

# Legal Resources

Families may find that they need to access legal resources for any number of topics. Legal support is available from a variety of sources in communities throughout Indiana. Families are encouraged to explore existing resources and find providers that best meet their needs. Different topics may require the support of different providers. Families are encouraged to ask questions to make sure a provider will meet their needs before engaging in the use of any services.

## **Indiana Legal Services**

Indiana Legal Services (ILS) is a non-profit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance to Hoosiers whose income falls within their guidelines. ILS helps clients who are faced with legal problems that harm their ability to have such basics as food, shelter, income, medical care or personal safety. Their website includes a searchable directory to find legal resources in your community:

<http://www.indianalegalservices.org/>

## **The Immigrants' and Language Rights Center**

The Immigrants' and Language Rights Center serves the immigrant and LEP (Limited English Proficient) populations in Indiana, who may have difficulties accessing legal services because of their language and cultural barriers. They may also have legal issues that are different than other legal service clients. ILRC works to reduce these barriers to services by employing different means to reach these groups and provide them with quality legal services. They can be reached by calling 1-844-243-8570 Monday through Thursday from 10am to 2pm EST, or complete an application online at <https://www.indianalegalservices.org/applyonline/>.

## **Indiana Disability Rights**

Indiana Disability Rights (IDR) is a congressionally mandated, legally based disability rights agency. IDR has the authority to provide legal representation and other advocacy services, under all federal and state laws to people with disabilities based on a system of priorities. If your family is facing a legal or civil rights issue related to disability IDR can provide referrals, and in some cases, direct services. You can find more information at <https://www.in.gov/idr> or by calling IDR at 1-800-622-4845.

## **Coalition for Court Access Website**

Indiana's Coalition for Court Access sponsors a website that helps people looking for civil legal aid. Civil legal aid helps people with non-criminal issues, including family, housing, consumer, healthcare, benefits, employment, and educational services. The site also offers resources and guidance for families who do not qualify for legal aid. The website address is <https://indianalegalhelp.org/>.

## **Indy Bar Virtual Ask A Lawyer**

The Indianapolis Bar Association provides free legal advice via Virtual Ask a Lawyer program where you can chat in real time with an attorney prepared to assist with basic legal questions. Hours for the Virtual program are Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm EST. To access, visit: <https://www.indybar.org/?pg=LegalAdvice-HomePage>.

Individuals without internet access can still receive assistance by phone by calling 317-269-2222 Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 1pm EST.

### **Ability Allies**

Ability Allies provides low- or no-cost legal consultation and representation in the areas of special education, including Section 504 Plans and Individual Education Plans. For more information or to learn how to apply for assistance, visit:

<https://www.abilityallies.org/> or call 317-426-7733.

### **Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic**

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic is a non-profit organization that provides free legal services statewide to those who can't access them. For more information or to learn how to apply for assistance, visit: <https://www.nclegalclinic.org/> or call 317-429-4131.

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