



# DANE COUNTY COURTHOUSE



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- Courthouse Clinics
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- Dane County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
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- Family Court Clinic (FCC)
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- Madison College Legal Clinic
- Rise Law Center
- Sunshine Legal Clinic
- Vivent Health – Madison
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## **Government Services:**

- Case Mediation Program
- Dane County Law Library (DCLL)

## **Health:**

- Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health (ABC for Health)
- Aging and Disability Resource Center
- Center for Patient Partnerships
- Community Justice Inc.
- Disability Rights Wisconsin
- Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS)
- Legal Action of Wisconsin
- Madison Senior Center
- State Public Defender
- Trellis Pension and Retirement Rights
- Vivent Health – Madison

## **Housing:**

- Aging and Disability Resource Center
- Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin
- Community Justice Inc.
- Courthouse Clinics
- Disability Rights Wisconsin
- Eviction Defense Clinic
- Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison
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## **Housing (continued):**

- Foreclosure Defense Project, Community Justice, Inc.
- Greenpath Debt Solutions
- Lawyers for Learners
- Legal Action of Wisconsin
- LIFT Wisconsin
- Madison College Legal Clinic
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## **Immigration:**

- Centro Hispano of Dane County
- Community Immigration Law Center
- Immigration Legal Services (Catholic Multicultural Center)
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- Legal Action of Wisconsin
- Madison College Legal Clinic
- Rise Law Center
- Restraining Order and Survivor Advocacy Clinic
- Sunshine Legal Clinic
- Voces De La Frontera

## **Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues:**

- Community Justice Inc.
- Consumer Law Clinic - Courthouse Clinics
- Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Lawyers for Learners
- Rise Law Center
- Small Claims Assistance Program (SCAP)
- Vivent Health – Madison

## **Public Benefits:**

- Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health (ABC for Health)
- Aging and Disability Resource Center
- Center for Patient Partnerships
- Community Justice Inc.
- Courthouse Clinics
- Dane County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Disability Rights Wisconsin
- Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS)
- Legal Action of Wisconsin
- Madison Senior Center
- Neighborhood Law Clinic
- Tenant Resource Center (Main Location)
- Tenant Resource Center (UW Madison Location)
- Trellis Pension and Retirement Rights
- Vivent Health – Madison

## **Small Business & IP:**

- Bankruptcy Assistance Program, Community Justice Inc.
- Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Madison College Legal Clinic

## **Traffic & Cars:**

- Lawyers for Learners

## **Veterans & Military:**

- Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
- Veterans Law Clinic

## **Work & Employment Law:**

- Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin
- Community Justice Inc.
- Disability Rights Wisconsin
- Legal Action of Wisconsin
- Madison College Legal Clinic
- Neighborhood Law Clinic
- Sunshine Legal Clinic
- Trellis Pension and Retirement Rights
- Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic
- Vivent Health – Madison
- Voces De La Frontera
- Worker Justice Wisconsin Walk-In Clinic

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

32 N. Bassett St.

Madison, WI 53703-2213

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**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 and disability programs, and estate planning. 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.

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

Tag: Public Benefits; Family; Health

## **Aging and Disability Resource Center**

2865 N. Sherman Avenue

Madison, WI 53704

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. After-hours appointments are available upon request

**Phone:** Toll-Free: 855-417-6892; Phone: 608-240-7400; Fax: 608-240-7401

**Email:** [ADRC@countyofdane.com](mailto:ADRC@countyofdane.com)

**Legal Assistance:** The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ARDC) of Dane County provides information on private and government benefits and programs. This includes assisting individuals when they need help with the process of accessing Medicare, Social Security, or other benefits. The Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) Program provides counseling, advocacy, and technical assistance regarding: Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security Income (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), FoodShare, and more. The DBS may also assist with disability applications and appeal procedures. The DBS does not assist with private health insurance, taxes, tax, or financial advice, or housing assistance.

**Costs:** ADRC services are free. The information and assistance provided to you is at no cost. The services you are referred to may charge a fee.

