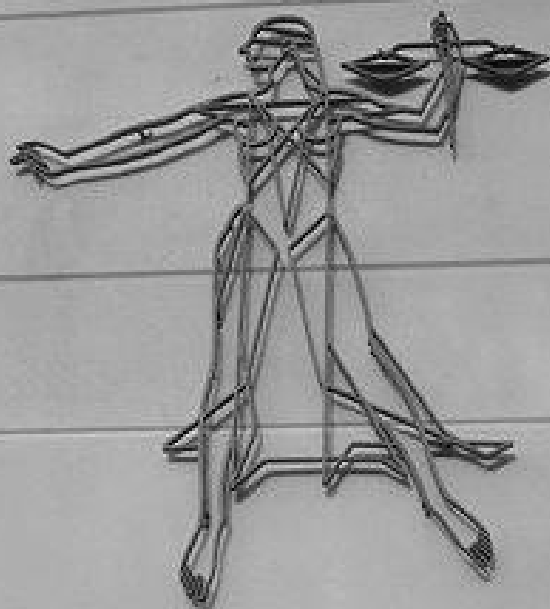


# LOW COST LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN DANE COUNTY



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## **Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health (ABC for Health)**

32 N. Bassett St

Madison, WI 53703-2213

**Phone:** In Madison: (608) 261-6939; Outside of Madison: (800) 585-4222; Fax: (608) 261-6938

**Email:** [info@safetyweb.org](mailto:info@safetyweb.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Counseling on application or appeals process for many public benefits programs. Legal consultation and representation when informal advocacy and health benefits counseling fails to resolve a problem. Services include *Health Benefits Counseling, Legal Services for Health Care Financing, Covering Kids and Families MAP Projects, Professional Training and Consultation, Public Information Services, Health System Research and Advocacy.*

**Eligibility:** Children and families especially those with special health care needs or with problems accessing health care.

**Costs:** Free services if income levels are met. If income levels are not met, fees are determined on a sliding scale basis.

**Staff:** In-house counsel, volunteer attorneys

**Website:** [www.safetyweb.org](http://www.safetyweb.org)

## **AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin**

600 Williamson Street

Madison, WI 53703

**Phone:** (608) 252-6540 or (800) 486-6276, Fax: (608) 252-6559

**Email:** [miri.pogoriler@arcw.org](mailto:miri.pogoriler@arcw.org)

**Legal Assistance:** AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin provides advocacy, information, and referrals for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Interviews are conducted to determine eligibility for legal services. Eligible clients are assisted by legal staff or referred to volunteer or reduced rate attorneys when available, depending on agency resources and the legal issue. Information and referral is provided with respect to a wide range of issues, including housing, employment, public benefits, estate planning, health benefits, family, bankruptcy/debt, consumer, civil rights, and confidentiality.

**Eligibility:** People living with HIV/AIDS living below 300% of the federal poverty level.

**Staff:** One or two staff attorneys who work with a panel of over 100 volunteer attorneys.

**Website:** <http://www.arcw.org/>

## **Case Mediation Program**

Dane County Bar Association

Attn: Le Jordan

PO Box 44008

Madison, WI 53744-4408

**Phone:** (608) 848-1477, Fax: (608) 848-9266

**Email:** [mediate@dcba.net](mailto:mediate@dcba.net)

**Legal Assistance:** Volunteer attorneys mediate civil and family law cases (financial issues only) filed in Dane or Columbia County Circuit Courts through voluntary or court ordered mediation.

**Eligibility:** Open to all parties with litigation pending in the Dane or Columbia County Circuit Courts.

**Costs:** \$75.00 per party payable to the Case Mediation Program

**Staff:** Volunteer attorneys who are members of Dane County Bar Association.

**Website:** <https://www.dcba.net/programs/cmp>

## **Center for Patient Partnerships**

The Center for Patient Partnerships  
University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School  
975 Bascom Mall, Suite 4311  
Madison, WI 53706

**Phone:** (608) 265-6267, Fax: (608) 265-4332

**Email:** [info@patientpartnerships.org](mailto:info@patientpartnerships.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Information and links to a wide variety of sources of support for patients. Helping patients with cancer and other serious or chronic diseases make informed decisions and get the care they need. Patient "advocacy" will focus on problem solving and communication to help patients and providers make good decisions together, and for patients to then get access to the desired care or treatment. The Center will not litigate on behalf of patients.

