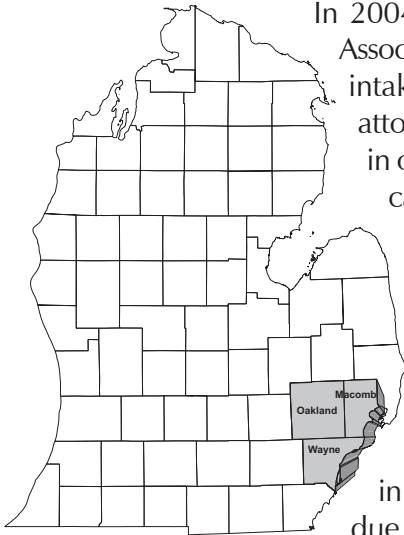


LEGAL AID AND DEFENDER ASSOCIATION

2004 LAD Office Locations: Detroit, Pontiac and Clinton Township

LAD Service Area: Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties

Service Population: 569,314 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



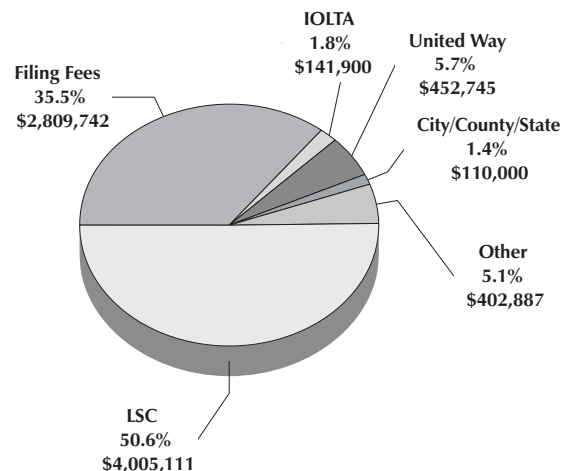
In 2004, Legal Aid and Defender Association (LAD) increased client intake hours and trained private attorneys in several areas of law in order to assist the many daily callers requesting legal help. LAD staff and volunteers also used power point presentations to educate and guide pro se clients through the court system. In addition, LAD developed a special hotline to quickly help clients in danger of losing their homes

A mother of young children suffered constant mental and physical abuse from her husband who threatened to kill her if she told police. He threw her against a wall and beat her until her jaw and ear drum were broken. LAD obtained a divorce for the woman, including an order awarding her the family mobile home, preserving a safe and familiar home for herself and her small children.

due to property tax foreclosure. Also, in 2004, Bankruptcy Court judges and the U.S. Trustee's Office asked LAD to assist clients and help stop a bankruptcy fraud scheme that was causing people to unfairly lose their homes. LAD worked closely with the U.S. Trustee on cases referred by the Bankruptcy court. Information from these cases later led to the indictments of those who perpetrated fraud on the courts and individuals. The homes of 50 families were saved and the scam was ended before any more victims could fall prey to it.

A single mother diagnosed with Legionnaire's Disease was unable to keep her job due to her illness. Her Social Security disability benefits had also been incorrectly stopped. Without income or the ability to work, she was unable to support her family and was facing eviction. LAD requested an expedited hearing on her disability benefits and negotiated an agreement with the landlord to stop the eviction pending her hearing. The disability benefits were restored so the woman could pay for rent and prevent homelessness for herself and her daughter.

LAD Sources of Funding for 2004: \$ 7,922,385



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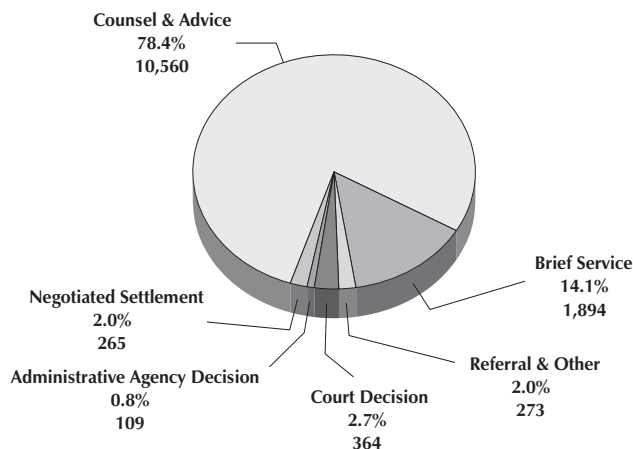
Community Outreach and Collaboration. In 2004, LAD conducted a workshop on Family Law (addressing the issues of abuse, neglect and divorce) for over 200 low-income parents and social service agency representatives as part of the Macomb County Agency CARE (Community Assessment Referral and Education) Program. Also in Macomb County, LAD staff participated in the first Macomb Hispanic Fair which allowed rural Hispanic residents to attend a one-stop community resource event including on-site intake by LAD. LAD also provided many community legal education forums throughout all of its three county service area and makes available numerous written materials in Arabic, English and Spanish.

Client Age	
18 & Under	149
19-59	11,165
60 & Over	2,151
Groups	0
Total	13,465

Pro Bono Support. Pro bono attorneys give LAD the capacity to serve more clients. In 2004, LAD continued its efforts to coordinate pro bono efforts with various other agencies within the region to provide efficient service to clients. LAD has worked with the Oakland County Bar Association, the Woman’s Survival Center and the HELP Task Force to develop a coordinated pro bono effort including shared pro bono lists and jointly prepared recruitment literature to increase volunteer attorney participation. Similarly, in Macomb County, LAD worked with the Macomb County Bar Association, its Pro Bono Committee, and other legal services providers to coordinate county-wide pro bono efforts. The LAD Private Attorney Involvement Program in Detroit continues to refer cases to the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Associations’ Legal Service Clinic. LAD also continues to support the Free Legal Aid Clinic at Wayne State University where law students provide supervised pro bono assistance in family matters.

Client Ethnicity	
White	3,676
Black	9,316
Hispanic	312
Native American	21
Asian	34
Other	106
Total	13,465

LAD Types of Service in 2004



LAD Cases Closed in 2004: 13,465