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

Tag: Public Benefits; Health; Housing

## **Basic Estate Planning Clinic**

Madison College-Goodman South Campus (Goodman South): 2429 Perry St., Madison, WI 53713

**Hours:** Schedule and appointment information are on their website.

**Phone:** 608-204-9642, 608-442-3003

**Email:** [hps@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:hps@madisoncollege.edu)

**Legal Assistance:** Helps low-income individuals prepare basic estate planning documents.

**Eligibility:** Eligibility by income levels.

**Website:** [https://www.dcba.net/resources/dane\\_county\\_basic\\_estate\\_planning\\_clinic](https://www.dcba.net/resources/dane_county_basic_estate_planning_clinic)

Tag: Estates, Wills, & Guardianships

## **Case Mediation Program**

Dane County Bar Association

Attn: Le Jordan

PO Box 44008

Madison, WI 53744-4408

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**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:** \$100.00 per party payable to the Case Mediation Program

**Website:** [https://www.dcba.net/resources/case\\_mediation\\_program](https://www.dcba.net/resources/case_mediation_program)

Tag: Family; Government Services; Courts & Lawyers

## **Center for Patient Partnerships**

The Center for Patient Partnerships

University of Wisconsin-Madison

432 N Lake St. Suite 104

Madison, WI 53706

**Hours:** Contact for hours

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

**Email:** [info@cpp.wisc.edu](mailto:info@cpp.wisc.edu)

**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.

**Website:** <https://patientpartnerships.wisc.edu/>

Tag: Public Benefits; Health

## **Centro Hispano of Dane County**

2403 Cypress Way

Madison, WI 53713

**Hours:** Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

**Email:** [reception@micentro.org](mailto:reception@micentro.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Bilingual assistance in the areas of immigration law. Referrals to attorneys. Consultations, naturalization help, permanent resident information and help, DACA, and advance parole information.

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

Tag: Crime & Prisons; Immigration

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

30 W Mifflin, Suite 406

Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** 608-224-0606; 1-800-488-2596

**Email:** [webmaster@cwag.org](mailto:webmaster@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.

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

Tag: Estates, Wills, & Guardianships

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

4101 E Towne Blvd

Madison, WI 53704-2605

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Phone:** 608-237-1255; Fax: 608-246-4760

**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.

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

Tag: Work & Employment Law; Family; Housing; Civil & Human Rights

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

944 E. Gorham Street

Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Walk-in clinics are held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Phone:** (608) 640-4444; Fax: (608) 640-4447

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

**Legal Assistance:** Offers representation for detained non-citizens in removal proceedings. The representation covers all aspects of immigration court proceedings including: In detention and after release; Master calendar hearings, bond proceedings, competency hearings, merits hearings, USCIS applications and proceedings, BIA appeals, remands from the BIA, and state court proceedings related to immigration relief.

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

**Website:** <https://www.cilcmadison.org/legal-clinic>

Tag: Immigration

## **Community Justice Inc.**

214 N. Hamilton St., Suite 101

Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Contact for hours

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

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

**Email:** [clerk1@communityjusticeinc.org](mailto:clerk1@communityjusticeinc.org)

**Legal Assistance:** A broad range of civil legal services, including Bankruptcy, 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.

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

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

975 Bascom Mall

Madison, WI 53706

**Hours:** Hours may vary. Contact for current hours.

**Phone:** 608-263-6283

**Email:** None Listed

**Legal Assistance:** Representation in federal and state consumer protection lawsuits with assistance in filling out forms related to the case. Focuses on consumer debt defense, earnings/wage garnishment, and unfair debt collection.

**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.

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

Tag: Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues

## **Courthouse Clinics – Clinics located in the Dane County Courthouse**

Dane County Courthouse

Room 1000

215 S Hamilton St.

Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Hours and dates vary and may change throughout the year. Check the schedule on the website for current clinic times.

**Phone:** 608-266-6316 Fax: 608-266-5988

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

**Legal Assistance:** Clinics may include the Family Court Clinic, Family Law Assistance Center, Small Claims clinic, Eviction clinic, DAIS domestic abuse legal clinic.

**Website:** <https://courts.countyofdane.com/Assistance/Law-Library>

Tag: Accidents and Torts; Civil and Human Rights; Family; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues; Housing; Public Benefits

## **Dane County Bar Association**

Dane County Bar Association

PO Box 44008

Madison, WI 53744-4008

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** 608-848-1950

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

**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:** <https://www.dcba.net/>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Family

## **Dane County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)**

2445 Darwin Road, Suite 15

Madison, Wisconsin 53704

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** 608-241-4888; Fax: 608-241-4825

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

**Legal Assistance:** Dane County CASA advocates for abused and neglected children in local courts, with community volunteers, to achieve placement in safe and permanent homes. Judges assign trained volunteers to monitor abused and neglected children. Volunteers meet with these children weekly and provide reports monthly to the court. Judges then will use those reports to determine what is in the best interests of these vulnerable children.