**Eligibility:** Patients with cancer or other serious chronic or life-threatening illnesses.

**Staff:** Medical and Nursing School Faculty who are experts in health policy and management.

**Website:** [www.patientpartnerships.org](http://www.patientpartnerships.org)

## **Centro Hispano of Dane County**

810 W Badger Rd.  
Madison, WI 53713

**Phone:** (608) 255-3018, Fax: (608) 255-2975

**Legal Assistance:** Bilingual assistance in the areas of immigration law. Referrals to attorneys. Rutas offers alternatives to incarceration for Hispanic offenders, including assessment, individualized planning, case management, assistance in finding employment and academic institution referrals.

**Staff:** Bilingual assistance, referrals to attorneys.

**Website:** [www.micentro.org](http://www.micentro.org)

## **Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG)**

2850 Dairy Drive, Suite 100  
Madison, WI 53718-6751

**Phone:** (608) 224-0606, (800) 366-2990; Fax: (608) 224-0607

**Email:** [jerickson@cwag.org](mailto:jerickson@cwag.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Simple wills, real estate transactions (not involving the sale or purchase of property), powers of attorney, guardianships, financial abuse prevention and assistance.

**Eligibility:** Dane County residents aged 60 and older who meet Homestead Credit household annual income guidelines.

**Staff:** Licensed attorneys and other staff, including benefit specialists.

**Website:** <http://cwagwisconsin.org/>

## **Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin**

1717 N. Stoughton Rd.  
Madison, WI 53704-2605

**Phone:** (608) 246-4730, (877) 675-3508; Fax: (608) 246-4760

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:00AM - 4:30PM

**Email:** [cac@cacscw.org](mailto:cac@cacscw.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Offers assistance to people with family, landlord/tenant, discrimination, developmental disability, and employment issues. Service divisions include *Citizen Advocacy, Family Support, Financial Services, Food Security, Community Gardens, Jefferson County, and Waukesha County.*

**Eligibility:** Contact for requirements.

**Staff:** Includes case managers and volunteer attorneys.

**Website:** [www.cacscw.org](http://www.cacscw.org)

## **Community Immigration Law Center (CILC)**

C/O Christ Presbyterian Church

944 E. Gorham Street

Madison, WI 53703

**Phone:** (608) 257-4845, Fax: (608) 257-4490

**Email:** [jeanrene@cpcmadison.org](mailto:jeanrene@cpcmadison.org)

**Hours:** open to the public the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 2:00PM - 5:00PM

First come, first served. No appointments needed.

**Legal Assistance:** The Center does not represent clients, but it does offer the following services: brief confidential consultations on basic legal immigration, case assessment and legal advice provided by our volunteer immigration lawyers, assistance with immigration forms and filings, referral for cases that need follow up, Spanish translators are always available; other language translators available on request.

**Eligibility:** Everyone with immigration issues or questions

**Staff:** Volunteer attorneys and interpreters

**Website:** <http://cpcmadison.org/internationals/immigration-counseling/>

## **Community Justice Inc.**

214 N. Hamilton St., Suite 101

Madison, WI 53703

**Phone:** (608) 204-9642, Fax: (608) 204-9645

**Call Monday-Thursday between 1:00PM-4:00PM.** Potential clients should call during these hours and be prepared to spend 10 to 30 minutes on the phone.

**Legal Assistance:** A broad range of civil legal services, including Family, Landlord/Tenant, Disability, Land Use, Mental Health, Employment, Education, Consumer/Credit, Environmental, Child Welfare, and Discrimination. Criminal representation comes through Public Defender appointments only (no referrals or walk-ins for criminal defense).

**Eligibility:** Incomes levels below 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline

**Costs:** The fees are based on a sliding scale relative to income.

**Staff:** Licensed attorneys

**Website:** [www.communityjusticeinc.org](http://www.communityjusticeinc.org)

## **Consumer Law Clinic (Campus Location)**

975 Bascom Mall

Madison, WI 53706

**Phone:** (608) 263-6283, Fax (608) 265-3732

**Legal Assistance:** Representation in federal and state consumer protection lawsuits. Assistance in filling out forms related to the case.

