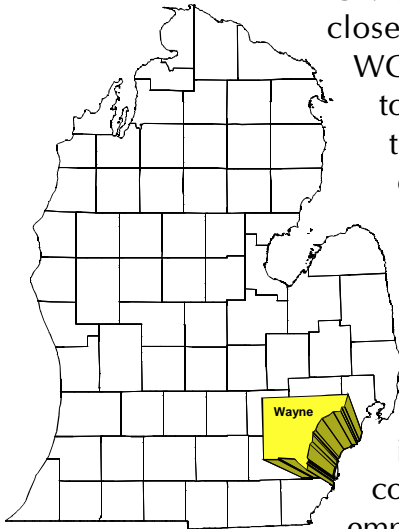


WAYNE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES

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



WCNLS opened 24,884 cases and closed 26,819 cases in 1997.

WCNLS expanded its services to include an income maintenance unit, an elder law center, two legal hotlines, the provision of housing placement services to the homeless through Project Permanency, and Target Home. WCNLS priorities include family law, housing, income maintenance, consumer and finance issues, employment, health, individual rights, juvenile law, and education.

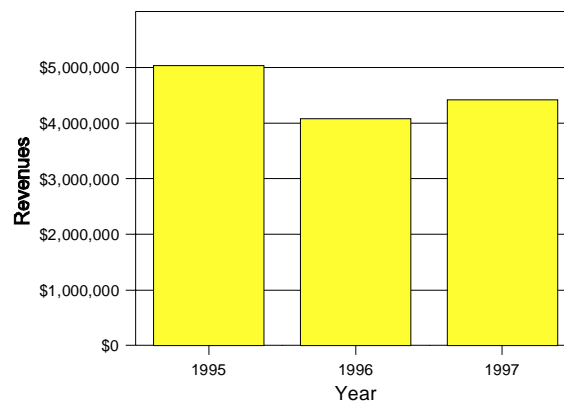
WCNLS provides legal representation, legal education, mediation, and other programs to assist clients in poverty, including in 1997 legal intake for 1,186 Hispanic and Arabic persons at LASED and ACCESS

When her condition worsened, a woman with multiple sclerosis was no longer physically able to work. Her multiple sclerosis resulted in weakness, fatigue, and severe pain. Her benefits were stopped due to her failure to continue working as required by the Work First Program. WCNLS showed that the state Family Independence Agency worker in charge of her case had not processed a claim for a medical waiver. The administrative law judge agreed that the case should be reopened. A medical waiver was obtained, and the disabled woman was able to obtain the medical and income assistance needed.

A woman living in subsidized housing was advised by the city not to pay rent until the property passed inspection. The city withheld the subsidy payment and canceled the landlord's subsidy certificate. The landlord sued for back rent and, in an effort to obtain a default judgment, told the tenant not to come to court. WCNLS and a city attorney presented information to the judge about subsidized housing laws. The judge reversed an earlier incorrect order, ruled that repairs must be made, and ordered that back rent was not due until the property was repaired.

offices, numerous cases for persons with AIDS, thousands of matters for children, and many domestic violence cases.

WCNLS Funding



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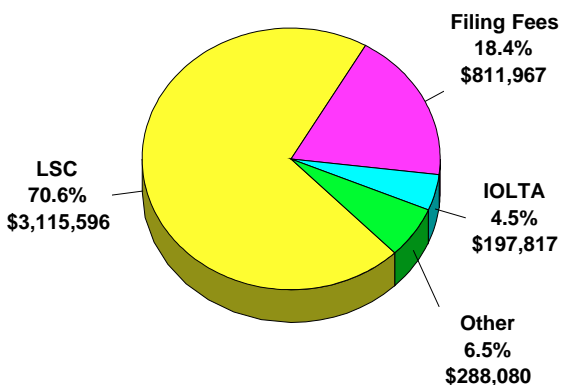
Community Outreach and Collaboration. WCNLS has partnerships with many community and governmental agencies. The mediation center provides community and specialized mediation services and mediation training for the Wayne County Intermediate School districts; other entities also refer cases to the center. The WCNLS Project Permanency program works with six other agencies to provide legal and housing placement services to Detroit-area homeless individuals and families. WCNLS has produced public service announcements and public legal education programs that reach more than two million people in the Detroit area through WCNLS's cable television show, "Spotlight on the Law," and the Equal Justice Forum radio broadcasts.

Client Age	
18 & Under	591
19-59	26,195
60 & Over	33
Groups	0
Total	26,819

Pro Bono Support. WCNLS participates in three pro bono programs. WCNLS maintains its own panel of pro bono attorneys who accept WCNLS referrals. In 1997, WCNLS's pro bono attorneys opened 1,906 cases and closed 2,091 cases. WCNLS also recruited on-site attorney volunteers. WCNLS also worked closely with the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association to administer the Detroit Legal Services Clinic. WCNLS helped recruit and train pro bono attorneys for the clinic and provided mentors to assist them. Through an open bid process, WCNLS contracted with private attorneys to serve Wayne County residents at reduced fees. Through the Partnership for Justice campaign, WCNLS recruited numerous private practitioners and law firms to contribute 30 hours of service or \$300 annually.

Client Ethnicity	
White	5,410
Black	17,975
Hispanic	1,359
Native American	44
Asian	22
Other	2,009
Total	26,819

WCNLS Sources of Funding for 1997: \$ 4,413,460



WCNLS Cases Closed in 1997: 26,819