**Website:** <https://canopycenter.org/what-we-do/casa/>

Tag: Civil and Human Rights; Family; Public Benefits; Courts & Lawyers

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

Courthouse

215 S Hamilton Street—Room L1007

Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**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.

**Website:** <https://wilawlibrary.gov/about/locations.html>

Tag: Government Services; Courts & Lawyers

## **Disability Rights Wisconsin**

1502 West Broadway Suite 201

Madison, WI 53713

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:30-5:00

**Phone:** 608-267-0214 or 800-928-8778, Fax: 833-635-1968

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

**Legal Assistance:** Provides legal services to people with disabilities and disability related issues including abuse and neglect, patient rights, civil rights violations, 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.

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

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

2102 Fordem Avenue

Madison, WI 53704

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** 608- 251-1237, 800-747-4045; 24-Hour Help/Crisis Line: 608-251-4445; FAX: 608-284-2134

**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.

**Website:** <https://abuseintervention.org/>

Tag: Public Benefits; Health; Civil and Human Rights

## **Eviction Defense Clinic**

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** (608) 890-0678; FAX: (608) 265-3732

**Email:** [ejl@law.wisc.edu](mailto:ejl@law.wisc.edu)

**Legal Assistance:** The Eviction Defense Clinic (EDC) provides free legal representation to residents of Dane County that have an eviction (no security deposits, conditions, illegal lock outs) case currently in court. The EDC is part of the University of Wisconsin Law School's Economic Justice Institute. EDC clients receive legal services from law students, who are supervised by attorneys. The EDC can only help tenants who have a case in court\* AND are already working with the Tenant Resource Center (TRC).

**Costs:** Free

**Website:** <https://law.wisc.edu/ejl/evictiondefense/index.html>

Tag: Housing

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

1574 W. Broadway, Suite 200

Madison, WI 53713

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** 608-257-0853; Toll-free statewide complaint intake hotline: 877-647-FAIR (3247)

**Email:** None Listed

**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.

**Website:** <http://www.fairhousingwisconsin.com/>

Tag: Housing

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

Dane County Courthouse (Currently by appointment, may be virtual or at another location.)

215 S. Hamilton St., Room L1022.

Madison, WI 53713

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

**Phone:** 608-262-2301

**Email:** None Listed

**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.

**Costs:** Free of charge

**Website:** <https://courts.countyofdane.com/Assistance>

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

Dane County Courthouse

215 S Hamilton St., Room L1022

Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Phone:** None Listed

**Email:** None Listed

**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.

**Website:** <https://courts.countyofdane.com/Assistance>

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## **Free Legal Answers – Wisconsin**

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** None Listed

**Email:** None Listed

**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 who meet the qualifications for using the site and have a non-criminal legal question.

**Cost:** Free

**Website:** <https://wi.freelegalanswers.org/>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers

## **Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Multicultural Center**

1862 Beld Street

Madison, WI, 53713

**Hours:** Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., by appointment only

**Phone:** 608-441-0114

**Email:** None Listed

**Legal Assistance:** Provides immigration legal services to low/no income immigrants and refugees who are unable to afford the fees of a private attorney.

**Website:** <https://cmcmadison.org/immigration-legal/>

Tag: Immigration

## **Immigrant Justice Clinic (IJC)**

University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, 975 Bascom Mall  
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** (608) 890-3753

**Legal Assistance:** The Immigrant Justice Clinic works to meet the legal needs of Wisconsin's underserved immigrant community while training law students in cutting-edge aspects of immigration law. Under the supervision of IJC clinical faculty, students provide direct representation to low-income immigrants in removal proceedings, provide assessments of immigration consequences to non-citizens facing criminal charges, and assist immigrants in need of post-conviction relief.

**Website:** <https://law.wisc.edu/eji/ijc/forthepublic.html>

Tag: Immigration

## **Immigration Services at Jewish Social Services of Madison**

6434 Enterprise Lane  
Madison, WI 53719

**Hours:** Walk in hours every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Phone:** 608-442-4081; Fax: 608-278-7814

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

**Legal Assistance:** Jewish Social Services of Madison offers Immigration Legal Services to refugee clients, parolees, and those with asylee status by appointment only. See website for current assistance. Assistance is provided with applications for green cards, family reunification, travel documents, and citizenship. Social service staff is available to offer assistance in addressing other issues that may be facing individuals and families, such as resettlement, healthcare, public benefits, and other issues.