**Eligibility:** Individuals unable to afford an attorney. No set financial guidelines.

**Costs:** No fees are charged up front. If the client is awarded damages, attorney fees will be assessed.

**Staff:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year UW law students under supervision of Clinical Associate Professors/Attorneys.

**Website:** <https://law.wisc.edu/eji/clc/>

## **Consumer Law Clinic/Foreclosure Assistance Clinic (Courthouse Location)**

Dane County Courthouse

215 N. Hamilton, Room L1007

Madison, WI 53706

**Legal Assistance:** Students from the UW Law School provide homeowners with basic information about the foreclosure process and help them respond to the foreclosure lawsuit.

**Eligibility:** For homeowners who have received a Foreclosure Summons and Complaint

**Hours:** Tuesdays 9AM-11AM, walk-ins welcome.

**Costs:** None.

**Staff:** Students from the UW Law School with oversight provided by UW Law School professors.

**Website:** <https://law.wisc.edu/eji/clc/>

## **Dane County Bar Association**

Bob or Le Jordan, Executive Coordinators

Dane County Bar Association

PO Box 44008

Madison, WI 53744-4008

**Phone:** (608) 848-1950, Fax: (608) 848-9266

**Legal Assistance:** Lists links to legal information, including the “Moving On” series of online videos to help self-represented litigants prepare for family court.

**Website:** [www.dcba.net](http://www.dcba.net)

## **Dane County Law Library (DCLL)**

215 S Hamilton Street—Room L1007

Madison, WI 53703

**Phone:** (608) 266-6316, Fax: (608) 266-5988

**Email:** [dcll.ref@wicourts.gov](mailto:dcll.ref@wicourts.gov)

**Legal Assistance:** Services include providing court-approved forms for court and legal actions, as well as informational booklets on civil court processes for a small fee. In addition, the library contains resources for people who cannot or do not want to hire an attorney. Staff will show you how to find legal information to assist with your legal research.

**Eligibility:** Open to all; books have limited circulation.

**Costs:** Forms, booklets, and photocopies are available for a small fee.

**Staff:** Law librarian and a library associate; staff are not attorneys and do not provide legal advice.

**Website:** [www.wilawlibrary.gov/about/locations.html](http://www.wilawlibrary.gov/about/locations.html)

## **Disability Rights Wisconsin**

131 W. Wilson St., Suite 700

Madison, WI 53703

**Phone:** (608) 267-0214 or (800) 928-8778, Fax: (608) 267-0368

**Legal Assistance:** Provides legal services to people with disabilities and disability related issues including abuse and neglect, patient rights, deinstitutionalization, long-term care, special education, voting rights, discrimination in employment and housing, barriers to accessibility, SSI managed care, Medicare Part D helpline, assistive technology, access to services.

**Staff:** Pro bono attorneys assist users.

**Website:** <http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/>

## **Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS)**

2102 Fordem Avenue

Madison, WI 53704

(608) 251-1237, (800) 747-4045

**24-Hour Help/Crisis Line: (608) 251-4445**

**Email:** [info@abuseintervention.org](mailto:info@abuseintervention.org)

**Legal Assistance:** DAIS Legal Advocates provide support, information, advocacy, and court accompaniment to people who have experienced domestic abuse, including assistance with restraining orders and family, criminal, immigration, and other legal matters. Legal Advocates are not attorneys, and cannot give legal advice.

**Eligibility:** Victims of domestic violence and their children. Ask to speak with a legal advocate.

**Staff:** Three full time advocates.

**Website:** [www.abuseintervention.org](http://www.abuseintervention.org)

## **Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison**

612 W.t Main Street, Suite 200

Madison, WI 53703

**Phone:** (608) 257-0853, Fax: (608) 257-1445

Toll-free statewide complaint intake hotline: (877) 647-FAIR (3247)

**Legal Assistance:** Conducts intake of fair housing complaints from the general public and counsels complainants on their options for administrative or judicial remedy; Provides investigative services for persons who allege housing discrimination.

