

Civil Legal Aid for Veterans

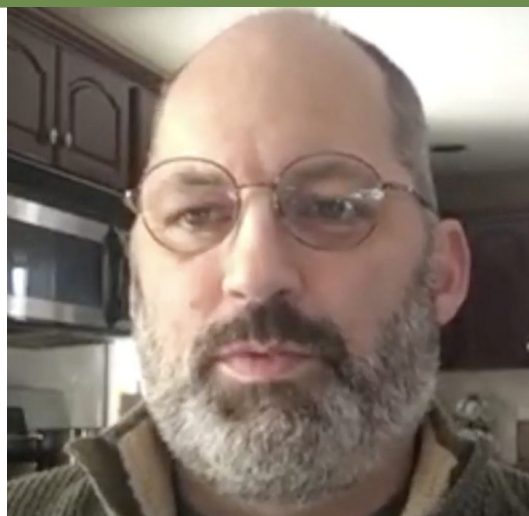
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During the COVID-19 crisis, the loss of housing, benefits, or health care is particularly threatening to the health and financial stability of veterans with disabilities and homeless veterans.

Civil legal aid promotes safety and stability for low-income and homeless veterans by providing assistance with:

- Financial problems, including bankruptcy and debt
- Family law issues, including child support and custody, divorce, and domestic violence
- Housing problems, including eviction and poor conditions
- Access to and denial of benefits, including SNAP, MassHealth, Social Security, and state and federal Veterans benefits.

Low-income people at or below 125% of the federal poverty level (\$33,125 per year for a family of four) qualify for civil legal aid.



Legal aid lawyers got “our hot water turned back on, our heat turned back on...and kept us from being thrown out on the streets.”

- Raymond, U.S. Army Veteran and client of Veterans Legal Services

Legal assistance needs rank higher than housing among the unmet needs of homeless veterans, according to the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Veterans make up 8% of the general population but more than 25% of the homeless population.

**Last year
legal aid provided
\$115 million
in economic benefits to
the Commonwealth and
its residents**

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