**Costs:** Fee waivers and reductions are available to low-income clients.

**Website:** <https://jssmadison.org/services/refugee/>

Tag: Immigration

## **Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic**

University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, 975 Bascom Mall, 2nd Floor, Room 4314  
Madison Wisconsin 53706

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** None Listed

**Email:** [entrepreneurhelp@law.wisc.edu](mailto:entrepreneurhelp@law.wisc.edu)

**Legal Assistance:** The L&E Clinic provides free legal services to nascent entrepreneurs and early-stage companies through the work of law students supervised by faculty and private sector attorneys. Also strive to connect entrepreneurs with other resources in the entrepreneurial ecosystem who can help them launch. This might include everything from prototyping resources to business planning, office space, mentoring, seed funding, and more.

**Eligibility:** The L&E Clinic is designed to help entrepreneurs develop businesses that create a positive economic impact for the state of Wisconsin. We select applicants on the basis of all of the following criteria:

- The applicant would otherwise be unlikely to obtain qualified legal advice
- The applicant has not received a significant round of outside funding or financing from investors
- The applicant's place of business is within the jurisdiction of the state of Wisconsin
- The work requested by the applicant is appropriate for students and presents an interesting educational opportunity

**Website:** <https://law.wisc.edu/uwle/>

Tag: Small Business & IP; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues

## **Lawyer Referral and Information Service**

State Bar of Wisconsin  
PO Box 7158  
Madison, WI 53707

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Phone:** (800) 362-9082 or (608) 257-4666 (in Dane County and outside of Wisconsin)

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[wilawlibrary.gov/topics/countylinks/dclegalassist.pdf](http://wilawlibrary.gov/topics/countylinks/dclegalassist.pdf)

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**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.

**Website:** <https://www.wisbar.org/forpublic/ineedalawyer/pages/lris.aspx>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers

## **Lawyers for Learners**

**Legal Assistance:** Lawyers for Learners partners with colleges across Wisconsin to connect students and community members with free legal help. Virtual or in-person help may include criminal background and arrest records; records from civil and municipal court proceedings, such as retail theft citations and debt judgments; driver's license recovery; rental housing issues; child support and family law issues; expungement, unemployment compensation, foreclosure, bankruptcy, victim of crime issues and consumer law. Fill out the form on their website to request an appointment.

**Website:** <https://lawyersforlearners.org/get-legal-help/>

Tag: Crime & Prisons; Housing; Family; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues; Traffic & Cars

## **Legal Action of Wisconsin**

744 Williamson Street, Suite 200

Madison, WI 53703

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

**Phone:** 608-256-3304 or 855-947-2529, Fax: 608-256-0510

**Email:** None Listed

**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)

**Eligibility:** Call for income guidelines.

**Website:** <https://www.legalaction.org/contact-us/madison-area-office>

Tag: Health; Public Benefits; Family; Housing; Immigration; Work & Employment Law; Civil & Human Rights; Estates, Wills & Guardianships; Education

## **LIFT Wisconsin**

PO Box 259824

Madison WI 53725

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

**Phone:** 608-305-4011

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

**Legal Assistance:** Provides a legal tune up tool to search public data and help users resolve civil legal issues, fill out forms for court filings, and direct users to legal and employment services. Get help removing eligible records from background check databases, criminal records, and eviction records.

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

Tag: Housing, Crime and Prisons, Employment

## **Madison College Legal Clinic**

2429 Perry St

Madison, WI 53713

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** (608) 243-4200

**Email:** None Listed

**Legal Assistance:** The free clinic can help with legal issues like: Bankruptcy, Business Organizations, Business Start-ups, Child Support and Family Law, Consumer Protection, Criminal Records, Driver's License Restoration, Expungement, Foreclosures, Immigration, Intellectual Property, Powers of Attorney, Rental Housing, Simple Wills, Unemployment Compensation, Victim of Crime. Priority is given to students, staff, and prospective students.

**Website:** <https://students.madisoncollege.edu/legal-clinic>

Tag: Family; Housing; Work & Employment Law; Estates, Wills, & Guardianship; Crime & Prisons; Immigration; Money, Debt, and Consumer Issues; Small Business and IP

## **Madison Senior Center**

330 W. Mifflin Street  
Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Mondays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**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:** <https://www.cityofmadison.com/senior-center>

Tag: Health; Public Benefits; Estates, Wills & Guardianships

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

PO Box 7158

Madison WI 53707-7158

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** 888-529-7599

**Email:** None Listed

**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

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

Tag: Courts & Lawyers

## **Neighborhood Law Clinic**

Villager Mall

2238 S. Park Street

Madison, WI 53713

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

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

**Email:** None Listed

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

**Eligibility:** Call for more information.

**Costs:** The NLC does not charge for their legal services. However, if we offer services beyond the intake interview, there is a one-time \$25 administrative fee. Clients are generally expected to pay any court costs such as filing and service fees.