**About:** The Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison has been a satellite office of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council since 1998.

**Website:** [www.fairhousingwisconsin.com](http://www.fairhousingwisconsin.com)

## **Family Court Clinic (FCC)**

Dane County Courthouse

215 S. Hamilton St., Room L1022.

Madison, WI 53706

**Phone:** (608) 262-2301, Fax: (608) 262-5485

**Hours:** Vary, and change periodically. **Call to schedule an appointment.**

**Legal Assistance:** Will help organize information, complete and review forms, and will offer numerous workshops on family court-related issues, including Temporary Restraining Orders. Staff will not provide legal advice or advocacy.

**Eligibility:** Open to all family court litigants, unless either party is represented by an attorney.

**Staff:** Law students under supervision of a clinical law professor.

**Website:** <https://law.wisc.edu/eji/familycourt/index.html>

## **Family Law Assistance Center (FLAC)**

Dane County Courthouse

215 S Hamilton St., Room L1022

Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Wednesdays 11:30AM - 1:30PM

**Legal Assistance:** Dane County Bar Association Program offers assistance with forms and procedures related to family court, referrals to community resources, and no legal advice. **Abogados que hablan español están en el centro el primer y tercer miércoles de cada mes.**

**Eligibility:** Unrepresented family law litigants. No income guidelines.

**Staff:** Volunteer attorneys and paralegals

**Website:** <https://www.dcba.net/programs/flac>

## **Global Presence Center Legal Clinic**

6406 Bridge Road

Monona, WI 53713

**Phone:** (608) 255-5558

**Email:** [legalclinic@globalpresence.com](mailto:legalclinic@globalpresence.com)

**Hours:** Fridays 9AM – 12PM

**Legal Assistance:** Help is provided on a first come first served basis. ALL are eligible. Personal consultations with an attorney to obtain legal information, resources, and contacts.

**Website:** [www.globalpresence.com](http://www.globalpresence.com)

## **Greenpath Debt Solutions**

725 Heartland Trail, Suite 203

Madison, WI 53717

**Phone:** (608) 221-1695 or (800) 550-1961

**Fax:** (608) 221-1655

**Email:** [Madison@greenpath.com](mailto:Madison@greenpath.com)

**Legal Assistance:** Nationwide, non-profit financial organization that assists consumers with financial education, foreclosure prevention and bankruptcy counseling, as well as programs to assist with money management and to help repay credit card and other debt.

**Hours:** Vary. Call for times and dates, or visit website below for more information.

**Costs:** Most counseling – no charge. Repayment plan - \$25 set up fee.

**Website:** <http://www.greenpath.com/about/locations/madison>

## **Jewish Social Services of Madison**

6434 Enterprise Lane

Madison, WI 53719

**Phone:** (608) 278-1808

**Email:** [jss@jssmadison.org](mailto:jss@jssmadison.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Pro Bono volunteers are available provide legal, financial, medical, immigration or other expertise, serving both as consultants to the social workers or doing actual work on behalf of a client.

**Eligibility:** This program serves all populations. Fees are on a sliding fee scale.

**Staff:** Support groups, programs, and referrals for low-income people facing issues relating to failing health and disability, unemployment, parental stress, mental illness, domestic abuse (emotional, physical, economic, or sexual), drug and alcohol problems, finding affordable housing, elder abuse, and senior assistance through “Oddjobbers.” Oddjobbers is a service for seniors (age 60+) and people with physical disabilities with such things as change batteries in your smoke alarm, flip mattresses, change light bulbs, program your VCR, or thermostat, hang a picture, repot plants, set up voice mail, assemble something, or minor plumbing.

