

WELCOME!

LEGAL SERVICES
OF GREATER MIAMI, INC.



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- We are a private law firm.
- We help low-income people with civil legal problems.
 - Our services are free.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR OUR SERVICES?

You are eligible for our services if you:

- Live in Miami-Dade County or Monroe County;
- Meet income eligibility requirements;
- Meet immigration eligibility requirements; and
- Have the type of case we handle.





If you don't live in Miami-Dade or
Monroe County,
then please ask the Intake Paralegal
where you can go for help.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

- You and your household must be low income.
- Generally, if you work at a low-wage job or if you receive public benefits you are eligible for our services.



Sometimes, we can help you even if you have a higher income.

For example:

- If you are HIV positive or
- If you have a federal income tax problem.



If you are over sixty (60),
we can help you regardless
of your income.



IMMIGRATION ELIGIBILITY

You must be either:

- A U.S. citizen,
- A resident alien, or
- A member of another eligible immigrant class.



Regardless of your immigration status,
you should get a Screening Form from
the Receptionist.

Even if you don't meet the
immigration eligibility
requirements,
we can still refer you to
other agencies that may be
able to help you.



TYPES OF CASES THAT LEGAL SERVICES' HANDLES

Legal Services only helps people with certain types of legal problems.

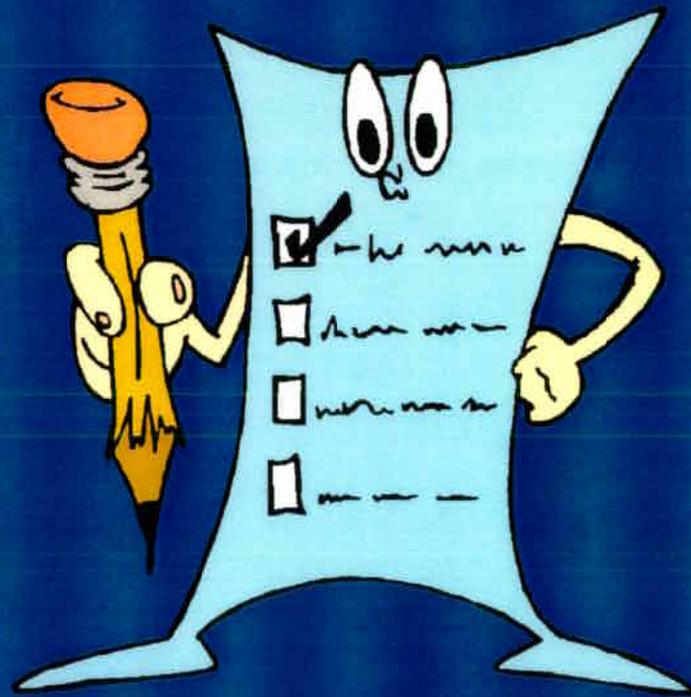


Legal Services helps people with the following types of legal problems:

- Housing
- Federal Income Tax
- U.S. Citizenship for Haitians
- Education
- Relative Custody
- Domestic Violence
- Government Benefits
- Medicaid and SSI
- Access to Health Care



If your case is one we handle,
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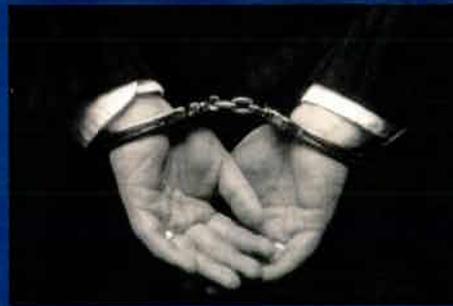
There are many types of cases that Legal Services does not handle.

If you have a case that we do not handle, please ask the Intake Paralegal for a flyer which explains what you can do.



LEGAL SERVICES DOES NOT HANDLE

CRIMINAL CASES



- If you are facing jail time of more than one year, contact the Miami-Dade County Public Defender.
 - ▶ Their address is 1320 N.W. 14th Street, Miami, Florida.
 - ▶ Their telephone number is 305-545-1600.

