



Iowa Legal Aid Community Schools Project

Iowa Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to eligible families within Des Moines Public School District. This year, they will hold free and confidential on-site legal clinics at Monroe and King Elementary Schools, and East High School – **however, any district families can utilize the clinic hours or make an appointment to meet with the clinic staff.**

Iowa Legal Aid provides support for civil legal cases which can include cases about housing, income instability (e.g., unemployment or expungements), domestic violence and other family law matters such as guardianship, custody modifications, divorce, etc.

Iowa Legal Aid partners with stakeholders and community resources to deliver a full spectrum of services to assist families in achieving stability. Along with having a student enrolled in the district, eligibility for services includes meeting income guidelines and legal status restrictions.

Location and Hours of Legal Clinics for this coming school year:

Monroe Elementary School:

First and Third Tuesday of each month, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

King Elementary School:

Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Edmunds Elementary School:

First Thursday of each month 7:00 a.m. – noon, and Third Thursday of each month 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Park Avenue Elementary School:

First and Third Wednesday of each month, noon – 3:00 p.m.

East High School:

First Wednesday of each month, 9:00a.m.-1:00 p.m.

By appointment:

Do you need to meet outside of these times? Contact Iowa Legal Aid CSP staff to schedule:

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TYPES OF CASES WE HANDLE:

HOUSING

- Eviction hearings
- 3-day notices for non-payment of rent
- 3-day notices for clear and present danger
- 7-day notice for lease violations
- Nuisance violations
- Sub-standard housing, habitability issues, repair issues
- Section 8
- Housing vouchers
- Illegal lease provisions
- Foreclosures
- Forfeitures

OTHER FAMILY ISSUES

- Minor Guardianships
- Adult Guardianships
- Wills and Estates
- Healthcare & Financial Powers of Attorney

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Protective orders
- Custody
- Divorce

INCOME INSTABILITY

- Unemployment insurance benefits
- Social Security benefits
- Medicaid benefits
- Tax relief and benefits, including Earned Income Tax Credit
- Veteran's benefits
- Garnishments
- Credit and Debt Issues
- Expungements
- Car Repairs and Repossession
- Utilities
- Disability

TYPES OF CASES WE DO NOT HANDLE:

Criminal cases, immigration, personal injury/auto accidents, traffic violations, medical malpractice, class action lawsuits