**Website:** [www.jssmadison.org](http://www.jssmadison.org)

## **Lagmann, Inc.**

6701 Seybold Rd. Ste. 109

PO Box 44726

Madison, WI 53744-4726

**Phone:** (608) 852-0141, Fax: (608) 237-2498

**Email:** [help@lagmann.org](mailto:help@lagmann.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Range of legal services such as Administrative Law (hearings at state agencies such as Equal Rights Division of Dept. of Workforce Development, Unemployment Compensation administrative appeals on behalf of claimants, hearings at the federal EEOC), Animal Bites, Consumer Bankruptcy, Consumer Protection, Education (special education advocacy and disciplinary representation—expulsions, placement determination hearings), Criminal (felony G and lower, misdemeanor & criminal traffic defense), Employment Law (wage and hour, FMLA, discrimination, wrongful termination), Family Law (custody/placement matters, divorce, guardianships, grandparent visitation), Foreclosure defense, General Civil Law (large claims defense and prosecution, but not personal injury/medical malpractice), Landlord/Tenant, Mediation services, and Municipal citation defense, Small Claims (defense & prosecution).

**Eligibility:** Services are available to those whose income is 400% or less of the Federal poverty guidelines.

**Costs:** Fees are set by case type and household income relative to the Federal poverty guidelines; fees are not hourly, but are instead charged as a base fee followed by smaller per-hearing fees, the amount of which varies depending on the client's household income.

**Staff:** Licensed attorneys

**Website:** <http://www.lagmann.org/>



## **Lawyer Referral and Information Service**

State Bar of Wisconsin

PO Box 7158

Madison, WI 53707

**Phone:** (608) 257-4666 or (800) 362-9082 (Wisconsin only)

**Legal Assistance:** Callers talk to an experienced legal assistant who can assist in locating the best sources of help.

Assistants generally refer callers to one or more of three services:

**Lawyer Hotline:** An attorney answers a caller's simple legal question.

**Lawyer Referral:** Caller is referred to a Wisconsin attorney who practices in the area about which the caller is inquiring.

**Community Referral:** Referrals to community resources for low income, gov. agencies, consumer protection, and others.

**Eligibility:** All Wisconsin residents

**Costs:** Free service, unless the caller makes an appointment to speak with an attorney. In this case, the attorney will charge potential client no more than \$20.00 for an initial half hour consultation.

**Staff:** State Bar legal assistants and volunteer attorneys

**Website:** <http://www.wisbar.org/forpublic/inneedalawyer/pages/lris.aspx>

## **Legal Action of Wisconsin**

31 S. Mills Street

Madison, WI 53715

**Phone:** (608) 256-3304 or (800) 362-3904, Fax: (608) 256-0510

**Intake Line:** (608) 256-3258

**Legal Assistance:** Public benefits/Health law (Wisconsin works [W-2], SSI, Food Stamps, Medicaid); Family law; Senior law (i.e. Medicare, social security, elder abuse); Housing (i.e. landlord-tenant, public and subsidized housing, rent control); Education (i.e. expulsion and suspension, school lunch program denials); Migrant Project (legal services to migrant farmers); Jobs/economic law (i.e. removal of legal barriers to employment)

**Hours:** Vary. Call for times and dates, or visit website below for more information.

**Eligibility:** Call for income guidelines.

**Staff:** Attorneys and paralegals

**Website:** [http://www.legalaction.org/content/index.cfm?cm\\_id=13](http://www.legalaction.org/content/index.cfm?cm_id=13)

## **Madison Senior Center**

330 W. Mifflin Street

Madison, WI 53703

**Phone** (608) 266-6581; Fax: (608) 267-8684

**Email:** [seniorcenter@cityofmadison.com](mailto:seniorcenter@cityofmadison.com)

**Legal Assistance:** Law related classes and activities for senior citizens, including a "Do Your Own Will" class and AARP tax assistance. Call to inquire about when classes are scheduled.

**Eligibility:** Dane County residents 55 and over

**Website:** <http://www.cityofmadison.com/seniorCenter/>

## **Modest Means Panel of the State Bar of Wisconsin**

PO Box 7158

Madison WI 53707-7158

**Phone:** (888) 529-7599

**Legal Assistance:** Assist people whose income is too high to qualify for free legal services but too low to pay a lawyer's standard rate. The Program is run by the Lawyer Referral Service at the State Bar. Once completed application is received, we will try to match you with an attorney who has agreed to consider certain cases at a reduced rate.

