"Know Your Rights" tour** in **Southern Arkansas**.



*The case numbers are a subset of all workgroup case numbers.



VETERANS PROJECT

Legal Aid's Veterans Project helps Veterans overcome legal barriers that threaten their housing stability and overall well-being. We provide direct legal representation, participate in **Veterans Treatment Court**, and have a long-standing **Medical-Legal Partnership** with the **VA Medical Center in Fayetteville**.

In 2025, Legal Aid continued the partnership created between the Center for Arkansas Legal Services and the **VA Medical Center in Little Rock**.

Our **partnerships with treatment courts and VA medical centers** help us **reach more Veterans** and address a broader range of legal challenges, enabling us to efficiently and effectively meet the unique needs of our clients, regardless of their legal needs.

2025 Highlights

- Our Veterans Project closed **284 cases**, served a total of **570 household members**, including **157 children**, and helped our clients **avoid or recover \$855,890.***
- In 2025, our project significantly expanded its outreach to **women Veterans**, successfully increasing our reach within this demographic to **27%**.

PRO BONO

To ensure every Arkansan has access to civil legal services, Legal Aid of Arkansas depends on the **expertise of private practice attorneys** to bridge the gap between high demand and limited resources. Our **Pro Bono program** offers volunteers a rewarding opportunity to provide **life-changing representation** to clients who would otherwise go unrepresented. By donating their **time and skills**, volunteer attorneys not only enhance their professional reputations but also play a **critical role** in making **equal access to justice** a reality in Arkansas.

2025	Pro Bono	753		Financial Benefit
	269	  	301	\$45,698
	cases closed	<i>including children</i>		 recovered or avoided



In 2025, our Pro Bono team broadened its reach by launching clinics in new counties. To manage this growth, we added a new staff member to support our expansion and volunteer coordination.

Pro Bono Highlights

- Our Pro Bono team held **42 clinics, serving 620 people** and providing **vital legal assistance** to **underserved communities**. Most clinics were **multidisciplinary**, focusing on a range of legal issues.
- In 2025, we had more than **190 volunteer attorneys and law student volunteers**, providing more than **1,950 volunteer hours, valued at more than \$280,300**.

Closing the Justice Gap

In 2025, Legal Aid of Arkansas significantly expanded its footprint to ensure **equal access to justice** reached every corner of the state. We held **17 rural clinics** in underserved communities, including **Salem, Yellville, and Jasper**, while maintaining large-scale operations in urban hubs such as **Little Rock and Fayetteville**.

As part of our **statewide transition**, we launched new clinics in **Texarkana, El Dorado, Pine Bluff, and Fort Smith**. Our **Road to Justice** tour reached **Heber Springs and Clinton**, while our **NYU partnership** provided specialized assistance in **West Memphis and DeWitt**, underscoring our **ongoing commitment to serving all Arkansans in their own communities**.



Join Our Mission
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SOCIETY 6.1

Leadership in Service of Justice

In every generation, the **strength of our justice system has depended on lawyers willing to lead**. Society 6.1 is an opportunity to stand among them. On **December 5, 2025**, the Board of Directors of Legal Aid of Arkansas formally inaugurated **Society 6.1**, a statewide distinction reserved for attorneys whose leadership stands at the forefront of the **pursuit of civil justice**.

As attorneys, we have long understood that access to justice is not self-executing. Justice literally depends on the **leadership and commitment** of those admitted to the Bar. For years, attorneys in Pulaski County have demonstrated the value of strong leadership through VOCALS. **Society 6.1 is now building on that legacy and extending it across the state**, uniting attorneys who believe that justice should never depend on one's ability to afford counsel.

The name reflects **Rule 6.1 of the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct** — a reminder that service to those of limited means is not merely aspirational, but **integral to our profession**. Society 6.1 was created to support attorneys in **meeting their obligations** under Rule 6.1 while strengthening the partnership between the **private bar and civil legal aid**. And hopefully we will have a little fun along the way.

Membership

Attorneys in **good standing** are invited to join colleagues across Arkansas who are committed to preserving the **integrity of our courts** and ensuring that **civil legal services** remain accessible to all through:

- **6.1 hours of pro bono service** with Legal Aid in the prior year; or
- A **\$500 annual contribution** to Legal Aid of Arkansas and/or the Access to Justice Foundation; or
- a **combination of both**.

By recognizing these commitments, **Society 6.1** affirms that sustaining **access to justice** requires engagement at every level — **time, talent, and resources**. More than a giving society, Society 6.1 is a **circle of legal leaders**. Its members demonstrate that **professional excellence and public service** are not competing values, but inseparable ones. They understand that the strength of our civil justice system is measured not only by precedent and procedure, but by whether **ordinary Arkansans can meaningfully assert their rights**.



To become a Founding Member or to learn more, contact Sherry Thompson at: sthompson@arlegalaid.org

Or scan here to contribute today!



CASE HIGHLIGHT

Tenants Win \$10,300 Judgment: A Fight Against Unlivable Conditions

“I’ll just take everyone’s air conditioning unit this one time, minimizing the hassle, and the [tenants] can fry during the summer.... And I can take out the screen doors. Because they use the air conditioning and leave the door open with the screen closed to keep bugs and mosquitoes out. Let’s see how well those units breathe without screen doors—and with bugs flying in.”

