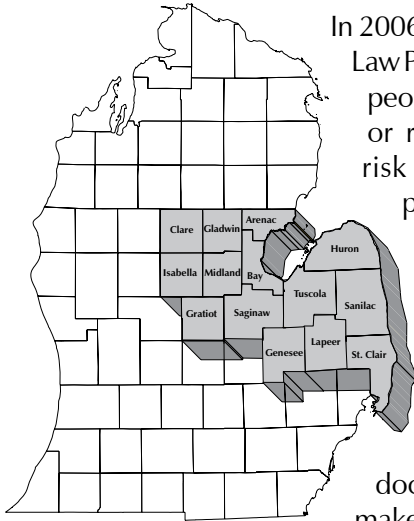


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2006 LSEM Office Locations: Flint, Midland, Port Huron and Saginaw

LSEM Service Area: Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola Counties; also, senior services in Shiawassee County

Service Population: 213,110 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



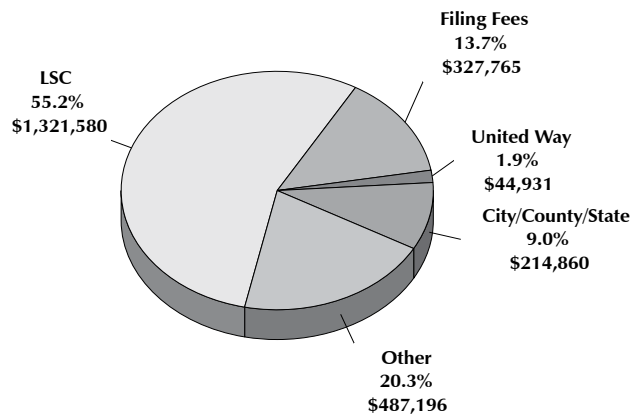
In 2006 LSEM's Healthcare Eligibility Law Project (HELP) helped over 200 people secure needed healthcare or retain benefits that were at risk of being terminated. The project provides a telephone Helpline, advice and brief service, representation at administrative law cases, training of other healthcare providers, and advances systemic change. LSEM's Fair Housing Center

A woman became homeless after her landlord evicted her, had the locks changed, refused to give her a key, and kept all of her belongings. When LSEM advised the landlord that the woman's partial payment of back rent created a new tenancy agreement, the landlord voluntarily returned possession of the apartment to the woman. She was no longer homeless and had her belongings back.

documented exclusionary barriers to fair housing and provided suggestions to make governmental entities aware of discrimination and approaches for addressing it. The Fair Housing Center is also beginning a project to explore mental health disability as a possible reason for discrimination. LSEM continues to mentor and train Legal Aid and Defender's (LAD) newly established Fair Housing Center serving Oakland and Macomb Counties. LSEM also received a grant to fund its "Helplink" project which links local courts, shelters and LSEM through technology to deliver services to survivors of domestic violence in a manner that protects their safety.

A mother who received chore services for a minor son with cerebral palsy was notified that the benefits were terminated because she could care for her son herself. LSEM successfully restored these benefits after showing extenuating circumstances, including that the boy is wheelchair-bound, has seizures and vomiting spells and must eat pureed food many times a day. LSEM also demonstrated that the mother could not transport her son alone and constantly tend to him in case he has a seizure or vomits or starts choking. This case will also pave the way for other families with extenuating circumstances to receive chore services assistance.

LSEM Sources of Funding for 2006: \$ 2,396,332



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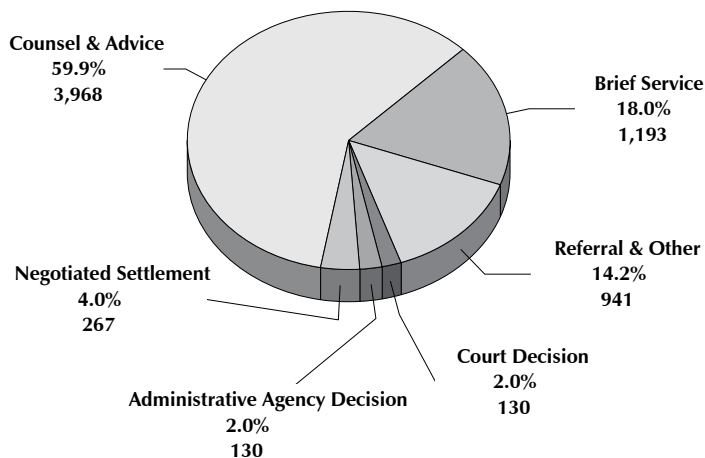
Community Outreach and Collaboration. Through its Fair Housing Center, LSEM has established relationships with the Disability Network, the International Institute, the Hispanic Technology Center, the Urban League of Flint, the Hispanic Services Center, the Saginaw Dioceses Hispanic Ministries, and the GI Forum. These ties have strengthened LSEM’s ability to do fair housing enforcement. LSEM has over 100 working agreements with other agencies that provide for mutual referrals and joint programming as appropriate. Examples include: 5 continuums of care committees that serve seven counties, 3 elder abuse response teams, emergency service provider meetings in several counties and domestic violence coalitions. LSEM actively participates in a Basic Needs Work Group of community based agencies sponsored by United Way. While discussing issues facing the poverty community, problems with utilities emerged as a common issue among agencies for clients. The utility company was invited to participate in the work group, attended several meetings and is now looking at possible policy changes that would benefit low-income families.

Client Age	
18 & Under	78
19-59	6,157
60 & Over	394
Groups	0
Total	6,629

Pro Bono Support. LSEM’s pro bono program recruits and trains volunteer lawyers for individual cases, pro se clinics, and preparation of community legal education materials and trainings. LSEM volunteer attorneys have also developed a variety of pro se kits such as small claims matters and requests for a personnel file. Some pro se kits are also posted on the Internet, expanding client access to legal education materials. LSEM organized the Saginaw County Senior Circuit Bar and supports them in providing pro bono legal assistance at senior centers. LSEM has an active Hospice Program in Genesee County where pro bono attorneys provide legal assistance in writing wills and doing simple estate planning for people in Hospice.

Client Ethnicity	
White	4,108
Black	2,188
Hispanic	234
Native American	27
Asian	9
Other	63
Total	6,629

LSEM Types of Service in 2006



LSEM Cases Closed in 2006: 6,629

