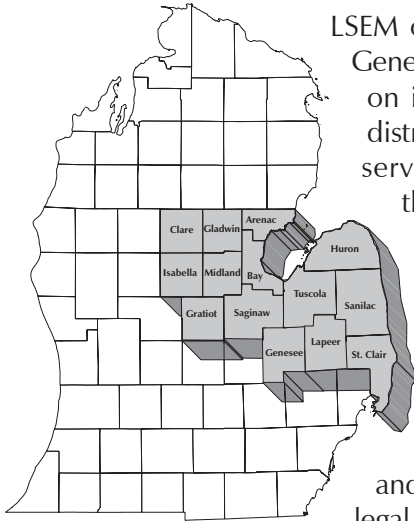


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2007 LSEM Office Locations: Flint, Midland, Port Huron and Saginaw

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



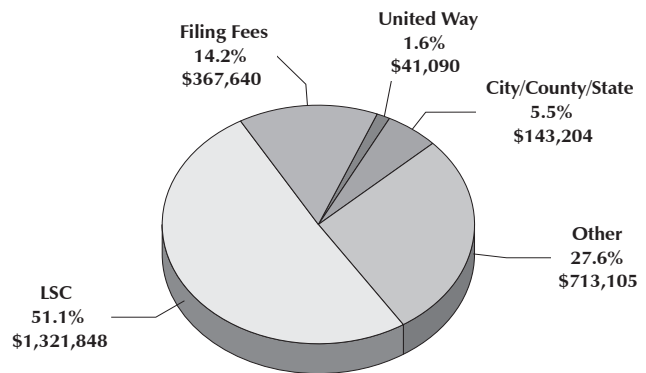
LSEM continued working with the Genesee County Treasurer's office on its tax reversion program to distribute information on what services are available to help those faced with delinquent tax notices to help them save their homes. LSEM's contact information is provided as a source of help in this effort which has cut down on the amount of property tax foreclosures and identified those in need of legal help. LSEM also provided leadership with other community-

A woman with cancer of the larynx needed help with her disability claim and the large medical bills that caused her to get behind on her mortgage. LSEM made a "dire need" request to the Social Security Administration, obtaining an expedited decision that she would receive current and also retroactive benefits. The woman was able to pay back medical bills, and on the last day of the foreclosure redemption period, pay the debt on her house, retaining a home she had been paying on for over 20 years.

based agencies for the GAIN\$ Individual Development Account Program, which is an asset acquisition program for the working poor that matches their savings accounts on a 3 to 1 basis. Each participant can use the total money saved when the program ends plus the match for home purchase, education, or business start-up. In 2007, LSEM also strengthened internal processes. A WIKI, inter-office web site was developed that includes all policies, training, and other office guidelines. All LSEM staff also went through diversity training.

A woman withheld rent and requested a city inspection after her landlord would not make repairs. The inspection showed numerous code violations but the landlord still refused to make repairs and gave her an eviction notice. LSEM negotiated a settlement that the woman would move, her back rent would be waived and her security deposit would be returned. This gave her enough money to rent another home that would be safe and properly maintained. Without this legal intervention, she may have become homeless.

LSEM Sources of Funding for 2007: \$ 2,586,887



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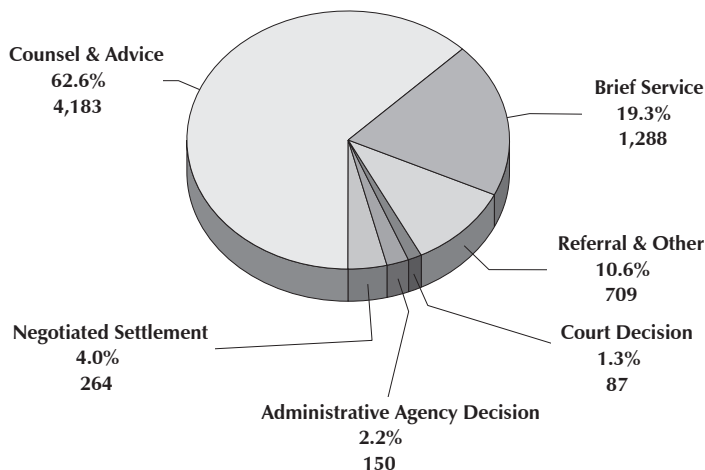
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LSEM participates in three United Way focus groups with many other community agencies: basic needs, strengthening families, and older adults. Each group has worked on emerging issues that have assisted LSEM's target population. LSEM also participates with other agencies in a community educational series on foreclosure prevention and has provides training for Kinship Caregivers. LSEM has distributed its bi-lingual tax information to assist Spanish speaking persons with Earned Income Tax credit claims. LSEM has over 60 brochures on legal topics, many published in both English and Spanish. LSEM has over 100 working agreements with other agencies that provide for mutual referral and joint programming as appropriate; examples include elder abuse response teams, domestic violence coalitions, continuum of care committees and others. LSEM staff also are involved in many local and State Bar committees; an example is a joint project of LSEM and the Saginaw County Bar to update a small claims video regularly used in the courthouse.

Client Age	
18 & Under	109
19-59	6,172
60 & Over	396
Groups	4
Total	6,681

Pro Bono Support. LSEM established and works with the Saginaw County Senior Circuit Bar that expands availability of legal service to seniors. LSEM also works with the Genesee County Bar Association in its successful Hospice Program that provides legal services such as Medical Power of Attorney, wills, and limited estate planning for those who are in hospice. This program puts the minds of the terminally ill clients and their families at rest by ensuring that their last wishes are legally provided for. LSEM's pro bono program uses volunteer lawyers for individual cases, pro se clinics and development of pro se materials to assist clients. LSEM received pro bono financial donations through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	4,038
Black	2,241
Hispanic	222
Native American	30
Asian	8
Other	142
Total	6,681

LSEM Types of Service in 2007



LSEM Cases Closed in 2007: 6,681

