



LawHelpCA.org

LawHelpCA serves California as the only statewide resource for easy access to self-help information on legal problems and referrals to local legal aid providers and pro bono assistance.

LawHelpCA is supported by the State Bar of California and nearly 100 legal nonprofits dedicated to making the justice system fair for everyone.

Sample of the 160+ subtopics covered:

Health

Medi-Cal
Medicare



Housing

Landlord and Tenant Issues
Evictions



Seniors

Elder Abuse
Capacity Issues

60+

Family, Consumer, Disability, Public Benefits, and more!

What's LawHelpCA?

LawHelpCA is California's official and free legal resource.

- **RELIABLE** information about common legal issues, written by reputable sources on 16 general topics and over 140 specific subtopics
- **UPDATED** directory of legitimate and pre-screened organizations that offer free or low-cost legal advice and representation

Why should I use LawHelpCA?

- **AUTHORITATIVE** links are constantly checked and updated
- **COMPREHENSIVE** directory of organizations that can provide legal help
- **EASY** to read and navigate; designed with smooth access in mind

Where does information on LawHelpCA come from?

Government agencies

- Examples: California Department of Consumer Affairs, Federal Trade Commission

Legal aid organizations

- Examples: Legal Services of Northern California, Legal Aid Society

California courts

- Examples: Judicial Council, Contra Costa County Superior Court

Non-profit organizations

- Examples: Equal Rights Advocates, World Institute on Disability

Who runs LawHelpCA?

Legal Aid Association of California

The Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) is the statewide membership organization for the almost 100 nonprofits funded through IOLTA (Interest on Lawyer Trust Account) grants by the State Bar of California. Capitalizing on its structure as a membership organization, LAAC naturally takes on the role of advocating on behalf of this group of nonprofits. LAAC facilitates communication and coordination between programs, trains in core substantive areas, analyzes best practices, and assesses and improves the effectiveness of the delivery of legal aid in California, including working strategically to support rural and small programs and meet the needs of under-served populations.

Pro Bono Net

Pro Bono Net is a national nonprofit organization based in New York City and San Francisco. Pro Bono Net works in close partnership with nonprofit legal organizations across the United States and Canada, to increase access to justice for the millions of poor people who face legal problems every year without help from a lawyer.

If you are an attorney looking for pro bono opportunities at a legal aid organization, please visit www.CaliforniaProBono.org.

Who funds LawHelpCA?

LawHelpCA receives funding from the **State Bar of California** and generous donations from legal aid providers throughout the state:

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center	Center for Human Rights & Constitutional Law
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	Impact Fund
Bay Area Legal Aid	Youth Law Center	Insight Center Comm. Economic Development
Legal Services of Northern California	Legal Services for Prisoners with Children	National Housing Law Project
Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County	CA Advocates for Nursing Home Reform	Senior Citizens Legal Services
Legal Aid Society of Orange County	National Senior Citizens Law Center	California Women's Law Center
Inland Counties Legal Services	McGeorge Community Legal Services	National Immigration Law Center
Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.	Asian Law Alliance - Santa Clara County	Child Care Law Center
Central California Legal Services	Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund	Public Advocates, Inc.
Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc.	Alliance for Children's Rights	Contra Costa Senior Legal Services
Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County	AIDS Legal Referral Panel	Children's Rights Clinic, Whittier Law School
Public Law Center	Levitt Quinn	Affordable Housing Advocates
Legal Services for Children	The Public Interest Law Project	Coalition of California Welfare Rights Org
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Centro Legal De La Raza	Wage Justice
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights	Watsonville Law Center	Yuba Sutter Legal Center for Seniors
Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law	Worksafe Legal Center	Family Violence Appellate Project
California Indian Legal Services	Senior Adults Legal Assistance	Senior Advocacy Network-Senior Law Project
National Center for Youth Law	Legal Assistance to the Elderly	Center for Justice and Accountability
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation	Voluntary Legal Services Program Northern CA	ChangeLab Solutions

What is LawHelpCA's history?

LawHelpCA is a collaborative project started by the federally-funded Legal Services Corporation, with policy oversight from the CalJustice Advisory Committee and assistance from advocates at legal aid programs throughout the state.

The LawHelpCA staff gratefully acknowledges the CalJustice advisory committee for their guidance in building this site. Committee members contributed their time and experience to ensure that LawHelpCA provides a clear and simple portal to quality legal services referrals and legal self-help information. We thank the following organizations for their participation on the advisory committee: [Judicial Council](#), [Bay Legal](#), [California Indian Legal Services](#), [Inland Counties Legal Services](#), [Legal Aid Society of Orange County](#), [Legal Aid Society of San Diego](#), [Legal Services of Northern California](#), [OneJustice](#), [State Bar of California](#), [VLSP - San Francisco Bar Association](#), [Western Center on Law & Poverty](#).