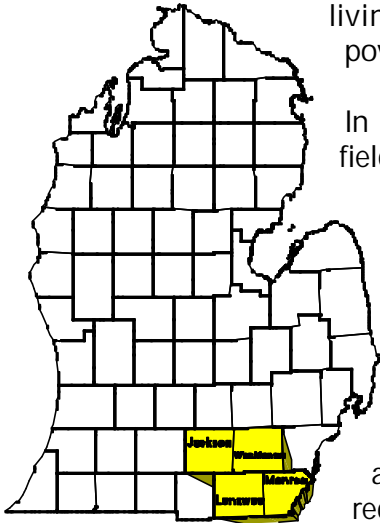


LEGAL SERVICES OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN, INC.

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 living at or below 125% of the poverty level



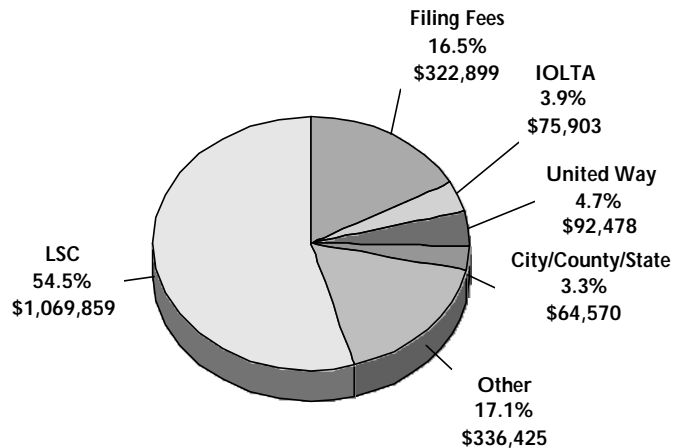
In 1999, LSSEM's four-county field program continued its priorities in the areas of prevention of family violence, prevention of homelessness, preservation of families, access to medical and basic income assistance, and the prevention of consumer abuses. In 1999, LSSEM jointly

received (with the University of Michigan Law School and three domestic violence shelters) more than \$500,000 to provide expanded services to survivors of domestic violence. LSSEM closed 4,214 cases in 1999, provided services in 164 program support or community impact matters, planned and presented more than 10 training events, and made approximately 60 community legal education presentations. LSSEM also continued to operate two statewide programs: Farmworker Legal Services, which assists migrant and seasonal agricultural workers, and the Michigan Poverty Law Program.

A young mother and her children were being evicted from a mobile home she had shared with her former boyfriend. Although she worked and contributed to the purchase and upkeep of the home, her name did not appear on any of the documents relating to the ownership of the home. When the former boyfriend sought to evict the family, LSSEM appeared on behalf of the client and successfully argued for dismissal of the case. Further negotiations resulted in the woman obtaining title.

A survivor of domestic violence lost possession of two of her children when the father snatched them and took them out of state. The woman had suffered years of physical assaults, verbal abuse, property destruction, and threats. The Family Law Project, staffed by volunteer University of Michigan law students, filed an emergency petition, and the court granted the woman possession of the children. With the court's order in hand, the client retrieved her children from Pennsylvania and reunited her family.

LSSEM Sources of Funding for 1999: \$ 1,962,134



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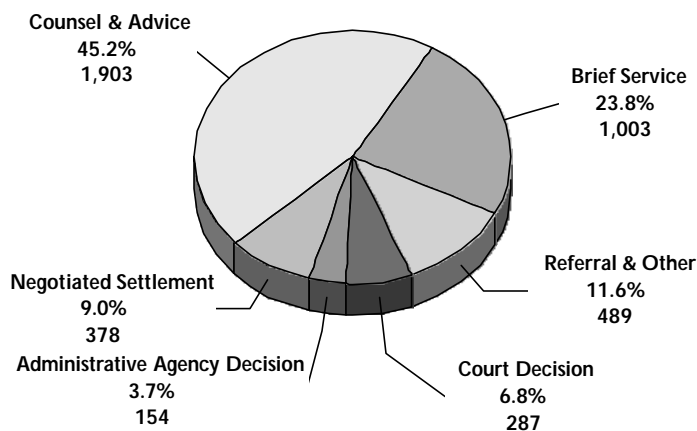
Community Outreach and Collaboration: LSSEM worked with many partners--the local courts, the private bar, pro bono attorneys, housing providers, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, local government, and local human services agencies--to ensure that low-income people received the legal assistance or education that they needed. LSSEM made many presentations at senior citizen centers on issues of interest to seniors, such as living wills and durable powers of attorney. LSSEM also provided training to human services providers on topics including public benefits and housing. LSSEM gave workshops on legal issues at Work First client meetings in Monroe County. LSSEM also did extensive outreach and education through the farmworker program, including presentations at churches, labor camps, and community centers on safety, employment, and other legal issues.

18 & Under	49
19-59	3,142
60 & Over	1,022
Groups	1
Total	4,214

Pro Bono Support: In 1999, LSSEM's pro bono program involved nearly 480 attorneys and 175 law students. These volunteers handled about 385 cases and provided many other types of services. The value of the pro bono services was more than \$1.3 million, and cash donations were more than \$55,000. The program included the Family Law Project that uses more than 80 volunteer law students to handle domestic assault cases, referral programs with University of Michigan Law School clinics, a low-cost panel for clients who earn just slightly too much to qualify for free service, a pro bono court reporting service, and an active general panel of volunteer attorneys handling complex cases.

White	2,694
Black	775
Hispanic	627
Native American	12
Asian	20
Other	86
Total	4,214

LSSEM Types of Service in 1999



LSSEM Cases Closed in 1999: 4,214

