



## Overview of CLASI Services

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council  
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## CLASI's Mission & Offices

- CLASI's Mission
  - CLASI's mission is to combat injustice through creative and persistent civil legal advocacy on behalf of vulnerable and underserved Delawareans.
    - Individual Representation
    - Community Education
    - Policy Work
- CLASI's Offices
  - New Castle County: Community Services Building – Wilmington
  - Kent County: 840 Walker Road – Dover
  - Sussex County: Georgetown Professional Park – Georgetown

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## 2. Community-Based Services: CLASI

Poverty

Disabilities

Elder

Immigration  
& Domestic  
Violence

Fair Housing

Medical-Legal  
Partnership

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## 2. Community-Based Services: CLASI's Poverty Program

- Housing
  - Eviction, termination, & conditions cases for clients living in:
    - Public Housing
    - Subsidized / Section 8 Housing
    - Low Income Tax Credit Housing
- Public Benefits
  - Denial, reduction, or termination of:
    - TANF & GA
    - Food Stamps & WIC
    - SSI & SSD
    - Purchase of Care / Child Care
    - Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP

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## 2. Community-Based Services: CLASI's Disabilities Law Program

PAIMI: Mental illness-- Abuse/Neglect, housing, civil rights, education.

PADD: Dev. Disabilities--Abuse/Neglect, housing, civil rights, education.

PAIR: Individual Rights-- ADA, employment, civil rights.

PAVA: Voting rights – ADA Access to the polls

PATBI: Traumatic Brain Injury– Education, Employment, Housing

PAAT: Assistive Technology– Education, Employment, Housing

PABSS: Beneficiaries of Social Security– Employment

PABRP: Beneficiaries of Soc. Sec. with Rep. Payees– Financial Abuse

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## 2. Community-Based Services: CLASI's Elder Law Program

AHCD/POA

Abuse/Neglect Nursing Homes

Elderly Victims of Crime

Civil Rights– Housing, Supported Decision Making

Consumer/Financial Exploitation

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## 2. Community-Based Services: CLASI's Immigration & Domestic Violence Program

U-VISA: Victims of Crime

T-VISA: Victims of Human Trafficking

SIJS: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

VAWA Self Petitions

Protection from Abuse: (Kent/Sussex)

Ancillary Matters for Survivors of DV & SA: Divorce, custody, support (Kent/Sussex)

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## 2. Community-Based Services: CLASI's Fair Housing Program

- Discrimination in housing

Who: Race, religion, sexual origin, **disability**, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation, **age**, gender identity, creed or source of **income**.

What: Sales, Rentals, Mortgage Lending

Where: Testing, Administrative Hearings, Evictions

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## 2. CLASI's Programs – Medical-Legal Partnership Program

- Division of Public Health – Maternal MLP
  - Pregnant and postpartum women experiencing civil legal programs who are receiving health care from certain providers
- CJC/VOCA Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault MLP
  - Survivors of DV and SA receiving services at and referred by Child Inc. or YWCA's SARC
- CJC/FVPSA Domestic Violence MLP
  - Latinx survivors of Family Violence receiving services at and referred by *Abriendo Puertas* (People's Place) in Sussex County
- Christiana Care Health System MLP
  - Individuals receiving primary care from the CCHS medical group and who have a household income at/below 200% FPL
- Homeless Veterans MLP
  - Veterans who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness and are participating in the Supportive Services for Veterans and Families program.
- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health MLP
  - DSAMH consumers/patients receiving services through a Bridge Clinic

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## Questions? Thank you!

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## CJC/VOCA MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP (MLP)

### CJC / VOCA Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault MLP includes:

Access to free legal services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault receiving services at Child, Inc. or YWCA's Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC).

### Who is eligible?

Survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault who are experiencing civil legal issues, are receiving services from, AND are referred by Child, Inc. or YWCA's SARC.

