

# Legal Aid In Florida





## **LEGAL SERVICE - LEGAL AID**

The American Constitution guarantees equal justice under the law, but those words mean little unless everyone has access to our legal system.

If you have a civil legal problem but cannot afford to hire a private lawyer, you still may have access to the legal system through your local legal services-legal aid organization which provides free or low cost legal services to persons with low incomes.

## **WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF LEGAL AID?**

Providing legal representation to those in need has been a tradition in this country. Earlier programs operated by volunteer lawyers from local bar associations were called Legal Aid societies.

Later, a federal effort to provide funds for legal counsel to the needy began in the mid-1960s. The federal government established, within the Office of Economic Opportunity, an Office of Legal Services to distribute federal money to local programs called Legal Services Organizations. These programs were transferred to the Legal Services Corporation, created by Congress in 1975.

In Florida, the attempt to provide legal services for those who could not afford a lawyer was given statewide support during the early 1970s when The Florida Bar, along with the governor's office, set up a nonprofit organization in Tallahassee to promote the expansion of legal services in Florida. That organization is Florida Legal Services, Inc.

## **HOW IS LEGAL AID FINANCED?**

Today, in Florida and other parts of the U.S., legal aid societies and legal services organizations in various counties are multi-sponsored and funded by federal, state, and local governments, The Florida Bar Foundation, The Florida Bar, local bar associations, and special grants. Legal service/legal aid offices have expanded in number, in the size of paid staff lawyers and paraprofessionals, and in the number of volunteer lawyers who donate their time. They are working toward the common goal of equal justice and legal representation for all under the legal system.

## **WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS FOR LEGAL SERVICES OFFICES?**

The Florida Bar has established as a guide several minimum standards for legal services organizations. Among the several standards developed, two are of prime importance to the public. First, every legal services organization should have a board of directors which represents the community as a whole. This means you, along with the lawyers in your community, have a voice in running the legal services program.

Second, The Florida Bar encourages every legal services organization to have a full-time staff. Eventually, it is hoped that every community in Florida will have lawyers working full time to provide legal services to those in need.

### **WHAT DO LEGAL SERVICES LAWYERS DO?**

Lawyers in a legal services office provide the same legal services as any other attorney. They can advise and represent you in most areas of civil law, although each program has priorities for the type of cases they will take.

Because the number of people demanding legal services exceeds the amount of staff and money available to handle cases, legal services offices limit the types of cases taken.

Criminal cases are not handled because the state provides public defenders to represent persons accused of criminal actions who cannot afford private attorneys.

Also, the legal services offices generally do not deal with cases where a person is seeking money as a settlement. In such cases a private attorney will usually represent a client without any initial charge, collecting a fee only if the client's case is won. Then the attorney's fee is a percentage of the client's settlement. This is called a contingency fee.

You should check with the office in your community if you have questions about the types of cases handled.

### **WHAT CASES ARE HANDLED BY LEGAL SERVICES OFFICES?**

The following are only a few examples of the types of cases usually handled.

- Civil Issues
- Consumer Housing
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence
- Education
- Employment Discrimination
- Family Law
- Health Welfare
- Immigration Issues
- Landlord/Tenant
- Public Benefits
- Senior Benefits
- Social Security

### **WHAT WILL THE LEGAL SERVICES COST?**

Most legal services offices offer their assistance free of charge to people who qualify. Some areas have Low-Fee Panels for persons with low fixed incomes.

### **WHO CAN APPLY FOR LEGAL SERVICES?**

Free legal services are meant for persons of low income

who cannot afford the services of an attorney. Many programs have different standards and you will have to check with your community office to find out if you qualify. Some offices base their eligibility only on income, while others will consider ownership of property and size of family. It is important that you call your legal assistance provider to learn whether or not you qualify.

## **WHERE ARE LEGAL SERVICES OFFICES LOCATED?**

It is difficult to keep the list up to date, so if you should have a problem in contacting an office, consult your telephone directory, information or local bar association, which is usually listed by county.

