

Our laws guarantee basic rights and protections for all of us—not just those who can afford a lawyer. However, for most low-income men, women and children, justice is out of reach.

Every year, three out of four low-income households in Washington state face urgent civil legal problems that affect their basic needs such as family safety, housing, health and employment. Most must face these challenges without any legal help at all.

The Alliance for Equal Justice is our state's network of organizations that provide legal aid to those with nowhere else to turn.

For more information, please visit www.allianceforequaljustice.org.



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Are you in need of civil legal aid?

If you are low-income and live in Washington state, outside of King County, call toll-free:

888.201.1014

If you are low-income and live in King County call:

206.464.1519

If you are over 60 years old, regardless of income or place of residence, call toll-free:

888.387.7111

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Unlike in criminal cases, individuals with civil legal problems will not be appointed an attorney except in very limited circumstances if they cannot afford representation. For the almost 90 percent of low-income people who face urgent civil legal problems without any help or legal representation, the consequences can be devastating.

The Alliance for Equal Justice works to ensure every man, woman and child in Washington has access to justice.

“Without a lawyer, my wife and I could have lost our condo that we both worked so hard for... I just hope the loan company now realizes not to take advantage of other people, disabled or not.”

John and Melanie, 2005

Civil legal aid helped John and Melanie protect their home from a predatory lender.



Every day, the Alliance offers help with urgent legal matters to low-income and vulnerable people, including:

- Parents who seek personal safety and custody of their children to protect them from domestic violence
- Elderly persons who are denied essential support services, such as healthcare, to which they are legally entitled
- Disabled persons who are victims of predatory lending or consumer fraud
- Families who face homelessness when they are wrongfully evicted from housing



Formed out of growing collaborative efforts within the legal community, the Alliance is an umbrella network of all civil legal aid programs in the state. It exists to create efficiency, provide support, foster collaboration among members and serve the legal needs of the growing poverty population in Washington state.

Every year, the Alliance for Equal Justice helps more than 20,000 low-income and vulnerable people in Washington state secure justice through a network of civil legal aid programs that provide legal information, advice and representation.

“There are truly no words that can express the gift that one receives when you’re given the help to have your life back. Without the resources of the legal aid program, I honestly can’t even begin to imagine where I would still be.”

Ruby, 2005

Civil legal aid helped Ruby get a divorce from her abusive husband and a parenting plan to keep her children safe.