In all other cases in which you have been charged with a crime, you may contact:

- The Florida Bar Referral Service at 1-800-342-8011.
 - ▶ You will be given the name of a private attorney who practices criminal law.
 - ▶ The private attorney will charge a fee for their services, but the initial consultation will either be free or \$25.00.

- For more information, ask the Intake Paralegal for Flyer #1.

LEGAL SERVICES DOES NOT HANDLE

TRAFFIC CASES



- You may contact the Florida Bar Referral Service at 1-800- 342-8011.
 - ▶ You will be given the name of a private attorney who practices traffic law.
 - ▶ The private attorney will charge a fee for their services, but the initial consultation will either be free or \$25.00.
- For more information, ask the Intake Paralegal for Flyer #1.

LEGAL SERVICES DOES NOT HANDLE

MOST IMMIGRATION CASES



- Legal Services only represents Haitians who are applying for U.S. citizenship.
- If you are a Haitian who is applying for U.S. citizenship, please get a Screening Form from the Receptionist.



For all other immigration cases, you may contact:

- Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center (FIAC).
 - ▶ FIAC is located on the 4th floor of this building.
 - ▶ FIAC provides free legal services in immigration cases.

- Catholic Charities Legal Services, Inc.
 - ▶ Catholic Charities is located at 7101 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida
 - ▶ Intake for new clients is held Monday through Thursday.
 - ▶ Catholic Charities charges a small fee which is based on your income.

- For more information, ask the Intake Paralegal for Flyer #2.

If you are a victim of domestic violence and you need help with an immigration problem, you may contact:

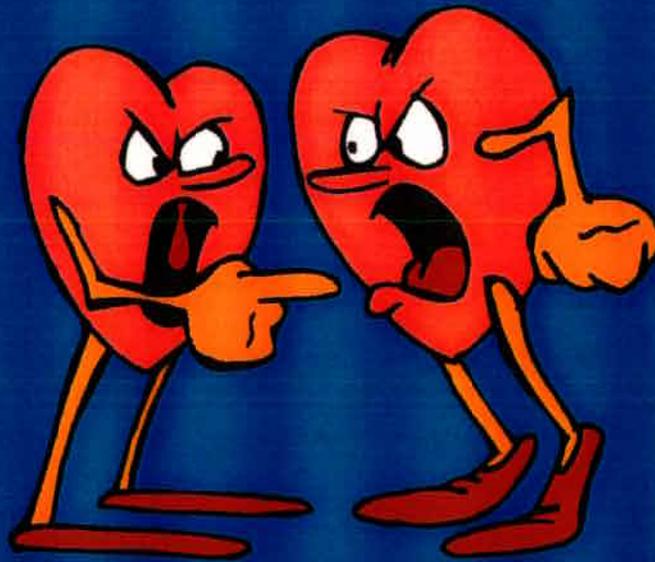
- The LUCHA program at the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center.
- To schedule an appointment with LUCHA
 - ▶ Go to the 4th floor of this building or
 - ▶ Call them at 305-576-1106, extension 1200.
- When making your appointment, tell them if you need a Spanish or Creole translator.
- For more information, ask the Intake Paralegal for Flyer #2.

If you are an El Salvadoran, a Haitian, or a Guatemalan and you need help with an immigration problem, you may contact:

- American Friends.
- To schedule an appointment with American Friends
 - ▶ Call them at 305-665-0022 or
 - ▶ Go to 1205 Sunset Drive, South Miami, Florida.
- For more information, ask the Intake Paralegal for Flyer #2.

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DIVORCE CASES



If you want to file for a divorce or if you have been sued for a divorce, you may contact:

- The Dade County Legal Aid Society for free legal assistance.
 - ▶ Located at 123 N.W. 1st Avenue, Miami, Florida.
 - ▶ Call 305-579-5733.

- The Self-Help Project for advice.
 - ▶ Located in room 14-2 of the Miami-Dade County Courthouse at 73 W. Flagler, Miami, Florida.

- The Florida Bar Referral Service for a referral to a low cost private attorney who practices family law.
 - ▶ Call 1-800-342-8011.

