

## Welcome to Legal Services!

**Welcome!** You are now part of a statewide network of legal aid programs. As part of that network, you have access to services provided by Legal Services State Support (State Support). The information below explains some of State Support's work and how we can help support you in your work.

State Support's mission is to improve access to justice for all Minnesotans. State Support is housed within Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid but is here for the benefit of all of Minnesota's legal aid programs. Our unique role is to provide information, connections, and tools for the public and for advocates, and to support the civil legal aid programs who share our mission. Our strength is leveraging technology to provide this support broadly throughout the state.

Speaking of technology, we maintain a variety of statewide websites you might find helpful:

- Free legal information & referrals: www.lawhelpmn.org
- Advocate resources: www.projusticemn.org
- Legal Aid news & trainings: www.mnlegalservices.org
- Online advice for clients: www.mnlegaladvice.org

In addition to running these websites, State Support also provides free and low-cost legal trainings (CLEs); hosts regular meetings for the legal aid community, including for LegalServer and LOON (the Legal Organizations Online Network); supports coordinated infrastructure work; and hosts a Statewide Legal Services Conference every other year.

Along with this letter, we've included:

- The "State Support Cheat Sheet" with information on how State Support's resources can support you and your clients, as well as how to connect with our staff.
- Plain Language Cheat Sheet with tips for making your writing clear and easy to understand.
- Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) flyer with information on how <u>LRAP</u> might be able to assist with law school student loans.

Again, welcome to Legal Aid! Please let us know if there are other ways you think State Support can support your work and our clients. We look forward to working with you!

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