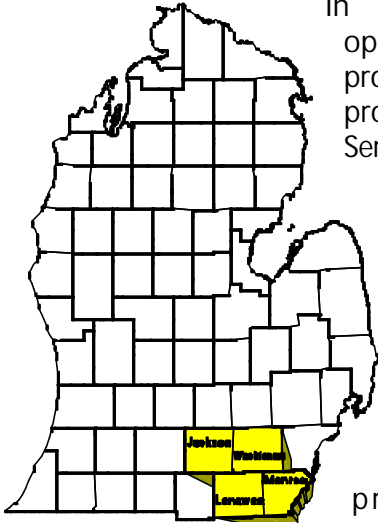


LEGAL SERVICES OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN, INC.

LSSEM Office Locations: Ann Arbor, Berrien Springs, Jackson, Monroe, and Walker

LSSEM Service Area: Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, and Washtenaw Counties
 Farmworker Legal Services - Statewide
 Michigan Poverty Law Program - Statewide

Service Population: 89,632 individuals are living at or below 125% of the poverty level



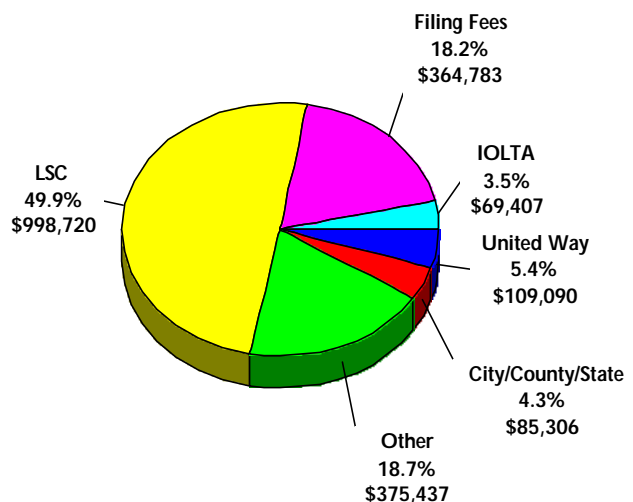
In 1998, LSSEM continued to operate its four-county field program and two statewide programs: Farmworker Legal Services, which provides direct service to migrant and seasonal agricultural workers, and the Michigan Poverty Law Program (MPLP). Through a partnership with the University of Michigan Law School, LSSEM operates the MPLP-East office, which provides case support, substantive law and legal skills training, publications, and

A 50-year-old man with disabling chronic back pain was assisted by LSSEM in obtaining disability benefits. When his benefits began, he was assigned to a new managed care provider who denied the pain management services that he had previously received from his doctors. LSSEM filed hearing requests with both the HMO and the Department of Community Health and continued to advocate informally with both. On the eve of the hearing, the HMO approved the pain management services which had been previously prescribed to assist the disabled man.

technology support to legal services programs throughout the state. LSSEM's priorities continued to include the prevention of family violence, prevention of homelessness, preservation of families, access to medical and basic income assistance, and the prevention of consumer abuses. LSSEM closed 4,722 cases in 1998, an 8 percent increase over 1997. In addition, the program provided services in 135 program support or community impact matters, planned or participated in more than 10 training events, and made approximately 60 community legal education presentations.

A woman with two young children was separated from her abusive husband, but he continued to appear at her apartment where he was loud, disruptive, and violent. Because she was unable to get him to stop visiting, her public housing landlord was evicting her. LSSEM defended the case and obtained a personal protection order (PPO) for the woman. The apartment complex then dismissed the eviction based on the existence and stability of the PPO.

LSSEM Sources of Funding for 1998: \$ 2,002,743



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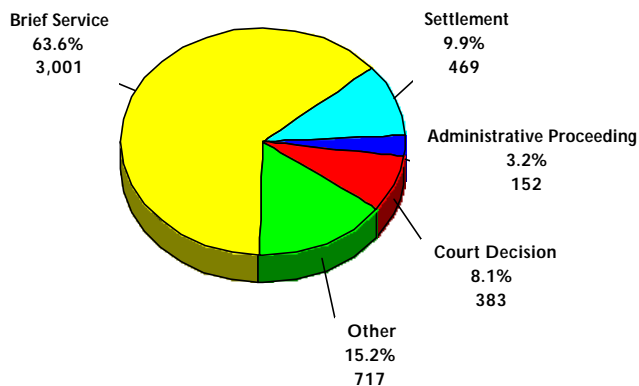
Community Outreach and Collaboration: Throughout its service area, LSSEM worked with many partners--the local courts, the private bar, pro bono attorneys, housing providers, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, local government, and local human services agencies--to ensure that low-income people have access to the courts and other relevant forums in the areas affecting their most basic needs. LSSEM staff members conducted intake appointments at senior citizen centers, a Family Independence Agency office, and a community action agency. The program made regular housing law presentations at the Jackson Fair Housing Center and trained staff members of agencies that serve public assistance recipients and subsidized housing residents. LSSEM also did extensive outreach and education through the farmworker program, including presentations at churches and community centers on safety, employment, and other legal issues.

18 & Under	47
19-59	3,549
60 & Over	1,102
Total	4,722

Pro Bono Support: In 1998, LSSEM's pro bono program involved nearly 500 attorneys and 200 law students. These volunteers handled about 450 cases. The value of the pro bono services was more than \$1.6 million. The LSSEM program includes the direct referral of individual cases and several specialty programs: (1) the Family Law Project, jointly sponsored with the University of Michigan Law School, in which private lawyers assist one LSSEM staff attorney in the supervision of more than 80 volunteer law students handling domestic assault cases; (2) the Friends of Legal Aid donation program; (3) referral programs with the General Clinic and the Poverty Law Clinic at the University of Michigan Law School; and (4) the Michigan Litigation Assistance Partnership program, which links the resources of large law firms with complex litigation and organizational representation cases and matters.

White	2,946
Black	933
Hispanic	757
Native American	26
Asian	36
Other	0
Total	4,722

LSSEM Types of Service in 1998



LSSEM Cases Closed in 1998: 4,722