### **Alachua**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 372-0519, [www.trls.org](http://www.trls.org)

**Baker** (see Alachua or Duval Counties)

### **Bay**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. - Panama City, (850) 769-3581, [www.lsnf.org](http://www.lsnf.org)

**Bradford** (see Alachua County)

### **Brevard**

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. - Tampa, (813) 232-1343, [www.bals.org](http://www.bals.org)

Brevard County Legal Aid, Inc. - Rockledge, (321) 631-2500, [www.brevardcountylegalaid.org](http://www.brevardcountylegalaid.org)

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center - Fort Pierce, (772) 489-4660, [www.fiacfla.org](http://www.fiacfla.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

### **Broward**

Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida, Inc. - Plantation, (954) 736-2400, [www.legalaid.org](http://www.legalaid.org)

FIU College of Law Educational Advocacy Clinic - Miami, (305) 348-7541, [www.fiu.edu](http://www.fiu.edu)

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center - Miami Office - Miami, (305) 573-1106, [www.fiacfla.org](http://www.fiacfla.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081  
Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc. - Plantation, (954) 765-8950

### **Calhoun**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081  
Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. - Quincy, (850) 875-9881, [www.lsnf.org](http://www.lsnf.org)

### **Charlotte**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081  
Florida Rural Legal Services - Fort Myers, (239) 334-4554, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)  
Florida Rural Legal Services - Punta Gorda, (941) 505-9007, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

### **Citrus**

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. - Inverness, (352) 726-8512, [www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org)  
Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

### **Clay**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081  
Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. - Green Cove Springs, (904) 284-8410, [www.jaxlegalaid.org](http://www.jaxlegalaid.org)  
Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. - Jacksonville, (904) 356-8371, [www.jaxlegalaid.org](http://www.jaxlegalaid.org)  
Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. - Jacksonville, (904) 394-7450, [www.trls.org](http://www.trls.org)

### **Collier**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081  
Florida Rural Legal Services - Fort Myers, (239) 334-4554, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)  
Florida Rural Legal Services - Immokalee, (239) 657-3681, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)  
Legal Aid Society of Collier County, Inc. - Immokalee, (239) 657-7442

Legal Aid Society of Collier County, Inc. - Naples, (239) 775-4555

### **Columbia**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. - Lake City, (386) 752-5960, [www.trls.org](http://www.trls.org)

### **DeSoto**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Florida Rural Legal Services - Fort Myers, (239) 334-4554, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

Florida Rural Legal Services - Lakeland, (863) 688-7376, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

**Dixie** (see Columbia County)

### **Duval**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. - Jacksonville, (904) 356-8371, [www.jaxlegalaid.org](http://www.jaxlegalaid.org)

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. - Jacksonville, (904) 394-7450, [www.trls.org](http://www.trls.org)

### **Escambia**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. - Pensacola, (850) 432-8222, [www.lsnf.org](http://www.lsnf.org)

Northwest Florida Legal Services, Inc. - Pensacola, (850) 432-2336, [www.nwfls.org](http://www.nwfls.org)

### **Flagler**

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. - Bunnell, (386) 437-8485, [www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org)

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. - Daytona Beach, (386) 255-6573, [www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org)

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. - Palatka, (386) 328-8361, [www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

**Franklin**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. - Tallahassee, (850) 385-9007, [www.lsnf.org](http://www.lsnf.org)

**Gadsden**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. - Quincy, (850) 875-9881, [www.lsnf.org](http://www.lsnf.org)

**Gilchrist** (see Alachua County)

**Glades**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Florida Rural Legal Services - Fort Myers, (239) 334-4554, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

Florida Rural Legal Services - Immokalee, (239) 657-3681, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

**Gulf** (see Bay County)

**Hamilton** (see Columbia County)

**Hardee**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Florida Rural Legal Services - Lakeland, (863) 688-7376, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society, Inc. - Bartow, (863) 519-5663

**Hendry**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Florida Rural Legal Services - Belle Glade, (561) 993-0003, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

