



Mission Statement

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Assuring a full measure of justice for those in need.

To achieve a full measure of justice:

- All people must have the opportunity to participate fully in the legal system and have legal representation when necessary.
- The legal system must be open to all without barriers or discrimination.
- The legal system must protect fundamental human rights and ensure basic human needs such as physical safety, adequate income, shelter and nutrition, access to health care, the integrity of family relationships, and the opportunity to earn a livelihood.

To that end, LSSP is dedicated to assuring a full range of legal services for all low-income persons in matters affecting them individually, in groups or as a community, using the following advocacy strategies:

- *Individual Advice and Representation*, when necessary to protect the rights or meet the needs of low-income persons.
- *Community Legal Education and Outreach*, participation in coalitions with client, human service and advocacy groups and dissemination of information to the client community through distribution of written materials, the media, publications, community events, speakers and other community education programs.
- *Self-Help Remedies*, such as self-help materials and clinics, to empower clients to represent themselves effectively.
- *Representation of Groups* where a problem affecting many eligible individuals can be resolved by such assistance.
- *Collaboration with Other Agencies*, sharing knowledge, strategies and activities with other legal services programs, maintain positive relationships with other community and human service agencies, inform other agencies about LSSP services to improve referrals, and provide other agencies with preventive information that is helpful to their clients.
- *Community Economic Development*, where such representation can promote creation of jobs, housing or child care services or improve community life for low-income persons.
- *Legislative and Administrative Advocacy* where such activity can resolve problems affecting significant numbers of low-income persons.
- *Impact Litigation* where trial or appellate, individual or class litigation can resolve problems affecting significant numbers of low-income persons.