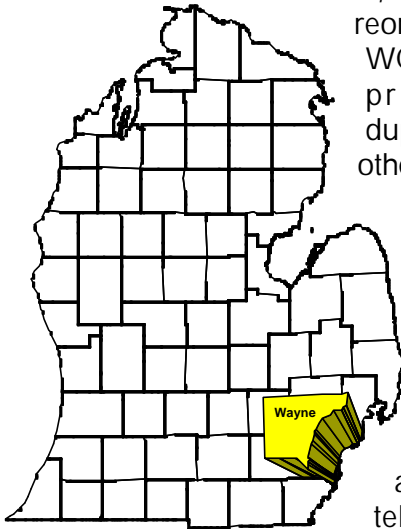


WAYNE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES

WCNLS Office Locations: Detroit, Highland Park, Ecorse, Redford

WCNLS Service Area: Wayne County

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



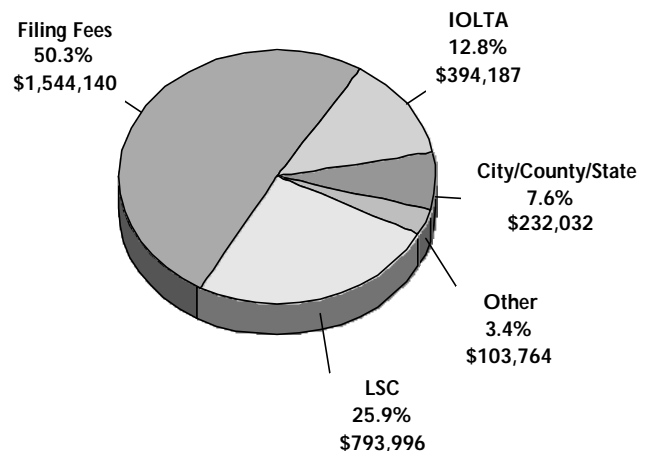
Due to changes in federal funding for 1999, WCNLS downsized and reorganized many services. WCNLS changed its case priorities to minimize duplication of services with other legal services providers in Wayne County. WCNLS closed 9,977 cases and developed the following new programs: (1) the Disability Law Clinic near Wayne State University; (2) representation for victims of crime and abuse; (3) centralized telephone case intake, service, and referral for faster and more

WCNLS assisted an HIV-infected father in maintaining visitation with his two children before his death. The father and his ex-wife had been divorced for two years, and the divorce judgment had given the father "reasonable visitation." However, the client's ex-wife never permitted visitation. She argued that the father's HIV status made him unfit to visit with the children. The court ruled that HIV status had nothing to do with a father's fundamental right to see his children and provided more generous parenting time to the father.

convenient service to clients; (4) the Entrepreneurial Program for Youth; (5) mediation services for postal workers; (6) mediation of small claims from 22nd District Court; (7) independent hearing officer for the Detroit Housing Commission; and (8) outer-Wayne County housing placement services. WCNLS continued to provide legal representation, mediation, legal education, substance abuse counseling, conflict resolution services for youth, and housing placement services.

WCNLS represented a five-year-old in an appeal of a denial of disability benefits. WCNLS worked to obtain evidence of the child's severe impairments and presented this information to an administrative law judge. After seeing that the child's limitations included Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, a seizure disorder, blindness in the left eye, hearing loss, speech delay, and cognitive difficulties, the judge reversed the denial and awarded benefits for the child so that the family could get help caring for her.

WCNLS Sources of Funding for 1999: \$ 3,068,119



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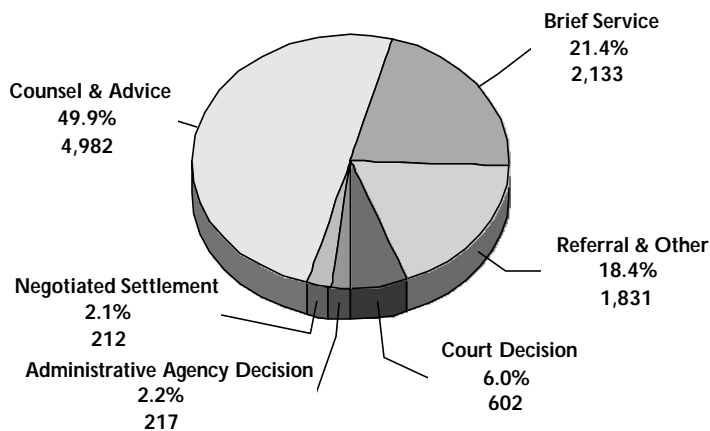
Community Outreach and Collaboration: Through collaborative relationships with governmental and social services agencies, WCNLS served a greater number of clients' legal and social needs. For example, WCNLS's Project Permanency continued to allow WCNLS and six other agencies to provide housing placement, education, and aftercare services (including legal representation) to the Detroit-area homeless. Collaborative relations with community-based organizations that serve people living with HIV ensured that clients received a continuum of care. Relationships with a local law school and another community organization allowed the WCNLS Elder Law Center to train and supervise law students and provide case acceptance at two major senior citizen centers in the service area. An initiative with several community partners assisted people suffering from mental, emotional, or physical disabilities in securing better access to public resources, reducing needless and costly institutionalization while improving quality of life.

18 & Under	588
19-59	7,606
60 & Over	1,783
Groups	0
Total	9,977

Pro Bono Support: In 1999, WCNLS's pro bono attorneys closed approximately 500 cases. WCNLS participated in three pro bono programs. WCNLS maintained its own panel of pro bono attorneys who accepted WCNLS case referrals or worked on-site at the WCNLS office to mentor staff attorneys or assist with daily client service. WCNLS also worked closely with the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association to administer the Detroit Legal Services Clinic, helped to recruit and train pro bono attorneys for the clinic, and provided mentors to assist them. Through the Partnership for Justice campaign, WCNLS encouraged private practitioners and law firms to participate in pro bono efforts through financial support or direct service.

White	1,896
Black	6,716
Hispanic	709
Native American	59
Asian	46
Other	551
Total	9,977

WCNLS Types of Service in 1999



WCNLS Cases Closed in 1999: 9,977