Florida Rural Legal Services - Fort Myers, (239) 334-4554, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

Florida Rural Legal Services - Immokalee, (239) 657-3681, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)



## **Hernando**

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. - Brooksville,  
(352) 796-7238, [www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

## **Highlands**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Florida Rural Legal Services - Lakeland, (863) 688-7376,  
[www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society, Inc. - Sebring, (863)  
519-5663

## **Hillsborough**

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. - Tampa, (813) 864-2280,  
[www.bals.org](http://www.bals.org)

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. - Plant City, (813) 752-1335,  
[www.bals.org](http://www.bals.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, 305-358-2081

**Holmes** (see Bay County)

## **Indian River**

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center - Fort Pierce, (772)  
489-4660, [www.fiacfla.org](http://www.fiacfla.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Florida Rural Legal Services - Fort Pierce, (772) 466-4766,  
[www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

**Jackson** (see Gadsden County)

## **Jefferson**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. - Tallahassee, (850)  
385-9007, [www.lsnf.org](http://www.lsnf.org)

**Lafayette** (see Columbia County)

## **Lake**

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. - Tavares,

(352) 343-0815, [www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org)  
Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

### **Lee**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081  
Florida Rural Legal Services - Fort Myers, (239) 334-4554,  
[www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)  
Lee County Legal Aid Society, Inc. - Fort Myers, (239)  
334-6118

### **Leon**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081  
Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association,  
Inc. - Tallahassee, (850) 222-3004  
Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. - Tallahassee, (850)  
385-9007, [www.lsnf.org](http://www.lsnf.org)

**Levy** (see Alachua County)

**Liberty** (see Gadsden County)

**Madison** (see Columbia County)

### **Manatee**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, 305-358-2081  
Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. - Bradenton, (941) 746-6151,  
[www.gulfcoastlegal.org](http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org)  
Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc. - Bradenton, (941) 747-1628

### **Marion**

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. - Ocala,  
(352) 629-0105, [www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org)  
Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081  
Legal Advocacy Center of Central Florida - Ocala, (352)  
629-0105

### **Martin**

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center - Fort Pierce, (772)  
489-4660, [www.fiacfla.org](http://www.fiacfla.org)  
Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)

375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Florida Rural Legal Services - Fort Pierce, (772) 466-4766,  
[www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

### **Miami Dade**

FIU College of Law Educational Advocacy Clinic - Miami,  
(305) 348-7541, [www.fiu.edu](http://www.fiu.edu)

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center - Miami, (305) 573-  
1106, [www.fiacfla.org](http://www.fiacfla.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Guardianship Program for Dade County, Inc. - Miami, (305)  
592-7642, [www.guardianshipprogram.org](http://www.guardianshipprogram.org)

Legal Aid Society of Dade County Bar Association - Miami,  
(305) 579-5733, [www.DadeCountyBar.org](http://www.DadeCountyBar.org)

Legal Aid Society of Dade County Bar Association - Florida  
City, (305) 247-3353, [www.DadeCountyBar.org](http://www.DadeCountyBar.org)

Legal Aid Society of Dade County Bar Association - Home-  
stead, (305) 247-9562, [www.Dadecountybar.org](http://www.Dadecountybar.org)

Legal Aid Society of Dade County Bar Association - Miami  
Beach, (305) 673-7426, [www.Dadecountybar.org](http://www.Dadecountybar.org)

Legal Aid Society of Dade County Bar Association - Miami,  
(305) 349-6013, [www.DadeCountyBar.org](http://www.DadeCountyBar.org)

Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. - Miami, (305) 232-  
9680, [www.lsgmi.org](http://www.lsgmi.org)

Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. - Florida City, (305)  
576-0080, [www.lsgmi.org](http://www.lsgmi.org)

### **Monroe**

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center - Miami, (305) 573-  
1106, [www.fiacfla.org](http://www.fiacfla.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. - Key West, (305)  
292-3566, [www.lsgmi.org](http://www.lsgmi.org)

Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. - Miami, (305) 576-  
0080, [www.lsgmi.org](http://www.lsgmi.org)

