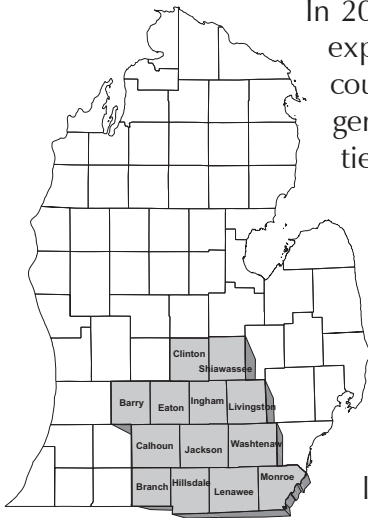


LEGAL SERVICES OF SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN

2003 LSSCM Office Locations: Ann Arbor, Bangor, Battle Creek, Jackson
Lansing and Monroe

LSSCM Service Area: Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Shiawassee, & Washtenaw Counties
Farmworker Legal Services—Statewide
Michigan Poverty Law Program—Statewide

Service Population: 195,329 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



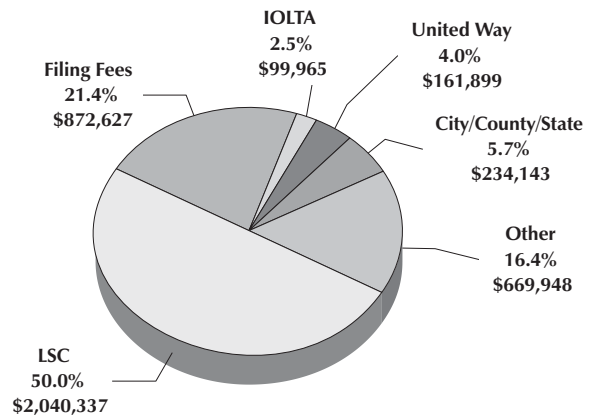
In 2003, LSSCM's service area was expanded to include Livingston county. The program now provides general legal services in 13 counties in addition to its two statewide programs, Farmworker Legal Services and the Michigan Poverty Law Program. LSSCM works closely with client organizations and community agencies, focusing on cases that prevent family violence, prevent homelessness, and provide access to medical care and basic income

An elderly husband and wife both had serious medical conditions, expenses for which depleted their meager income. After helping them get their homestead property tax credit back, which had been garnished by a creditor, LSSCM discovered other serious financial problems. LSSCM helped them obtain a hardship exemption to avoid foreclosure on their home, as well as a city loan with a reduced annual interest rate and lower payments to pay off the taxes.

assistance. In 2003, LSSCM participated in several significant court cases, including the DeRose case, in which the Michigan Supreme Court confirmed the right of fit parents to direct their children's custody and visitation; and the Eager case, which led to the re-opening of the Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver program. LSSCM's Battle Creek office, with funding from the Kellogg Foundation, began a program to expand tenant education and improve housing quality in that community. The Kellogg funding was donated through the State Bar's Access to Justice Campaign.

A mother sought refuge in a local shelter due to severe domestic violence and child abuse. The shelter referred her to LSSCM who helped her obtain a divorce with sole legal and physical custody of the children. LSSCM also worked to have provisions included in the order requiring the father to successfully complete anger management training before being allowed limited parenting time.

LSSCM Sources of Funding for 2003: \$ 4,078,919



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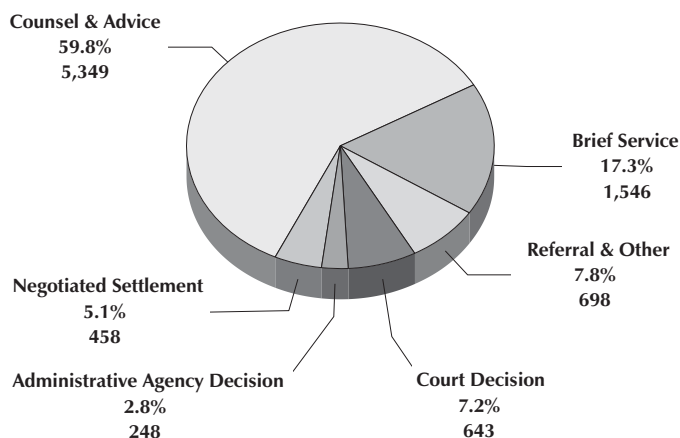
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LSSCM has developed many community partners to ensure that low-income people receive the help that they need. These groups include local courts, the private bar, housing providers, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, local government, and human services agencies. LSSCM works closely with others both in coordinated advocacy for individual clients and in working toward changes in the systems that affect the poor. LSSCM provided over 200 community legal education presentations, attended by over 5,000 persons, in 2003. Many of these presentations were made at senior centers through LSSCM's senior grants. LSSCM also does extensive outreach and community education at community agencies and migrant labor camps throughout the state on issues facing migrant workers. LSSCM also works on various statewide initiatives, including the Domestic Violence Summit and an Immigration services provider meeting.

Client Age	
18 & Under	44
19-59	8,025
60 & Over	866
Groups	7
Total	8,942

Pro Bono Support. LSSCM supports a very diverse pro bono program which includes volunteer law students, attorneys and pro bono court reporters. LSSCM's pro bono program includes: the Family Law Project (more than 50 volunteer law students handling domestic assault cases under attorney supervision); referral arrangements with University of Michigan Law School clinics; extensive externship programs with Cooley and MSU Law Schools; additional student fellowship placements through Equal Justice America; part time pro bono staffing at the Lansing Access to Justice Center; local pro bono court reporting services; and active general panels managed by each of LSSCM's five field offices. The value of the pro bono services in 2003 was more than \$2 million. LSSCM's pro bono program also includes the Friends of Legal Aid donation program and the Lansing based ATJ Committee; both groups operate in coordination with the State Bar Access to Justice Campaign.

Client Ethnicity	
White	6,120
Black	1,885
Hispanic	404
Native American	85
Asian	56
Other	392
Total	8,942

LSSCM Types of Service in 2003



LSSCM Cases Closed in 2003: 8,942

