WHAT IS THE HIV/AIDS LEGAL SERVICES PROJECT?

PSLS provides free legal assistance to people living with HIV or AIDS through the HIV/AIDS Legal Services Project. The Project addresses clients' civil legal matters, including:

- Discrimination in housing, employment or access to services or programs
- Housing and landlord-tenant problems
- Health care and insurance issues, including Medicare and Medicaid
- Right to confidentiality of HIV status or health information
- Public benefits such as TANF, food stamps and unemployment insurance
- Disability benefits such as Social Security and SSI
- Consumer and debt problems
- Employment issues
- Legal name change and gender marker change
- Future planning and advance directives such as living wills and powers of attorney
- Family law problems, divorce, orders of protection and quardianships for adults and children
- Education and special education issues
- Abuse and neglect problems

PSLS cannot assist with criminal or traffic matters.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

PSLS may be able to help applicants with their legal needs if they:

- Are living with HIV or AIDS
- Live in DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry or Will County
- Otherwise qualify for PSLS' services

PROJECT STRENGTHS

- Our intake process is flexible and responsive, accommodating disabilities and health conditions as well as cultural differences.
- PSLS provides services in a nonjudgmental, sensitive, compassionate and understandable manner.
- Clients are kept informed and work together with staff to determine case objectives, make decisions on their cases and achieve timely goals.
- We use a trauma-informed approach and trauma-specific intervention in order to help clients in crisis overcome a wide variety of trauma.
- Project attorneys are knowledgeable in the law and receive ongoing training.
- PSLS has established relationships with case management, primary care and other agencies.
- We can help eligible clients in most languages.

TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

PSLS can provide training and technical assistance to HIV/AIDS service providers and case managers. To request training, email training@pslegal.org and include "HIV Project" in the subject line.



PSLS OFFICES THAT CAN HELP

PSLS has 11 offices serving 36 counties throughout Northern and Central Illinois. The HIV/AIDS Legal Services Project serves residents of DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will counties. To apply for help, contact the office serving your county:

Bloomington

Serving Livingston, McLean and Woodford Counties Phone: 309-827-5021 Toll Free: 800-874-2536

Galesburg

Serving Henderson, Knox, McDonough and Warren

Counties

Phone: 309-343-2141 Toll Free: 800-331-0617

Joliet

Serving Will County Phone: 815-727-5123 Toll Free: 877-315-4472

Kankakee

Serving Iroquois and Kankakee Counties Phone: 815-935-2750 Toll Free: 800-346-2864

Moline

Serving Henry, Lee, Mercer, Rock Island and Whiteside

Counties

Phone: 309-794-1328 Toll Free: 800-322-9804

Ottawa

Serving Bureau, Grundy, LaSalle and Putnam Counties Phone: 815-434-5903

Toll Free: 800-892-7888

Peoria

Serving Fulton, Marshall, Peoria, Stark and Tazewell

Counties

Phone: 309-674-9831 Toll Free: 800-322-2280

Rockford

Serving Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties

Phone: 815-965-2902 Toll Free: 800-892-2985

Waukegan

Serving Lake County Phone: 847-662-6925 Toll Free: 800-942-3940

West Suburban

Serving DeKalb, DuPage, Kane and Kendall Counties Phone: 630-690-2130

Toll Free: 800-690-2130 Woodstock

Serving McHenry County Phone: 815-344-9113 Toll Free: 877-480-3020

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