**Eligibility:** Between 125% and 200% of the federal poverty guideline

**Staff:** Volunteer lawyers take referrals screened by legal assistants at the State Bar.

**Website:** <http://www.wisbar.org/forPublic/INeedaLawyer/Pages/Modest-Means.aspx>



## **Neighborhood Law Clinic**

Villager Mall

2300 S. Park Street, Suite 109

Madison, WI 53713

**Phone:** (608) 265-2441, Fax: (608) 265-3732

**Hours:** Vary. Please call for current hours. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred.

**Legal Assistance:** Provides legal information, representation, and referrals in areas of landlord-tenant issues, workers' rights, and public benefits.

**Eligibility:** Call for more information.

**Staff:** Law students, supervised by professors who are licensed attorneys.

**Website:** [www.law.wisc.edu/eji/nlp](http://www.law.wisc.edu/eji/nlp)

## **Outreach, Inc.**

600 Williamson St.

Madison, WI 53703

**Phone:** (608) 255-8582

**Email:** [info@lgbtoutreach.org](mailto:info@lgbtoutreach.org)

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00AM – 9:00PM., Saturday 12PM – 4:00PM

**Legal Assistance:** Discrimination and family law issues related to LGBT families, advocacy for equality for LGBT rights, support groups and peer counseling available.

**Staff:** Includes counselors and pro bono attorneys

**Website:** [www.lgbtoutreach.org](http://www.lgbtoutreach.org)

## **Rape Crisis Center**

2801 Coho St., Suite 301

Madison, WI 53713

**Phone:** (608) 251-5126, Fax (608) 251-6229

24 Hour Crisis Service/Help Line: (608) 251-7273

**Si necesita asistencia en español, llame a (608) 25-VALOR / (608) 258-2567**

**Email:** [info@danecountyrc.org](mailto:info@danecountyrc.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Assistance with and accompaniment to proceedings pertaining to the following matters: making a police report, investigative interviews, initial hearings, preliminary hearings, motions, trials, sentencing, revocation, etc. Counselor/advocates are familiar with all these proceedings and can explain what may happen to a victim. They are not legal professionals. Their role is to provide information and support to a victim and her/his support people.

**Eligibility:** Anyone in Dane County with an action involving sexual assault.

**Staff:** Counselors/advocates, including bilingual advocate (Spanish/English), who provide information and support, not legal advice.

**Website:** [www.danecountyrc.com](http://www.danecountyrc.com)

## **Restorative Justice Project**

Frank J. Remington Center

University of Wisconsin Law School

Madison, WI 53706-1399

**Phone:** (608) 263-7905

**Legal Assistance:** Mediation between the victims/survivors of crime and criminal offenders.

**Eligibility:** Any victim/survivor of a crime in which the offender is under the supervision of Wisconsin's Department of Corrections. Other victims/survivors of crime may also be eligible.

**Staff:** Law students under the supervision of the project director.

**Website:** [www.law.wisc.edu/fjr/rjp](http://www.law.wisc.edu/fjr/rjp)

## **Small Claims Assistance Program (SCAP)**

Dane County Courthouse  
215 S. Hamilton St., Room L1022  
Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Tuesdays 9-11AM—walk in service only, no phone calls

**Legal Assistance:** Offers assistance with forms and procedures related to small claims court; referrals to community resources; no legal advice. **Abogados que hablan español están en el centro el primer y tercer martes de cada mes.**

**Eligibility:** Unrepresented small claims court litigants. No income guidelines.

**Staff:** Volunteer attorneys and paralegals

## **State Public Defender**

17 S. Fairchild St., 2nd Floor  
Madison, WI 53703

**Phone:** (608) 266-9150, Fax: (608) 267-1777

**Legal Assistance:** Legal services for indigent defendants in Dane County criminal account, juveniles in Dane County, and clients involved in mental commitment proceedings.

**Eligibility:** Eligibility determination considers the applicant's income and assets (including spousal income and assets), family size, essential expenses beyond ordinary living expenses, and the type of case for which the applicant seeks representation. Call for more information.

