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**LEGAL AID SERVICES
OF OKLAHOMA, INC.** 



LASO's Mission

**To be a partner
in the community
making equal justice
for all a reality.**

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc. (LASO) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that provides civil legal assistance to low-income persons throughout Oklahoma.

I hope this 2016 Annual Report gives you a glimpse of the work of Legal Aid, including its joys and challenges. Every year, Legal Aid has the privilege of providing free civil legal services for tens of thousands of Oklahoma Veterans, low-income, elderly and disabled persons, as well as victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

The people who ask for help from Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma are Veterans alleviating their health care issues; the disabled gaining access to benefits; grandparents providing stability to their children's children; young mothers doing their best to keep their babies safe; Senior Citizens fallen prey to predatory lenders and losing their homes; women of all ages who are victims of domestic violence; and more. All of these clients face an unexpected but urgent legal problem that threaten to derail their lives. They have one hope and that hope is Legal Aid.

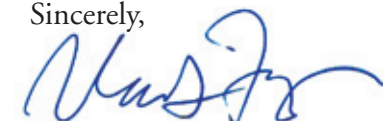
Legal Aid will continue to provide these services to as many people as possible in 2017; however, 2017 may be the most challenging year LASO has ever faced.

Legal Aid's work is funded through a combination of federal funding, state funding, foundation and non-profit grants, and private donations, and is never guaranteed. Simply put, if Legal Aid loses funding, Legal Aid will not be able to help as many low-income Oklahomans; that means families, children, the disabled, the elderly, Veterans, and many others who cannot access free civil legal services will suffer.

What can you do? Donate! Volunteer! Legal Aid resolved 10,133 cases, affecting 22,724 of the 631,692 Oklahomans who lived in poverty in 2016. Help us to help others.

Please give generously today!

Sincerely,


Michael G. Figgins
Executive Director

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma receives funding through the Legal Services Corporation and we are required to notify all our sources of gifts, including private donors, that we will not engage in advocacy activities prohibited by the LSC Act (42 U.S.C. 2996 et. seq. or by Public Law 104-134) or LSC Appropriations Riders

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Helping low-income individuals, victims of domestic and sexual abuse, the elderly, the disabled, and Veterans solve legal problems.

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Law Offices Throughout Oklahoma

LASO was born in 2001 when Legal Aid Services of Eastern Oklahoma, Inc. and Legal Aid of Western Oklahoma were merged to create a unified program for the state. LASO maintains 18 offices throughout Oklahoma.



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LASO Partnerships

In addition to the services provided by attorneys in LASO offices, additional attorneys are embedded in non-profits and other organizations throughout Oklahoma.

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| Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah | Okmulgee County Family Resource Center, Okmulgee |
| Citizen Potawatomi Nation | Osage Nation, Pawhuska |
| Community Health Connection, Tulsa | OU Schusterman Clinic, Tulsa |
| Family Justice Center, Shawnee | Palomar: Family Justice Center, OKC |
| Family Safety Center, Tulsa | ReMerge, OKC |
| Intervention & Crisis Advocacy Network, Chickasha & El Reno | SafeNet Services, Mayes/Rogers Counties |
| Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma | SOS for Families, Idabel |
| Latino Community Development Agency, OKC | Sunbeam Family Services, OKC |
| Mercy Hospital, Ardmore | The Education and Employment Ministry (TEEM), OKC |
| Morton Comprehensive Health Services, Tulsa | Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless, Tulsa |
| Muscogee (Creek) Nation | VA Medical Center, OKC |
| New Directions, Lawton | West Town Day Shelter, OKC |
| North Care, OKC | Women in Recovery, Tulsa |
| Northwest Domestic Crisis Services, Guymon, Woodward | Women's Resource Center, Norman |
| Oklahoma County Health Department, OKC | YWCA, Enid, OKC, Tulsa |

10,133

Cases Resolved

Case Statistics

- 1285 Consumer Cases
- 1636 Domestic Violence Cases
- 19 Education Cases
- 104 Employment Cases
- 2251 Family Law Cases
- 575 Juvenile Cases
- 73 Health Care Cases
- 1728 Housing Cases
- 913 Income Maintenance
- 205 Individual Rights
- 1341 Miscellaneous

Clients Assisted

- 22,724 People Impacted
- 9126 Children
- 2757 Elderly
- 900 Veterans
- 2848 Disabled
- 6496 Caucasian
- 1788 African American
- 604 Hispanic
- 989 Native American
- 91 Asian or Pacific Islander
- 165 Other or Unknown

Highlights

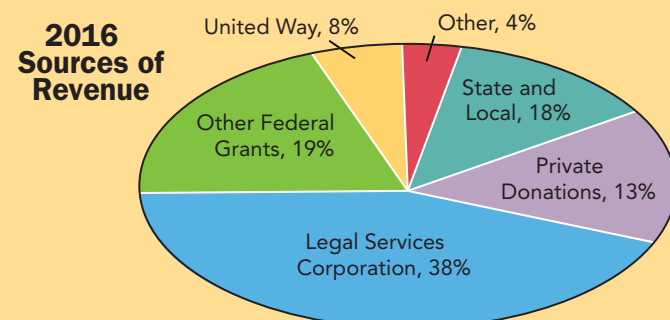
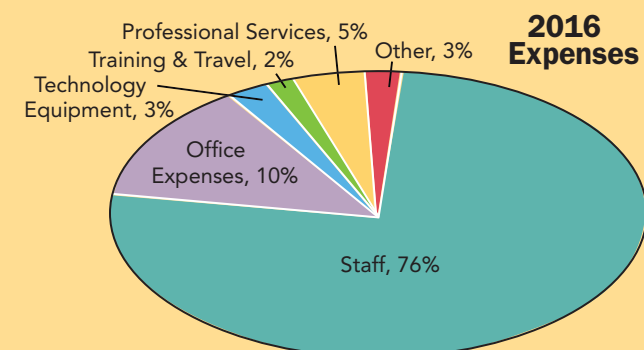
- Assisted 852 clients to escape abusive relationships
- Prevented or delayed 650 evictions
- Obtained, preserved, or increased benefits for 270 Social Security clients
- Prevented or delayed foreclosure for 296 clients
- Prepared Will, Advance Directive, Deed, Power of Attorney for 1,487 clients
- Obtained 304 guardianships

Pro Bono

- 189 pro bono attorneys
- Resolved 661 cases
- Donated 2892 hours
- Value of services \$433,800

Monetary Recovery

For Clients \$6,302,842



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