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About Us

Nassau Suffolk Law Services (NSLS) is committed to helping people in need assert and secure their rights under the law. Established in 1966, NSLS was one of the first Legal Services Corporation programs in New York State (NYS). We provide free legal services in thousands of civil (non-criminal) cases each year, as well as legal support to community advocates to ensure that people with low incomes and disabilities have equal access to the civil justice system on Long Island. Our staff includes attorneys, paralegals, social workers and support staff. We are highly experienced in poverty law. From our beginnings, we have focused on cases dealing with the survival needs of people with low incomes, involving shelter, food, healthcare, and family issues. Call us today to see if you are eligible for our free legal services.

Nassau Suffolk Law Services

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Who We Are

DOING WHAT'S LEGALLY POSSIBLE TO CREATE A JUST WORLD

OUR PROGRAMS

- Adult Care Facility Project: assists residents of adult care facilities in matters related to finances, facility conditions, and treatment of residents.
- Child Support Unit: represents non-custodial parents in child support downward modifications and add-ons for arrears (Suffolk County only).
- Civil Rights Project: helps people reintegrate into the community after facing criminal charges by helping them address criminal history-related civil legal issues. In addition, the project assists transgender, nonconforming, non-binary low-income people in overcoming the hurdle of name/sex designation changes, housing and employment discrimination, or denial of benefits.
- Civil Unit: helps tenants with housing issues, including eviction proceedings and federal rent subsidy issues.
- Consumer Debt Legal Project: helps people with consumer debt issues, e.g. medical and credit card debt.
- Community Legal Help Project: partnership of legal services providers providing legal information, referrals, and limited-scope representation via consultations to Nassau

and Suffolk County residents in public spaces.

"I have Nassau Suffolk Law Services to thank for helping me through this difficult time. Without this free legal service in my community, seniors and other Long Island residents in need would not be able to afford an attorney to help them with their legal problems." - Nassau County Senior

- Disability Advocacy Project: assists with appealing Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability (SSD) application denials
- Domestic Violence Project: helps Suffolk County survivors of domestic violence in family law matters, including obtaining orders of protection and custody.
- Education and Disability Rights Project: provides legal assistance to students with disabilities and adults with developmental disabilities who are seeking eligibility and services from the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).
- Education Debt Consumer Assistance **Program:** provides legal assistance to people who are experiencing student debt problems.
- Foreclosure Prevention Unit: works with homeowners to avoid foreclosure and preserve their homes.
- HIV/AIDS Project: assists people living with HIV and their families on issues affecting public benefits, housing, and health care, and with planning for the future through wills, guardianships, and advance directives.
- Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN): provides education, information, and advocacy for participants and caregivers in Medicaid managed care and Medicare longterm care programs.

- Legal Support Center for Advocates: serves as a legal center for advocates from social service agencies, religious organizations, health care facilities, and other communitybased agencies.
- Mental Health Law Project: provides legal assistance in civil matters to persons who are severely and persistently mentally ill. This project focuses primarily on housing, public benefits, health care, and child support.
- Public Benefits Unit: supports low-income families' integrity, safety, and well-being by maintaining economic stability.
- Senior Citizen Law Project: provides legal representation, advice, and referrals to residents of Nassau County aged 60+ in matters relating to health care, housing, Social Security, and future planning.
- Social Work Unit: helps our most vulnerable clients complete tasks necessary for successful outcomes to their legal cases and address social issues that may be impeding the resolution of their legal issues.
- Veterans' Rights Project: helps veterans with obtaining veterans' benefits, discharge upgrades, public benefits, landlord/tenant, and family law matters.
- Volunteer Lawyer's Project/Suffolk Pro Bono **Project:** recruits private attorneys to represent low-income people without charge. Our volunteer attorneys handle cases ranging from bankruptcies and guardianships to matrimonial matters, advance directives, and basic wills.

Remember, Nassau Suffolk Law Services never charges a fee for its services!