**Staff:** Licensed attorneys

**Website:** [www.wispd.org](http://www.wispd.org)

## **Sunshine Legal Clinic**

Meets at Sunshine Supper  
1632 W. Main St.  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

**Phone:** (608) 255-8000 or (608) 825-3875

**Email:** [sunshineclinic.sp@gmail.com](mailto:sunshineclinic.sp@gmail.com)

**Hours:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 5PM – 7PM.

**Legal Assistance:** Opportunity to speak with an attorney and ask questions about Family Law, Immigration Law, Employment Law, Criminal Law, Landlord/Tenant Issues, and more. Spanish speakers available, call ahead.

**Staff:** Licensed Attorneys, law school students, and paralegals.

**Cost:** Free

## **Tenant Resource Center (Main Location)**

1202 Williamson Street, Suite A  
Madison, WI 53703

Housing Counseling in Dane County: (608) 257-0006

Toll-Free Housing Counseling outside Dane County: No longer available due to cut funding

Housing Counseling via email: [asktrc@tenantresourcecenter.org](mailto:asktrc@tenantresourcecenter.org)

Mediation Service: (608) 257-2799

**Hours:** Reduced due to cut funding: call to inquire about current operating hours.

**Legal Assistance:** Cannot give legal information; however an Attorney Referral List is available. Housing counseling/information/referrals for Wisconsin landlords' and tenants' rights and responsibilities provided.

**Eligibility:** Tenants, landlords, anyone with questions about rental rights throughout Wisconsin.

**Staff:** Volunteer TRC-trained housing counselors.

**Website:** [www.tenantresourcecenter.org](http://www.tenantresourcecenter.org)

## **Tenant Resource Center (Job Center Location)**

Housing Help Desk

Dane County Job Center

1819 Aberg Avenue

Madison, WI 53704

Housing Counseling via email: [asktrc@tenantresourcecenter.org](mailto:asktrc@tenantresourcecenter.org)

**Phone:** (608) 242-7406

**Hours:** 10AM – 2PM, M-F

**Eligibility:** Tenants, landlords, anyone with questions about rental rights throughout Wisconsin.

**Staff:** Volunteer TRC-trained housing counselors.

## **Tenant Resource Center (UW Madison Location)**

UW-Madison Student Activity Center

333 East Campus Mall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Cubbie # 1

**Legal Assistance:** Cannot give legal information; however an Attorney Referral List is available. Housing counseling/information/referrals for UW Madison students.

**Phone:** (608) 216-2321 **Español:** (608) 237-8913

**Email:** [uw@tenantresourcecenter.org](mailto:uw@tenantresourcecenter.org)

**Hours:** Change every semester and summer. Check website below for current schedule. Walk-in service.

**Website:** [http://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/uw\\_madison](http://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/uw_madison)

## **Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic**

Madison Labor Temple

1602 S. Park St., #106

Madison, WI 53715

**Phone:** (608) 255-5909, Fax: (608) 338-0043

**Email:** [uwuac@rso.wisc.edu](mailto:uwuac@rso.wisc.edu)

**Hours:** Vary throughout the year. The only way to schedule an appointment with the clinic is through the United Way (dial 2-1-1 from any local phone or the above listed number)

**Legal Assistance:** Help with the pursuit of unemployment compensation benefits. Under the supervision of volunteer attorneys, law students advise clients and prepare for and represent them at unemployment compensation hearings in Dane County. The Clinic only assists with claims involving Wisconsin Unemployment Law.

**Eligibility:** Individuals who believe they have an unemployment compensation claim.

**Staff:** Law students under the supervision of volunteer attorneys. Attorneys assist law students with case selection decisions and are available for consultation.

**Website:** <http://wisconsinuac.blogspot.com/>

## **United Refugee Services of Wisconsin, Inc. (URSW)**

312 N. 3d St.

Madison, WI 53704

**Phone:** (608) 422-6280

**Email:** [dcfrefugee@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dcfrefugee@wisconsin.gov)

**Contact:** ThajYing Lee, Executive Director

**Legal Assistance:** Helps refugees with legal needs.

**Eligibility:** Services are mainly for refugees, asylees, and their descendants living in Dane and Rock Counties.

**Staff:** Bilingual and bi-cultural staff who provide support services and information to individuals and families as they adjust to their new life in Wisconsin.