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

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Housing; Public Benefits; Work & Employment Law

## **Office of the Staff Judge Advocate**

Joint Forces Headquarters

2400 Wright Street

Madison, WI 53704

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** 608-242-3071

**Email:** None Listed

**Legal Assistance:** Military members seeking legal advice may consult the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Tag: Veterans & Military

## **Rape Crisis Center**

2801 Coho St., Suite 301

Madison, WI 53713

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** 608-251-5126, Fax 608-736-3131

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

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

**Email:** [info@thercc.org](mailto:info@thercc.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.

**Website:** <https://thercc.org>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Crime & Prisons; Civil and Human Rights

## **Restorative Justice Project**

Frank J. Remington Center

University of Wisconsin Law School

Madison, WI 53706-1399

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** None Listed

**Email:** None Listed

**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.

**Website:** <https://law.wisc.edu/fjr/rjp/>

Tag: Crime & Prisons

## **Rise Law Center**

1400 E. Washington Ave., Suite #262

Madison, Wisconsin 53703

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Phone:** (608) 256-1015; Fax: (608) 256-1089

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

**Legal Assistance:** RISE Law Center is a nonprofit law center that facilitates greater access to legal help and justice for underserved communities in Wisconsin. Provides culturally relevant legal representation across an array of services and legal topics, including family law, paternity acknowledgement, property and debt, and immigration and refugees, and more.

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

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Family; Immigration; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues

## **Restraining Order and Survivor Advocacy Clinic (ROSA)**

University of Wisconsin Law School, 975 Bascom Mall

Madison, Wisconsin 53706

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** (608) 263-9574

**Email:** [ROSA@law.wisc.edu](mailto:ROSA@law.wisc.edu)

**Legal Assistance:** Provides direct legal services with no cost to victims/survivors of intimate-partner violence in Dane, Jefferson, Rock, and Sauk Counties. Law students assist victims/survivors of intimate-partner violence by completing Restraining Order petitions, representing them at injunction hearings (restraining-order hearings), and providing relevant resources, under the supervision of experienced clinical faculty.

**Costs:** Free

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

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Crime & Prisons; Civil and Human Rights

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

Dane County Courthouse

215 S. Hamilton St., Room L1022

Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. walk in service only, no phone calls

**Phone:** None Listed

**Email:** None Listed

**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.

**Website:** <https://courts.danecounty.gov/Assistance>

Tag: Accidents and Torts; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues

## **State Public Defender**

17 S. Fairchild St., 2nd Floor

Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** 608-266-9150

**Email:** None Listed

**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.

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

Tag: Courts & Lawyers; Crime & Prisons; Health

## **Sunshine Legal Clinic**

Meets at Sunshine Supper

1632 W. Main St.

Sun Prairie, WI 53590

**Hours:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Phone:** 608-352-8555.

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

**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.

**Cost:** Free

**Website:** <https://sunshineplace.org/services/human-services/sunshine-legal-clinic/>

Tag: Work & Employment Law; Family; Immigration; Crime & Prisons; Housing

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

2510 Winnebago Street

Madison, WI 53704

**Hours:** Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Mediation Service: (608) 257-0006 x 8  
En Español: 608-257-0006 x 1  
Lus Hmoob: 608-257-0006 x 2  
Fax: 608-229-1317

**Email:** Complete this form to receive assistance. [https://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/contact\\_rental\\_rights](https://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/contact_rental_rights)

**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.

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

Tag: Housing; Public Benefits; Housing

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

UW-Madison Student Activity Center  
333 East Campus Mall, Room 4001  
Madison, WI 53715

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

**Phone:** 608-257-0006 **Español:** 608-257-0006 x 1 **Hmoob:** 608-257-0006 x 2

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

Complete this form to receive assistance. [https://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/contact\\_rental\\_rights](https://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/contact_rental_rights)

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

**Website:** [https://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/uw\\_madison\\_office](https://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/uw_madison_office)

Tag: Housing; Public Benefits; Housing

## **Trans Law Help, Community Justice Inc.**

P.O. Box 521, Madison WI 53705

**Hours:** Check website for current clinic locations and times.

**Phone:** None Listed

**Email:** [info@translawhelp.com](mailto:info@translawhelp.com)

**Legal Assistance:** Provides assistance to the transgender community by helping individuals obtain corrected identity documents (birth certificates, driver's licenses, passports, etc.) reflecting their authentic name and gender.

