

Civil Legal Aid for Children

Massachusetts
Legal
Assistance
Corporation

Line item 0321-1600

Legal Aid lawyers help children who face civil legal issues related to:

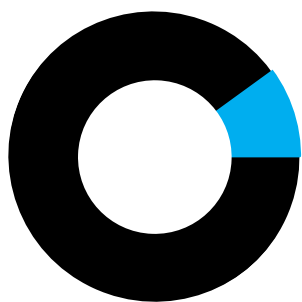
- Access to education, special education, and equal opportunity, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, language, or disability
- Immigration, family separation, and asylum
- Safe housing and homelessness prevention
- Guardianship, custody, domestic violence, and other family law issues
- Public benefits for families, including: SNAP, disability benefits, emergency assistance, and access to health care
- Trauma that affects children's ability to succeed in school



From advocating for children with disabilities in school to ensuring landlords follow health regulations, legal aid lawyers protect young people across the Commonwealth.

Low-income people at or below 125% of the federal poverty level (\$32,750 per year for a family of four) qualify for civil legal aid.

In FY19, legal aid lawyers provided direct representation to **more than 2,200 children**. Thousands more benefitted from services to family members.



10% of legal aid clients in FY19 were under 18

Last year legal aid provided **\$69 million** in economic benefits to the Commonwealth and its residents, including

\$8.8 million through family law cases and

\$2.6 million through education cases

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