**Website:** <http://dcf.wi.gov/refugee/default.htm>

## **Upper Midwest Pension Rights Project**

2850 Dairy Drive, Suite 100

Madison, WI 53718

**Phone:** (608) 224-0606 or (800) 366-2990, Fax: (608) 224-0607

**TTY/Textnet:** (888) 758-6047

**Email:** [pensionrights@cwag.org](mailto:pensionrights@cwag.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Assistance and advocacy towards resolving pension issues in the pension Claims and Appeals process prior to litigation, resolving “lost pensions” problems and other pension issues.

**Eligibility:** UMPRP's services are available regardless of age or income to Wisconsin residents; see also CWAG, which serves Wisconsin residents and individuals who received retirement benefits through employment in Wisconsin.

**Staff:** One attorney, supported by the national office in DC and other offices around the country. The program also has UW Law students at various times.

## **Veterans Law Center (VLC)**

### **Locations and Hours:**

- 1) City-County Building – **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month**, 11:00AM to 1:00PM  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Madison, WI 53703
- 2) Porchlight, Inc. – **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month**, 5:00PM to 7:00PM  
306 N. Brooks Street Madison, WI 53715

**Phone:** (608) 616-5232

**Legal Assistance:** VLC is a free, walk-in, civil legal clinic that provides brief legal advice; assistance with forms and procedures; referrals to veterans and community resources

**Eligibility:** Unrepresented veterans, active military service members, and their families. No income guidelines.

**Staff:** Volunteer attorneys, paralegals and law students

## **Wisconsin Fathers for Children and Families**

PO Box 1742

Madison, WI 53701-1742

**Phone:** (608) ALL-DADS (255-3237)

**Email:** [info101@wisconsinfathers.org](mailto:info101@wisconsinfathers.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Advocacy, counseling, information and support services for parents who have difficulties as a consequence of divorce or paternity actions. Focus on access of the child to both parents. Referrals to lawyers and other professionals are available.

**Eligibility:** Open to all.

**Website:** [www.wisconsinfathers.org](http://www.wisconsinfathers.org)

## **Wisconsin Law Center**

122 State St. Suite 509

Madison, WI 53703

**Phone:** (608) 259-8000

**Email:** [BrianGleason@ameritech.net](mailto:BrianGleason@ameritech.net)

**Legal Assistance:** A not for profit legal services corporation serving low income persons charged in criminal court.

**Eligibility:** Candidates must have been found ineligible by the State Public Defender and the circuit court because income or assets were above their guidelines.

**Costs:** 15% - 25% of standard attorney fees based on several factors including complexity and projected cost.

**Staff:** Licensed attorneys

## **Wisconsin Legal Advice Online**

**Website:** <https://www.wilegaladvice.org/>

**Legal Assistance:** This free service allows eligible Wisconsin residents to post legal questions for volunteer lawyers. Lawyers who have signed up to participate in this program select the questions that they want to answer.

**Eligibility:** This program is available to Wisconsin residents with low income whose legal issue **would not result in jail time**, so long as they **don't have a lawyer already helping with this problem**. You can only use this website if all of these things are true. You must agree to tell the truth. Answers will be kept secret. For State of Wisconsin residents only.

**Disclaimer:** There is no guarantee that a lawyer will answer your question; this is another resource to use but not a promise of help. Your question will be up for 14 days. A lawyer could answer it right away, or after several days. Please check back to see if your question was answered.

**Cost:** Free

## **Wisconsin State Law Library**

120 Martin Luther King Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Madison, WI 53703

**Phone:** Circulation Desk: 266-1600, Reference Desk: 267-9696, Toll Free 800-322-9755

**Email:** [wsl.ref@wicourts.gov](mailto:wsl.ref@wicourts.gov)

**Legal Assistance:** Legal reference and research assistance including help locating statutes, court forms, court procedures, primary and secondary practice materials such as local, state, or federal treatises, electronic reference sources and more.

**Eligibility:** Public access

**Staff:** Law librarians and library associates: staff are not attorneys and do not provide legal advice.

**Website:** [www.wilawlibrary.gov](http://www.wilawlibrary.gov)



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