If your divorce is uncontested, you may contact:

- **The Cuban American Bar Association Divorce Clinic.**
 - ▶ Located at the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center on the 4th floor of this building.
 - ▶ Call 305-573-1106, extension 1300.

- **Their legal services are free if you meet the the following three qualifications:**
 - ▶ You and your spouse both want a divorce;
 - ▶ You don't have any children together; and
 - ▶ You and your spouse both agree how to divide your property and debts.

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THE MODIFICATION OR
ENFORCEMENT
OF FAMILY COURT ORDERS



If you want to modify or enforce a family court order, you may contact:

- The Dade County Legal Aid Society for free legal assistance.
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If you want to defend against the modification or enforcement of a family court order, you may contact:

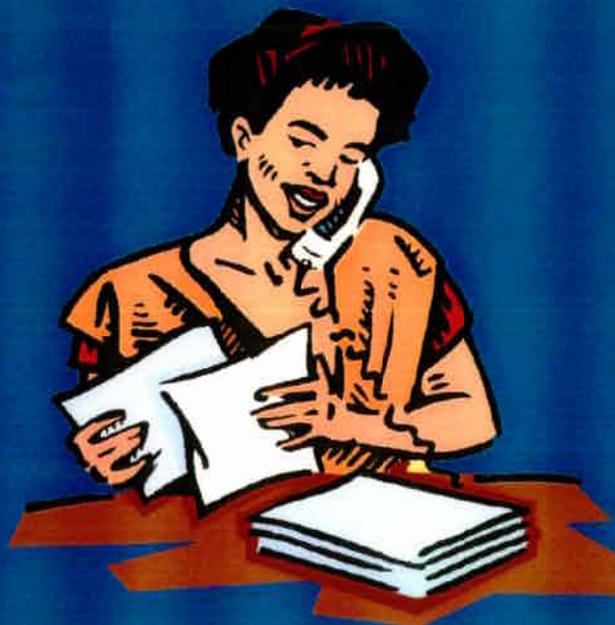
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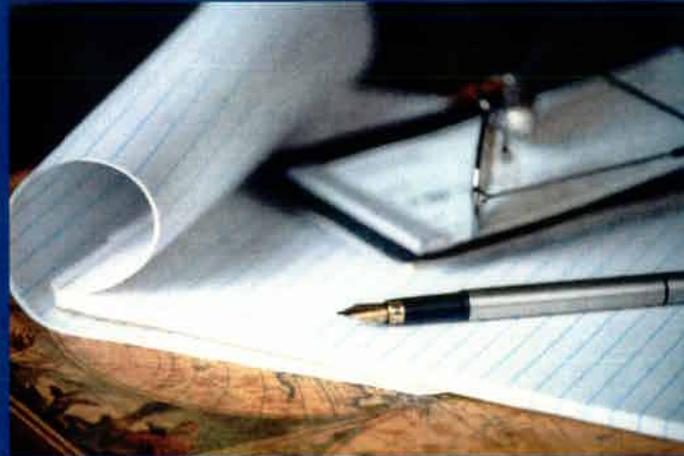
For more information about Divorce and Family Law Cases:

- Ask the Intake Paralegal for Flyer #3.
- It will tell you where to go for help if you have a divorce or other family law problem.



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CHILD SUPPORT
ENFORCEMENT CASES



If you want to collect child support,
you may contact:

- The State Attorney's Office--
Child Support Enforcement Unit.
 - ▶ Call 305-530-2600.
- For more information, ask the
Intake Paralegal for Flyer #4.

