

About Us

Since, 1966, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF) has been providing free legal aid for low to moderate income residents in Brevard, Citrus, Flagler, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia counties.

Our Services

We provide FREE legal services on a variety of issues including:

- Bankruptcy
- Consumer
- Children with Disabilities/Education
- Domestic Violence
- Elder Advocacy
- Fair Lending
- Family Law
- Housing
- Public Benefits
- Tax Controversy Assistance, and
- Veterans

Eligibility

Eligibility depends on your household income and whether the issue you need help with arose in one of the twelve counties we serve. When you apply for help, your intake specialist will ask you questions to determine your eligibility for services.



CLSMF OFFICES/HELPLINES

For faster service, apply for help online at www.clsmf.org.

BREVARD COUNTY*
1 (866) 469-7444

CITRUS COUNTY
106 N. Osceola Ave., Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 726-6592

FLAGLER COUNTY
1 (800) 405-1417

HERNANDO COUNTY
1 (866) 801-5566

LAKE COUNTY
226 West Main St., Tavares, FL 32778
(352) 343-6351

MARION COUNTY
1610 SE 36th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471
(352) 629-6257

ORANGE COUNTY*
122 E. Colonial Drive, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32801
(407) 841-7777

OSCEOLA COUNTY
800 North Main St., Kissimmee, FL 34744
(407) 933-1791

PUTNAM COUNTY
216 S. 6th Street, Palatka, FL 32177
(386) 385-0928

SEMINOLE COUNTY*
315 Magnolia Ave., Sanford, FL 32771
(407) 322-6673

SUMTER COUNTY
1 (800) 984-2918

VOLUSIA COUNTY
128 Orange Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32114
(386) 258-5600 or
1 (800) 363-2357

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: (386) 255-6573

**Offices offering limited family law services*



Grandparents Legal Advocacy Project



Free Legal Help for
Grandparents
(and other Seniors)
Caring for Grandchildren
or the Disabled

Serving Citrus, Hernando,
Lake, Marion, Putnam and
Sumter Counties

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Grandparents Legal Advocacy Project?

The Grandparents Legal Advocacy Project is a program of Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF) that provides free legal assistance for grandparents and other seniors who are caring for a minor child in their home. The Project provides services in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Putnam & Sumter Counties.

Am I eligible to receive free legal services?

Free legal help is available if you are:

- ▶ A Grandparent (aged 55 or older) caring for a child who is 18 or younger who lives with you , OR
- ▶ A Senior (aged 55 or older) caring for:
 - ✓ A child aged 18 or younger (you cannot be the child's parent) related to you by blood, marriage or adoption, who lives with you
 - ✓ A person with a disability related to you by blood, marriage or adoption, who lives with you

If you are not a resident of a county served by this project or are ineligible under these guidelines, please visit www.clsmf.org to see if you qualify under any of our other programs.

What services do you provide?

We can help you with the following issues:

Consumer Issues

Harassing debt collectors, repossession, garnishments of wages and bank accounts, consumer fraud

Education

Children with disabilities in public school

Family Law

Domestic violence injunctions, custody cases, divorces, child support

Housing

Evictions, foreclosures, lockouts, utility shut-offs, contract for deed issues and failure of a landlord or housing authority to make repairs

Public Benefits

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Social Security Insurance (SSI), Food Stamps (SNAP), Medicaid and Veterans Benefits

The legal services you seek do not have to be related to providing care.

How do I sign up?

Fill out an application online at www.clsmf.org or call the Helpline for your county as listed on the back of this brochure.

Can I get financial help?

While CLSMF does not provide direct financial support, we may be able to help you obtain:

- Foster care payments
- Adoption subsidies
- Child support payments
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) child-only grants
- Social Security benefits
- Disability benefits
- Tax Credits
- Subsidized guardianships

Are there other available resources?

The AARP and other agencies publish *GRANDFACTS*, a fact sheet of resources for Florida Grandparents raising grandchildren, which can be found on the internet at:

<http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/relationships/friends-family/grandfacts/grandfacts-florida.pdf>

This brochure is for general education only. It is not intended to be used to solve individual problems.