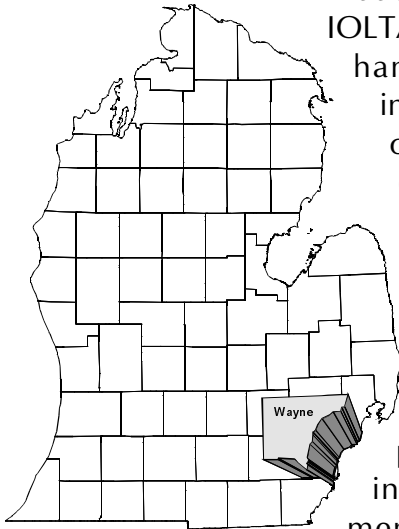


WAYNE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES

WCNLS Office Locations: Detroit, Highland Park, and Inkster

WCNLS Service Area: Wayne County

Service Population: 502,340 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



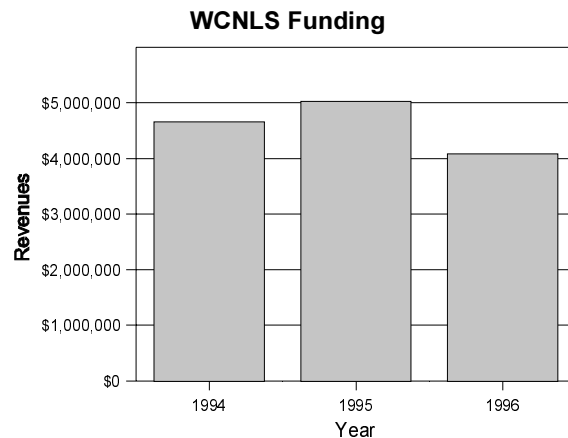
In 1996 WCNLS was able to use IOLTA and Filing Fees funds to handle some 1,088 cases involving domestic violence, open over 260 AIDS-related cases, make presentations to more than 4,000 regarding AIDS issues, provide legal services to more than 1,000 children and facilitate legal intake for 803 Hispanic and Arabic persons. WCNLS now includes a brief announcement of domestic violence

services in correspondence to all clients. Also included is a checklist for intake interviewers asking every client "Do you need a Personal Protection Order?" so that everyone knows that help is available. Without IOLTA and Filing Fees grants, many of these services would

A 58-year-old woman was separated from her spouse of over 30 years. The woman was disabled due to a stroke and high blood pressure. She filed for a legal separation. Her husband filed for divorce, which, if successful, could have limited her to three (3) years of health insurance in light of her preexisting condition. To prevent her from being left without health insurance until she was eligible for Medicare at age 65, WCNLS negotiated with the husband and obtained a legal separation. The woman now receives health insurance as well as some spousal support to assist her with her medical needs.

An elderly woman turned over her savings of several thousand dollars to a credit counseling company which refused to return it to her. The WCNLS attorney discovered that she also suffered a foreclosure on her house and her redemption period ran out. She now needed the money she had paid to the credit firm to refinance her Veterans Administration mortgage. WCNLS was able to convince the VA to refinance her home and pursued an action against the credit counseling company, obtaining the return of the woman's savings.

not have been possible after a one-third reduction in federal funding.



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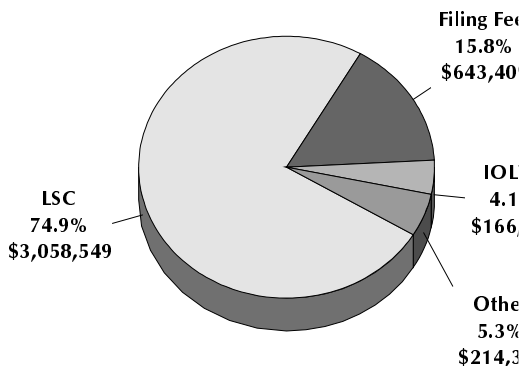
Community Outreach and Collaboration. In 1996 WCNLS conducted community legal education forums reaching nearly 13,000 low-income persons regarding guardianship, handicap rights, AIDS law, landlord/tenant, consumer, family, domestic violence and mediation. Trainings were also provided to staff members of various social service agencies, the private bar, hospitals, schools and police precincts. In 1996, WCNLS' President and CEO continued to host the "Equal Justice Forum" a weekly radio broadcast to educate listeners on various community legal issues. WCNLS' Aids Law Center also participated in HIV/AIDS seminars, educational forums and health fairs. The staff of the WCNLS Domestic Violence Clinic are members of the Wayne County Coordinating Committee for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

Client Age	
18 & Under	189
19-59	21,959
60 & Over	3,025
Groups	0
Total	25,173

Pro Bono Support. In 1996, WCNLS recruited approximately 83 "partners" for WCNLS Partnership for Justice Campaign, which reaches out to the legal and business communities to donate funds or services. The Private Attorney Involvement Program is an integral part of WCNLS, providing high quality legal representation to eligible clients through a diverse pools of volunteer attorneys, including government attorneys, law firms, local bar associations and corporate legal departments. WCNLS works with the Wolverine Bar Association through a subgrant agreement, General Motors' attorneys, the Free Legal Aid Clinic at Wayne State University, and a pro bono referral panel of individual attorneys. Also, nine pro bono law students represented clients in administrative law hearings. In November 1996, WCNLS hired a pro bono supervisor with marketing experience whose efforts have begun to successfully diversify and expand the program.

Client Ethnicity	
White	5,791
Black	17,935
Hispanic	1,058
Native American	50
Asian	50
Other	289
Total	25,173

WCNLS Sources of Funding for 1996: \$ 4,083



WCNLS Cases Closed in 1996: 25,173

