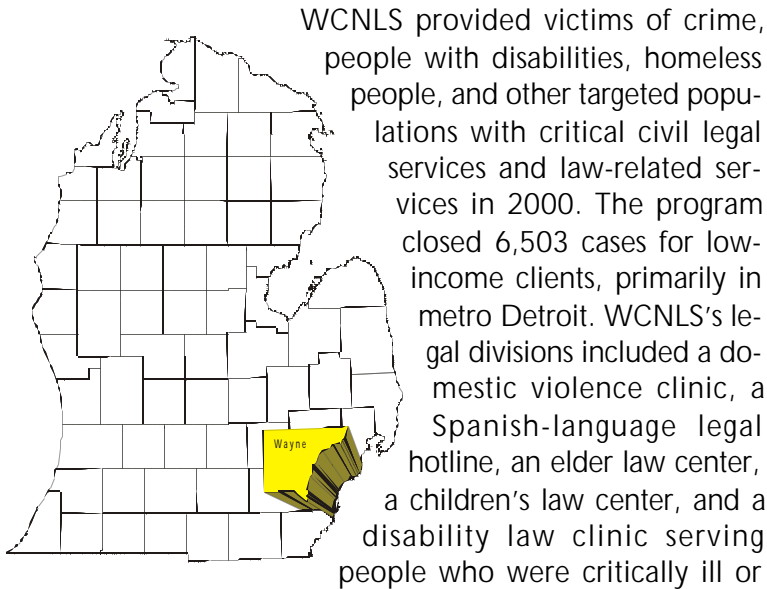


WAYNE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES

WCNLS Office Locations: Detroit, Ecorse, and Redford

WCNLS Service Area: Metropolitan Detroit and southeast Michigan

Service Population: 502,340 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level

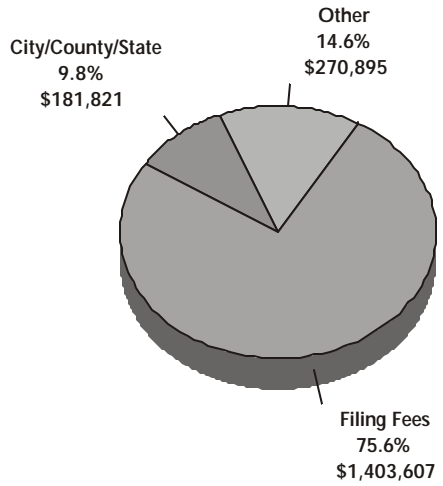


Several years after his release from prison, a convicted child molester physically assaulted his wife and teenage son. After fleeing this abusive situation, the mother sought assistance from WCNLS. A WCNLS paralegal obtained a personal protection order, which ordered the abuser to stay away from the wife. Later, a WCNLS attorney secured an emergency custody order placing the son in the physical custody of the mother and allowing the father only supervised visits.

HIV-positive. Pro bono attorneys provided invaluable assistance in the delivery of a broad range of coordinated civil legal services. Working with a variety of advocacy organizations and legal aid programs, WCNLS refined its capacity to serve poor Michigan residents who were threatened with physical abuse or with the loss of food, shelter, medical coverage, utilities, or other basic necessities of life. WCNLS also offered twice-monthly legal clinics for victims of family violence who were representing themselves in divorce or child custody matters.

WCNLS represented the surviving caregiver of a deceased man who had suffered through a long illness. The man left a will, prepared by WCNLS in 1997, leaving all of his property to the client. However, family members, who had refused to help the deceased man when he was ill, began taking all of the property, including an automobile and jewelry. WCNLS filed suit in probate court and obtained an order appointing the client as personal representative of the estate and restraining the family from taking or disposing of the caregiver's property.

WCNLS Sources of Funding for 2000: \$ 1,856,323



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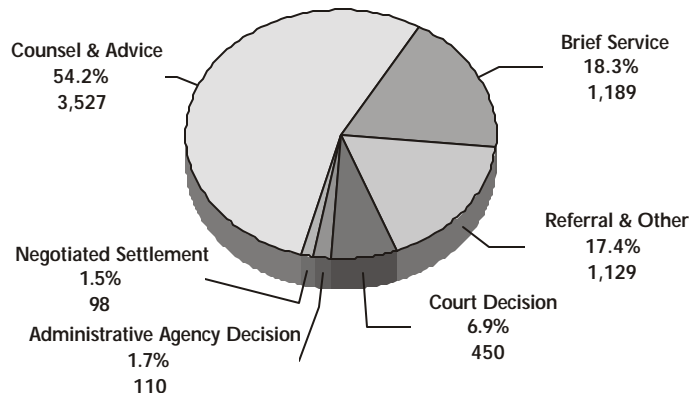
Community Outreach and Collaboration. Through collaborative relationships with various agencies and organizations, WCNLS addressed a large number of unmet legal needs. For example, through Project Permanency, WCNLS continued to provide homeless advocacy services to Detroit-area homeless people in conjunction with six other agencies. Partnerships with community-based organizations serving people living with incurable illness ensured that clients received assistance with a spectrum of needs. Relationships with a local law school and another community organization allowed the WCNLS Elder Law Center to train and supervise law students and provide legal assistance at two senior citizen centers. Family law clients received help at on-site self-help clinics and off-site at the Detroit Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit. An initiative with several partners assisted people suffering from mental, emotional, or physical disabilities in securing better access to public resources, reducing costly institutionalization while improving quality of life.

Client Age	
18 & Under	385
19-59	5,015
60 & Over	1,103
Groups	0
Total	6,503

Pro Bono Support. WCNLS participated in three pro bono programs. WCNLS maintained its own panel of pro bono attorneys who accepted WCNLS case referrals or worked on-site at the WCNLS office to mentor staff attorneys or assist with daily client service. WCNLS also referred cases to the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association's Detroit Legal Services Clinic. The program also continued to recruit and train pro bono attorneys and provided mentors to assist them. Pro bono victim advocate attorneys worked on-site and on-call to provide assistance to hundreds of victims of crime with issues such as restitution for damage due to the crime.

Client Ethnicity	
White	1,066
Black	4,326
Hispanic	376
Native American	62
Asian	48
Other	625
Total	6,503

WCNLS Types of Service in 2000



WCNLS Cases Closed in 2000: 6,503

