

FREE Legal Help



from the
Legal Aid Society
Of Middle Tennessee And The Cumberland

Clarksville Office
Call **1-800-342-3317**

Who does Legal Aid's office help?

Our office in Clarksville helps mostly people **who have low income or are 60 or older.**

But there are some things we can help you with no matter how much money you have or how old you are, such as:

- We can help people with Fair Housing problems, and counseling for housing, Medicare and health problems.
- We can offer counseling if you have problems paying your FHA mortgage or need reverse mortgage counseling, or need counseling before and/or after you buy a home.
- We help people, regardless of age, who are being hurt or threatened by someone:
 - they are dating or used to date, or
 - are married to or used to be married to, or
 - are living with or were living with, or
 - have a child with, or
 - are related to or used to be related to by marriage, or
 - who has raped or threatened to rape them or
 - who has stalked them.



The Clarksville office helps people who live in Montgomery, Robertson, Dickson, Cheatham, Stewart, Houston and Humphreys Counties. Do you live somewhere else? See the back of this brochure to find out which office to call.

What kind of cases do we take?

We only take civil cases. We cannot help with criminal cases. The rest of this brochure tells you more about the cases we take.

We can help with these Family Problems

- Orders of Protection
- Divorce Representation
- Victims Compensation
- Pro se (representing yourself) visitation
- Pro se (representing yourself) divorce defense
- Safety Plans
- Becoming guardian or conservator for someone
- Emancipation of a minor to get public housing



We can help with these Money Problems



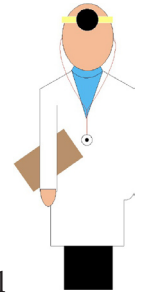
- Problems with Families First
- Problems with Food Stamps
- Being cheated when you buy things or pay for services
- Being cheated when you have work done on your home
- Problems caused by unpaid bills, like garnishment, foreclosure, bill collectors and the need for bankruptcy
- Falling behind on house payments/ foreclosure
- Unemployment Insurance
- Being sued over damages or injuries
- Social Security Disability/Supplemental Security Income (SSI) (only when you are being cut off)
- Problems with federal taxes (IRS)

We can help with these Housing Problems/Needs



- Eviction
- Housing discrimination
- Home ownership problems
- Getting repairs made on rented apartments or houses
- Landlord cutting off utilities or locking you out
- Getting into public or Section 8 housing (includes problems with discrimination)
- Getting rent set right in public or Section 8 housing
- Housing counseling before and after you buy a home
- Reverse mortgage counseling for those 62 and over
- Counseling when you might lose your home held by an FHA loan
- Predatory lending
- Lending discrimination
- Emergency legal help to prevent homelessness (CDBG funded for Clarksville only)

We can help with these Health Care and Insurance Problems



- Getting health care and medicine
- Getting TennCare or Medicaid
- Problems with TennCare, Medicaid or Medicare
- Health insurance for people on Medicare
- Nursing home problems
- Getting health care and residential treatment for children in state custody

Other things Legal Aid does

- Speaks to groups, such as senior citizen centers and parent groups, about legal rights and duties.
- Gives free pamphlets on legal rights that explain things in clear, simple words.
- Networks with low-income groups or organizations that work on problems of low-income people.
- Domestic Violence Prevention - We provide attorney services for ELIGIBLE victims of domestic violence. This includes representation in divorce, orders of protection hearings and help getting public benefits, child care, health care, and housing.
- Special Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence -- You can get this help no matter how much money you make. We help with orders of protection, safety plans, counseling and community referrals.
- Victims Compensation claims and going with you to court (partly funded by Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration.)



How to find out if you can get help from Legal Aid

In Montgomery County, call (931) 552-6656 or 1-800-238-1443. In Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Robertson and Stewart Counties, call 1-800-342-3317 (free call).

We are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may not have to come to our office. We may be able to help by phone, mail, or to come to the county where you live.

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**Office Location:
120 Franklin Street
Clarksville, TN 37040**

Legal Aid also has offices in:

Columbia
Cookeville
Gallatin
Murfreesboro
Nashville
Oak Ridge
Tullahoma

Each office helps low income people. But they have different guidelines about what kind of things they are staffed to handle. Call to find out if they can help you with information or a lawyer's advice and counsel.

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.

Note: This pamphlet is not meant to take the place of legal advice. All cases are different and need individual attention.