If you want to defend against the collection of child support, you may contact:

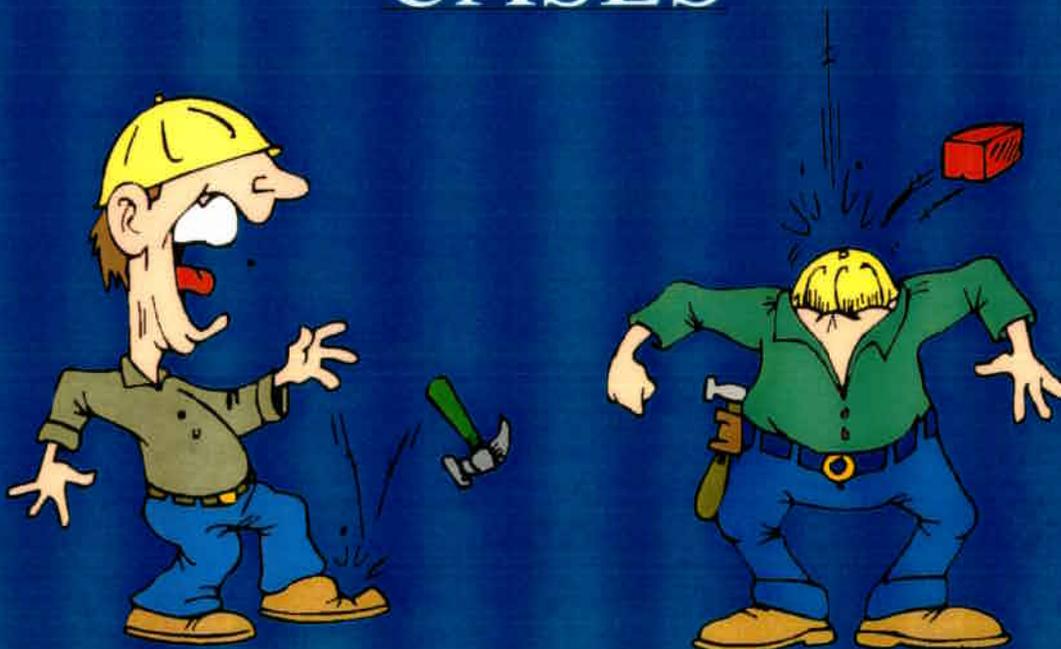
- The Self-Help Project for advice.
 - ▶ Located in room 14-2 of the Miami-Dade County Courthouse at 73 W. Flagler, Miami, Florida.
- The Florida Bar Referral Service for a referral to a low cost private attorney who practices family law.
 - ▶ Call 1-800-342-8011
- For more information, ask the Intake Paralegal for Flyer #4.

If your circumstances have changed and you need the Court to change your child support order, you may contact:

- The Self-Help Project for advice.
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WORKER COMPENSATION CASES



If you have been injured at work and you need an attorney, you may contact:

- The Florida Bar Referral Service at 1-800-342-8011.
 - ▶ You will be given the name of a private attorney who represents injured workers in worker compensation cases.
 - ▶ The private attorney will charge a fee for their services, but the initial consultation will either be free or \$25.00.
- For more information, ask the Intake Paralegal for Flyer #1.

IF LEGAL SERVICES DOES NOT HANDLE YOUR TYPE OF CASE

You may be eligible to attend
Legal Services' Small Claims Court Clinic

- If you want to file a lawsuit for less than \$5,000.00 or
- If a lawsuit has been filed against you for less than \$5,000.00.



For more information, ask the Intake Paralegal for Flyer #5.

If you want to file a lawsuit for more than \$5,000.00 or if a lawsuit has been filed against you for more than \$5,000.00, you may contact:

- The Florida Bar Referral Service at 1-800-342-8011.
 - ▶ You will be given the name of a private attorney who handles your type of case.
 - ▶ The private attorney will charge a fee for their services, but the initial consultation will either be free or \$25.00.

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If you have a general civil case,
you may also be eligible for assistance from:

- **The Put Something Back Project.**
 - ▶ Interviews clients at locations around Miami-Dade County and
 - ▶ Refers clients to lawyers who provide free legal assistance.

- **The Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project.**
 - ▶ Refers low-income Spanish speaking clients to lawyers who provide free legal assistance.

- **For more information,
ask the Intake Paralegal for Flyer #6.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, ASK THE INTAKE PARALEGAL FOR A FLYER!

- Flyer #1–Florida Bar Referral Service
- Flyer #2–Immigration Cases
- Flyer #3–Family and Divorce Cases
- Flyer #4–Child Support Collection Cases
- Flyer #5–Small Claims Court Clinic
- Flyer #6–Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project and Put Something Back Project



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