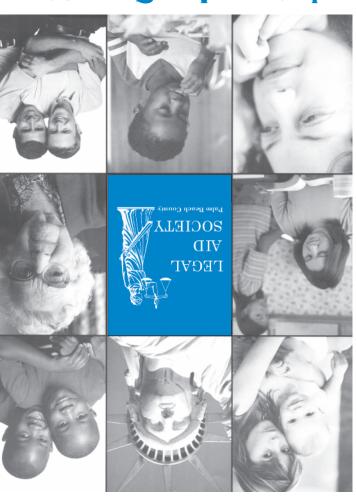
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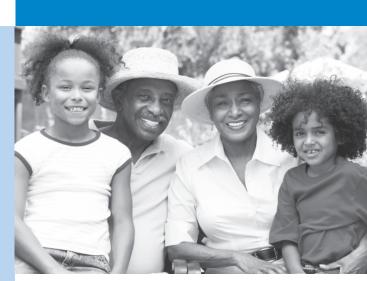
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OUR PROGRAMS

Community Outreach

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Resolves conflicts between the IRS and taxpayers as well as providing assistance to English second language taxpayers.

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Non-Profit Legal Assistance Project

Provides in-house legal services to non-profit agencies serving Palm Beach County.

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Pro Bono Project

Enlists over 2500 private attorneys in Palm Beach County who assist Legal Aid in providing free legal services for low income individuals.

Kimberly Rommel-Enright, Supervising Attorney Steven Spaulding, Pro Bono Coordinator

Family Advocacy

Domestic Violence Project

Provides representation for victims of abuse or domestic violence at injunction hearings and in divorce and separation matters where appropriate.

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Family Law Project

Provides services in dissolution of marriage matters to victims of domestic violence where child custody is an issue and services in adoption, visitation and support matters.

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Elder Advocacy

Elder Law Project

Provides legal assistance to individuals over 60 years of age with an emphasis on abuse and exploitation matters.

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Georgene Eisenberg, Paralegal
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Public Guardianship

Provides guardianship services to indigent, adjudicated incapacitated elderly without family or friends to assist them.

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Health Advocacy

Coverage to Care Legal Initiative

Provides community education and outreach related to the Affordable Care Act and private utilization of health plans in order to improve consumers' access to and utilization of health care coverage.

Vicki Tucci Krusel, Supervising Attorney Anna Veguez, Paralegal

Medical Legal Partnership Project

Provides legal services to address the unmet needs of low income and/or uninsured patients of Federally Qualified Health Clinics in Palm Beach County that contribute to their health and well-being.

John Foley, Supervising Attorney Juan Medolla, Staff Attorney Christina Russo, Staff Attorney Lisa Santos, Paralegal

Ryan White Legal Project

Provides free legal services to indigent individuals infected with HIV/AIDS. The areas emphasized are employment, health insurance, Social Security disability, Medicare/ Medicaid and advanced directives.

John Foley, Supervising Attorney Stephanie Carden, Staff Attorney Colin White, Staff Attorney Sandra Vines, Paralegal When no one else can help, where do you turn?

PROGRAMS

Children's Advocacy

Children's Healthcare Advocacy Project

Provides direct and co-representation as well as systemic advocacy to promote access to healthcare by overcoming obstacles in the rapidly changing and complex Medicaid programs to ensure foster children receive necessary health benefits.

James Walsh, Supervising Attorney
Toni Pollard, Staff Attorney

Educational Advocacy Project

Provides systemic advocacy, litigation and legal representation to ensure that K-12 public school students receive equal educational opportunities.

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Foster Children's Project

Provides representation to children in the foster care system, seeking to reunite them, when appropriate, with their parents or prepare them for adoption placement, ensuring a safe and stable family environment in a timely manner.

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Juvenile Advocacy Project

Karen Verner, Paralegal

Represents children up to age 18 in Juvenile Court, Family Court, Probate Court and also before the School Board of Palm Beach County and the Department of Children and Families (DCF), to help access appropriate treatment and/or placement for youngsters with emotional, developmental or physical disabilities.

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Relative Caregivers Project

Provides legal assistance to relative caregivers (grand-parents, aunts, uncles, etc.) raising minor children. The project provides advocacy in custody, guardianship and adoption matters as well as with education, housing and benefits issues.

Judith Migdal-Mack, *Supervising Attorney* Angela Brafford, *Paralegal*

Individual Rights Advocacy

Children's Health and Immigration Project

Provides legal assistance to non-citizen children in order to, 1) increase their access to health and medical care, and 2) to achieve family stability for those at risk of abuse, neglect or abandonment.

Shane O'Meara, Supervising Attorney
Maryam Kassaee, Staff Attorney
Laura Rivera, Paralegal

Consumer Advocacy Unit

Provides legal services to protect consumers' income and assets and ensure their financial stability dealing with issues such as auto loans, pay day loans, credit card debt, bankruptcy, mortgage loan modification, rental security deposit, garnishment, scams and student loans.

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Fair Housing Project/Mortgage Foreclosure Defense Project

The Fair Housing Project provides community outreach, education, advocacy and enforcement activities regarding fair housing law so that no one in Palm Beach County is denied housing based on race, color, national origin, gender, disability, marital status, familial status, age and/or sexual orientation.

The Mortgage Foreclosure Defense Project provides services to victims of predatory lending schemes, truth in lending violations, foreclosure rescue scams, and unfair and deceptive trade practices.

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Investigator

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Guardian Advocacy Project

Provides services for disabled youth aging out of foster care and individuals under 60 who have a developmental disability and are without family or friends to care for them.

Rena Taylor, Supervising Attorney Jessica Kelson, Social Worker

Immigrant Advocacy Project

Provides legal services to immigrants applying for lawful permanent residence, with a focus on noncitizen victims of domestic violence and dependent immigrant children, and community education in the area of immigration and nationality law.

Shane O'Meara, *Supervising Attorney* Ana Hurtado, *Paralegal*

Wage Dispute Project

Serves all victims of wage dispute resulting from wages owed by their employers, either due to non-payment, underpayment or misclassification.

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Lance Cornick, Staff Attorney
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