

## domestic violence and family law advocacy

Victims of domestic violence suffer serious physical, emotional, and financial harm that also affects their children. Very often domestic violence victims are afraid to leave an abusive partner because they fear more violence or because they do not have enough resources to support their families.

Legal assistance is critical to help victims break the cycle of violence. Our advocates and attorneys offer free legal services that can give you a fresh start.

## securing your safety

- Planning to leave your abusive partner or spouse
- Filing a petition for an emergency order from the court that protects you from the abuser
- Securing court orders that restrict the abuser's contact and set safe parenting schedules and child support
- Connecting with community resources to help stabilize your family

## ending the relationship through divorce

- Custody and visitation orders that protect you and your children
- Child support
- Spousal support when appropriate
- Fair division of marital property and debts
- Decree of dissolution of marriage (divorce)

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## grandparents as caregivers program

Sometimes parents are unable to care for their children due to drug or alcohol addiction, incarceration, violence, or death. Often grandparents step in to care for these children.

There are thousands of grandparents in our community who raise children in a familiar and nurturing environment and who prevent these children from entering foster care.

We help grandparents with issues like

- Establishing a legal relationship with your grandchild
- Obtaining government benefits so you can afford to keep the child in your care
- Creating life-planning documents
- Accessing government benefits to care for a disabled adult

While most of Legal Aid's clients are grandparents, we also offer these services to senior relative caregivers.

*Our services are always free.*



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