Civil Legal Aid in

The Opioid Crisis

Legal aid lawyers help people affected by opioid crisis by:

- Resolving family law issues, including child abuse and neglect, child support, custody, and guardianship
- Ensuring people can receive health care services and access to treatment
- Helping families remain in stable housing, whether public or private
- Protecting older adults from financial risk posed by relatives living with addiction

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.

The opioid epidemic requires a multi-disciplinary response that includes first responders, doctors, mental health professionals, social workers, case managers, and civil legal aid.

Legal aid addresses not only the consequences of opioid addiction (such as child custody issues) but also helps promote stability, recovery, and independence for people struggling with addiction and their families.

Last year legal aid provided

$69 million in economic benefits to the Commonwealth and its residents

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