

Free legal help

from the

Legal Aid Society

Cookeville office

528-7436 in Putnam County

or 1-800-262-6817

It's a free call.



Who does Legal Aid's Cookeville office help?

We help people who have low income. They must live in one of these counties:

Clay	Overton
Cumberland	Pickett
DeKalb	Putnam
Fentress	Van Buren
Jackson	White

Live in another county? Call **1-800-238-1443** for free to find the office near you.

Legal Aid helps people for FREE.
You do not have to pay.

What kind of cases do we take?

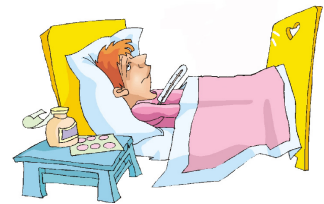
We only take civil cases. If you have a criminal case, you need to call the Public Defender's office.



We may be able to help with these legal problems:

Health Care and Insurance problems

- Getting TennCare or Medicaid
- Problems with TennCare, Medicaid or Medicare
- Health insurance
- Problems getting to a doctor if you have TennCare



Money problems

- Families First
- Food Stamps
- Getting unemployment checks
- Bill collectors
- Gas, water or lights being cut off
- Pay check being garnished
- Having things repossessed
- Getting SSI for children with disabilities
- Social Security paying you too much and then taking it back



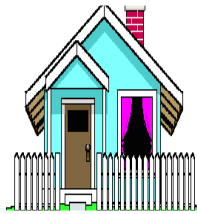
Family problems

- Getting a divorce if you are being abused
- Helping you get Order of Protection if you were hit or threatened by:
 - your past or present husband or wife,
 - your child's other parent,
 - someone you lived with,
 - someone kin to you by blood or marriage or adoption, or
 - someone you dated or had sex with
 - someone who stalked you
 - someone who raped or threatened to rape you.
- Helping children with disabilities get what they need from the school system



Housing problems

- Eviction
- Getting into public housing
- Repairs not done
- Section 8 housing problems
- Gas, water or lights being cut off
- Discrimination
- Advice on buying a home



How to get help from Legal Aid



Need a lawyer? To find out if we can help, call 528-7436 in Putnam County. Outside Putnam County call **1-800-262-6817** for free. We are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

An intake worker will ask about your legal problem. They will also ask about your income, your savings and your property. A lawyer or paralegal will then call you back.

Live in a county we don't cover? To find the Legal Aid office near you, call **1-800-238-1443**. It's a free call.

If we cannot help you, we may be able to send you information or refer you to another place.

Other things Legal Aid does

- ↑ Speaks to groups about legal rights and getting help in the community. We speak to senior centers, laid-off workers, job training classes and shelters for abused women.
- ↑ Gives advice to groups that work with low-income people.
- ↑ Tells low-income people about their legal rights. We use public meetings, radio, TV and newspapers.
- ↑ Helps people find private lawyers and others to help with their problem.

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of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland

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Visit us on the internet at: **www.las.org**
You can read or print all of our booklets.

Legal Aid does not allow anyone to be treated unfairly because of what nation they are from, what sex they are, what age they are, what race they are or because they have a disability.