

LEGAL SERVICES OF SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN

LSSM Office Locations: Ann Arbor, Bangor, Battle Creek, Jackson, Lansing, and Monroe

LSSM Service Area: Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw Counties

Farmworker Legal Services—Statewide

Michigan Poverty Law Program—Statewide

Service Population: 212,858 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



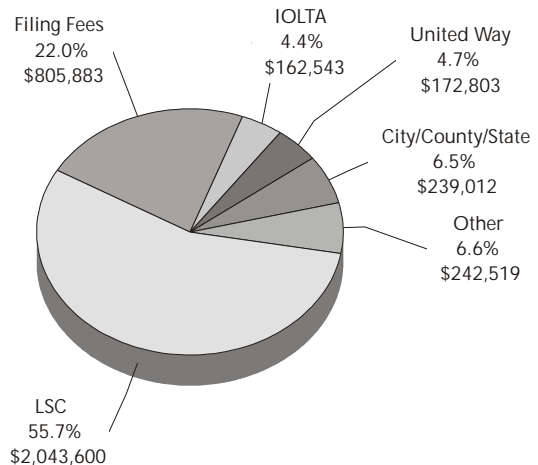
Effective January 1, 2002, Legal Services of Southern Michigan and Legal Aid of Central Michigan joined to form Legal Services of South Central Michigan. The program became a twelve county program, in addition to two statewide programs—the Michigan Poverty Law Program and Farmworker Legal Services. LSSCM targets the prevention of family violence, the prevention of homelessness, preservation of families, access to medical and basic income assistance, and the

A violent and unstable father abused his wife and took the couple's children to Kentucky where he threatened to kill them and himself. LSSCM obtained a court order and, with the assistance of Kentucky Legal Aid, was able to return the children safely to Michigan. LSSCM helped the mother complete her divorce and receive sole custody of her children, as well as assure that there is an outstanding warrant for the father's arrest if he returns to Michigan. Now this mother and her children can live without fear.

prevention of consumer abuses as its main priorities. With federal VAWA funding, LSSCM implemented (with the University of Michigan Law School and the domestic violence shelters in the service area) a collaborative, holistic approach to legal and social services for domestic violence survivors. LSSCM was also awarded an Equal Justice Works Public Interest Law Fellow to expand domestic violence services and education to farmworkers throughout the state.

A young man kept going into comas because his "brittle diabetes" was difficult to control. After his medical assistance was cut off on his 21st birthday, an LSSCM attorney obtained an emergency expedited in-person hearing. The medicaid denial was reversed after LSSCM presented the patient's doctor to testify that the man would die without proper medical attention. The young man now has the medical assistance benefits he needs for treatment of his condition

LSSCM Sources of Funding for 2002: \$ 3,666,360



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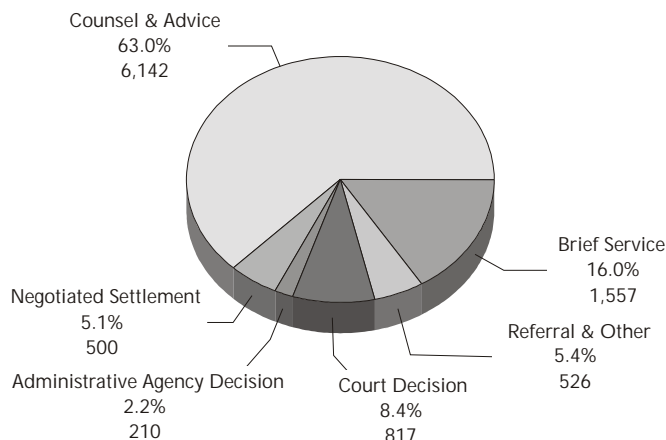
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LSSCM works with many partners in each county it serves to ensure that low-income people receive the help that they need. These groups include local courts, the private bar, housing providers, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, local government, and human services agencies. LSSCM also trains agency personnel on legal issues affecting low-income clients. LSSCM provided services in community impact matters and made legal education presentations. Nearly 50 training events were held and over 200 community presentations were made by LSSCM in 2002. Some of these presentations were made at senior centers through LSSCM's senior grants. LSSCM also does extensive outreach and community education throughout the state on issues facing migrant workers. LSSCM staff also regularly travel off-site to make services available to persons who may have difficulty traveling to LSSCM offices.

Client Age	
18 & Under	76
19-59	8,476
60 & Over	1,286
Groups	21
Total	9,859

Pro Bono Support. LSSCM's pro bono program includes: the Family Law Project (more than 60 volunteer law students handling domestic assault cases under attorney supervision) referral arrangements with two University of Michigan Clinics, extensive externship programs with Cooley and DCL at MSU Law Schools; placement status for Equal Justice Works students and volunteer law students through Pro Bono Students America; small specialty panels for clients of several community-based organizations; part time pro bono staffing at the Access to Justice Center; local pro bono court reporting services; and active general panels. LSSCM's pro bono program also includes the Friends of Legal Aid donation program and the Lansing based ATJ Committee in coordination with the State Bar Access to Justice Campaign. The value of the pro bono services in 2002 was more than \$2.5 million with cash receipts over \$50,000.

Client Ethnicity	
White	6,497
Black	1,943
Hispanic	887
Native American	82
Asian	58
Other	392
Total	9,859

LSSCM Types of Service in 2002



LSSCM Cases Closed in 2002: 9,859