**Website:** <https://www.translawhelp.com/>

Tag: Civil & Human Rights

## **Trellis Pension and Retirement Rights**

3001 Broadway St. NR, Suite 170  
Minneapolis, MN 55413

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** 651-641-8612; Toll-free: 1-866-783-5021

**Email:** [pensions@trellisconnects.org](mailto:pensions@trellisconnects.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.

**Website:** <https://trellisconnects.org/programs/trellis-pension-and-retirement-rights/>

Tag: Health; Public Benefits; Work and Employment Law

## **Unemployment Appeals Clinic**

1602 S. Park St., #106  
Madison, WI 53715

**Hours:** Vary throughout the year. Schedule an appointment with the clinic through the United Way (dial 2-1-1 from any local phone or the listed number below)

**Phone:** 608-255-5909, Call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment. Fax: 608-338-0043

**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.

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

Tag: Civil and Human Rights; Public Benefits; Work & Employment Law

## **Urban League of Greater Madison**

2222 S. Park Street

Suite 200 Madison, WI 53713

**Hours:** Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Phone:** 608-729-1200

**Email:** [opportunity@ulgm.org](mailto:opportunity@ulgm.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Receive free criminal record reviews with an attorney. Provides advice regarding your eligibility for arrest removal and correction; expungement; and pardon. Assistance with paperwork and filing court documents IF eligible. Information about your rights related to employment and criminal records. Advice for answering job application and job interview questions about your background. Job leads & information about FREE career training opportunities.

**Costs:** Free

**Website:** <https://ulgm.org/expungement/>

Tag: Crime & Prisons; Civil and Human Rights

## **Vivent Health - Madison**

600 Williamson Street, Suite H

Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Phone:** 608-252-6540 or 800- 486-6276, Hotline: 414-223-6801; Fax: 608-252-6559

**Email:** None Listed

**Legal Assistance:** Vivent Health 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.

**Website:** <https://viventhealth.org/locations/madison/>

Tag: Public Benefits; Work & Employment Law; Estates, Wills, & Guardianships; Family; Health; Housing; Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues; Civil & Human Rights

## **Veterans Law Clinic**

**Locations and Hours:** Clinics held virtually using Zoom

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** 608-618-2970

**Email:** [dcba.uwlegalclinics@gmail.com](mailto:dcba.uwlegalclinics@gmail.com)

**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.

**Website:** [https://www.dcba.net/resources/veterans\\_law\\_clinic](https://www.dcba.net/resources/veterans_law_clinic)

Tag: Veterans & Military

## **Voces De La Frontera**

1602 S. Park St.

Unit 106, Office 212

Madison, WI 53715

**Phone:** 414-643-1620

**Email:** blanca@vdlf.org

**Legal Assistance:** Voces de la Frontera specializes in worker's rights and immigration matters. May provide help filling out immigration-related paperwork.

**Website:** vdlf@vdlf.org

Tag: Immigration; Work & Employment Law

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

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Email:** Complete this form to receive assistance <https://www.wisconsinfathers.org/contact-us>

**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)

Tag: Family

## **Wisconsin State Law Library**

Lavinia Goodell State Law Library

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

Madison, WI 53703

**Hours:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Phone:** Reference Desk: 608-267-9696, 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

**Website:** <https://wilawlibrary.gov>

Tag: Courts & Lawyers

## **Wisconsin Wills For Heroes**

**Hours:** Contact for hours

**Phone:** (608) 250-6177

**Email:** [jbrown@wisbar.org](mailto:jbrown@wisbar.org)

**Legal Assistance:** Provide free preparation of basic estate planning documents for eligible first responders. Their services provides a basic will (including a simple trust for minor children), power of attorney for health care, power of attorney for finances, and a living will.

**Eligibility:** First responders with assets below \$2,000,000 (\$4,000,000 for a couple).

**Costs:** Free

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

Tag: Estates, Wills, & Guardianships

Do you have a correction or addition? Contact the Library at  
[wsl.ref@wicourts.gov](mailto:wsl.ref@wicourts.gov).