### **Nassau**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. - Jacksonville, (904) 356-  
8371, [www.jaxlegalaid.org](http://www.jaxlegalaid.org)

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. - Jacksonville, (904) 394-  
7450, [www.trls.org](http://www.trls.org)

## **Okaloosa**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, 305-358-2081

Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. - Fort Walton Beach, (850) 862-3279, [www.lsnf.org](http://www.lsnf.org)

## **Okeechobee**

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center - Fort Pierce, (772) 489-4660, [www.fiacfla.org](http://www.fiacfla.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, 305-358-2081

Florida Rural Legal Services - Fort Pierce, (772) 466-4766, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

## **Orange**

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. - Orlando, (407) 841-7777, [www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, Inc. - Orlando, (407) 841-8310, [www.legalaidocba.org](http://www.legalaidocba.org)

## **Osceola**

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. - Kissimmee, (407) 847-0053, [www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

## **Palm Beach**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)

Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081

Florida Rural Legal Services - Belle Glade, (561) 993-0003, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

Florida Rural Legal Services - West Palm Beach, (561) 820-8902, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. - West Palm Beach, (561) 655-8944, [www.legalaidpbc.org](http://www.legalaidpbc.org)

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. - Belle Glade, (561) 993-3836, [www.legalaidpbc.org](http://www.legalaidpbc.org)

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. - West Palm Beach, (561) 833-5787, [www.legalaidpbc.org](http://www.legalaidpbc.org)

## **Pasco**

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. - Dade City, (352) 567-9044, [www.bals.org](http://www.bals.org)

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. - New Port Richey, (727) 847-5494, [www.bals.org](http://www.bals.org)  
Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. - Tampa, (813) 232-1343, [www.bals.org](http://www.bals.org)  
Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, 305-358-2081

### **Pinellas**

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. - St. Petersburg, (727) 490-4040, [www.bals.org](http://www.bals.org)  
Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. - Tampa, (813) 232-1343, [www.bals.org](http://www.bals.org)  
Community Law Program - St. Petersburg, (727) 582-7402, [www.lawprogram.org](http://www.lawprogram.org)  
Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081  
Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. - Clearwater, (727) 443-0657, [www.gulfcoastlegal.org](http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org)  
Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. - St. Petersburg, (727) 821-0726, [www.gulfcoastlegal.org](http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org)

### **Polk**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, 305-358-2081  
Florida Rural Legal Services - Lakeland, (863) 688-7376, [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)  
Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society, Inc. - Bartow, (863) 519-5663

**Putnam** (see Flagler County)

### **Saint Johns**

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. - Daytona Beach, (386) 255-6573, [www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org)  
Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352) 375-2494, [fls@bellsouth.net](mailto:fls@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, 305-358-2081  
Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. - Jacksonville, (904) 356-8371, [www.jaxlegalaid.org](http://www.jaxlegalaid.org)  
Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. - St. Augustine, (904) 827-9921, [www.jaxlegalaid.org](http://www.jaxlegalaid.org)  
Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. - Jacksonville, (904) 394-7450, [www.trls.org](http://www.trls.org)

### **Saint Lucie**

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center - Fort Pierce, (772) 489-4660, [www.fiacfla.org](http://www.fiacfla.org)

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, (305) 358-2081  
Florida Rural Legal Services - Fort Pierce, (772) 466-4766,  
[www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org)

### **Santa Rosa**

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville, (352)  
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432-8222, [www.lsnf.org](http://www.lsnf.org)  
Northwest Florida Legal Services, Inc. - Milton, (850) 432-  
2336, [www.nwfls.org](http://www.nwfls.org)

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Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. - Sarasota, (941) 366-1746,  
[www.gulfcoastlegal.org](http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org)  
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375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)  
Florida Justice Institute - Miami, 305-358-2081  
Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society, Inc.  
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**Union** (see Alachua County)

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375-2494, [files@bellsouth.net](mailto:files@bellsouth.net)  
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Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. - Tallahassee, (850)  
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