This quote came from a March 2023 email from the owner of Greenbriar Apartments, as he explored ways to increase profits from his new HUD-subsidized rental property. Soon after, maintenance staff began **removing air conditioners**, telling tenants they would have to pay a substantial monthly surcharge to keep them. Management falsely claimed HUD had approved the new surcharge.

One resident, Yolanda, agreed to pay the surcharge. But her unit stopped working, and repair requests were ignored. That summer, Arkansas was experiencing a historic heatwave, putting residents’ health at risk as temperatures inside their homes **soared to over 90°F**. Yolanda made the heartbreaking decision to **break up her family**, sending her children to live with relatives for the summer to protect their health. Yolanda quit paying the surcharge, hoping to motivate them to make the repair. Instead, Greenbriar filed **eviction proceedings** for nonpayment of the surcharge. This is when she sought help from the Center for Arkansas Legal Services (CALs).

CALS attorneys, led by Kendall Lewellen, accepted the case on behalf of Yolanda and other residents. She secured a **Temporary Restraining Order** preventing further removal of air conditioners and alerted HUD to unsafe conditions, such as failure to properly maintain habitable housing. HUD later terminated its contract with Greenbriar and relocated tenants using Section 8 vouchers. **Legal Aid had begun hiring CALS staff in anticipation of the upcoming statewide transition**, and Kendall began working for Legal Aid. But this did not impact the lawsuit because Legal Aid and CALS worked hard to ensure **seamless care for all clients**.

The three-day jury trial was a **joint effort** between Legal Aid and CALS attorneys. The trial team was comprised of Kendall (from Legal Aid), Adrianna Hutson (from CALS), and the CALS Equal Justice Works Student-Fellow, Stephanie Wolfe-Wallace. The jury found Greenbriar had breached its tenants’ lease agreements and **awarded the clients \$10,300 in damages**, along with attorneys’ fees.*

*Greenbriar has appealed the decision. Kendall and Adrianna (who now also works for Legal Aid) are representing the tenants before the Arkansas Court of Appeals.

RECOGNITION

STAFF AWARDS

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 longtime staff member who passed away in 2018.



Ginger Risner
Grants Manager

Ginger Risner is our Grants Manager, based at our Springdale office. She joined Legal Aid in 2020.

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.



Jennifer Gardiner
LITC Director

Jennifer Gardiner is our LITC Director, based at our Springdale Office. She joined Legal Aid in 2011.

LYNDA WARE AWARD

Recent Recipients

Allison Tank (2024)
David Bowman (2023)
MyKayla Ladd (2022)
Neyra Galvez (2021)
Kori Lancaster (2020)

VERSALEE WYATT AWARD

Recent Recipients

Lindsey Schmeidler (2024)
Lela Davison (2023)
Gaylynn Alden (2022)
Jason Auer (2021)
Andrea Walker (2020)

FUNDING & EXPENSES

2025 FINANCIALS

Legal Aid of Arkansas is committed to fiscal accountability. Our financial statements are available online, and independent audit reports are available upon request.

REVENUE

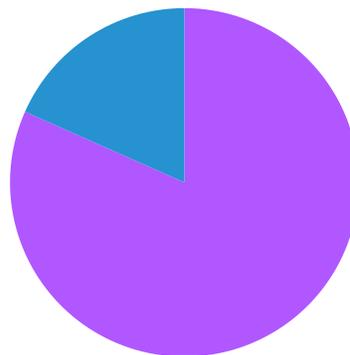
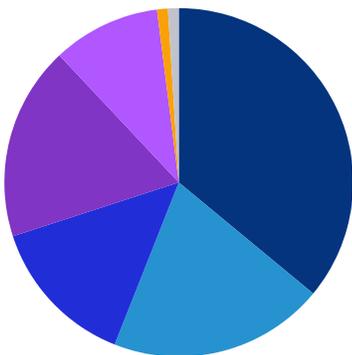
Legal Services Corporation	\$2,032,378.00	36%
Federal Funds	\$1,139,808.36	20%
State Funds	\$789,375.21	14%
Access to Justice Foundation	\$974,657.53	18%
Other Grants and Contracts	\$571,620.62	10%
Donations	\$40,479.17	1%
Other Revenue	\$35,529.32	1%

Total Revenue \$5,583,848.21

EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$4,579,770.25	89%
Program Expenses	\$582,678.55	11%

Total Expenses \$5,162,448.80



Funders

- American Bar Association
- Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas
- Arkansas Access to Justice Foundation
- Arkansas Bar Association
- Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Arkansas Children's Hospital
- Arkansas Community Foundation
- AR Department of Finance Administration Intergovernmental Services
- AR Department of Finance Administration Office of Budget
- Arkansas Development Finance Authority
- Benton County, Arkansas
- East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging
- East Arkansas Family Health Center
- Equal Justice Works
- Internal Revenue Service
- Legal Services Corporation
- Mid-Delta Health Systems
- National Health Law Program
- St. Francis House
- United Way of Boone County
- United Way of Greater Blytheville
- United Way of Northeast Arkansas
- United Way of the Mid-South
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Veterans Administration
- White River Area Agency on Aging

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We thank our Board of Directors for their strategic leadership and oversight. The following members served through December 31, 2025.

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PRO BONO PARTNERS

Volunteers are essential to equal access to justice. We appreciate the attorneys and students who provide life-changing services to Arkansans in need.

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