### How to apply?

Survivors must be referred by Child, Inc. or YWCA's SARC staff. Survivors potentially eligible for the domestic violence and sexual assault MLP should contact Child, Inc. (Domestic Violence Hotline: 302-762-6110) or YWCA's SARC (Rape Crisis Hotline: 800-773-8570).

## What is the Delaware Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP)?

The Delaware MLP is a special project of Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI) that provides free legal advocacy services to Delaware residents who are experiencing certain civil legal issues.

CLASI has a unique MLP partnership with Child, Inc. and YWCA's SARC, funded by the Criminal Justice Council (CJC) and a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant, to assist survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through a referral process.

### **Benefits of this program:**

- Improved physical environment
- Increased access to health care
- Increased access to basic necessities
- Increased access to educational services
- Decreased stress

For assistance or more information please contact:

**New Castle County**  
Delaware Medical-Legal Partnership  
Community Service Building  
100 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 801  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
302-575-0660 (voice)  
302-575-0696 (TTY)  
1-800-292-7980 (toll free)

**Kent County**  
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840 Walker Road  
Dover, DE 19904  
302-674-8500 (voice)  
302-674-9430 (TTY)  
1-800-537-8383 (toll free)

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# Delaware Medical-Legal Partnership

## CJC / VOCA Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault MLP

A program to help legal and social service providers work together to improve the health and wellbeing of the domestic violence/sexual assault survivors served.



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## I—INCOME SUPPORTS & INSURANCE

### *Assistance with benefits and Medical Assistance through the Division of Social Services and other government agencies*

- Denials, reductions, terminations and other problems with:
  - ⇒ Cash assistance (Welfare, including TANF / General Assistance / Refugee Assistance);
  - ⇒ SNAP / Food Stamp and WIC benefits;
  - ⇒ Child Care Subsidies; and
  - ⇒ Medicaid / Medical Assistance / Prescription Assistance / Medicare.
- Appeals of Medicaid denied coverage of medically necessary services.
- Representation for individuals denied, or experiencing issues with, Medicaid waivers (DSHP+, DDDS).
- Assistance obtaining assistive technology through government programs.
- Advocacy to overcome disability related barriers to government benefits and services.

### *Assistance with programs through the Social Security Administration*

- Overpayments.
- SSI / SSDI terminations.
- Referral to private attorneys for SSI/SSDI application denials; representation in some cases.
- Disability related payment & eligibility problems.
- Other Social Security problems on a case by case basis.

## H—HOUSING AND UTILITIES

### *Advice, referral, representation, or other assistance with common housing problems*

- Landlord-tenant issues:
  - ⇒ Evictions and lock-outs;
  - ⇒ Lease violations;
  - ⇒ Unsafe housing conditions;
  - ⇒ Requests for reasonable accommodations or modifications for tenants with disabilities; and
  - ⇒ Housing discrimination.
- Subsidized and public housing, including Section 8, tax credit, and public housing:
  - ⇒ Denials of eligibility;
  - ⇒ Voucher terminations;
  - ⇒ Lease violations;
  - ⇒ Evictions;
  - ⇒ Unsafe housing conditions;
  - ⇒ Requests for reasonable accommodations or modifications for tenants with disabilities; and
  - ⇒ Housing discrimination.
- Utility shut-offs - threatened or actual.
- Homeownership problems:
  - ⇒ Discrimination in
    - ◆ Sales;
    - ◆ Mortgage lending;
    - ◆ Appraisals; and
    - ◆ Homeowners insurance.
  - ⇒ Problems with code enforcement related to disabilities or age;
  - ⇒ Referral to mortgage foreclosure resources / legal services; and
  - ⇒ Problems related to predatory home repairs/contract work.

## E—EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

### *Education assistance, including:*

- Obtaining accommodations for adult patients with disabilities pursuing higher education.
- For pediatric patients or the children of patients:
  - ⇒ Problems with special education, including obtaining special education;
  - ⇒ Assistance for students with disabilities subjected to long-term suspensions & expulsions; and
  - ⇒ Accommodations at school.

### *Advice, referral, representation or other assistance with employment problems*

- Problems with vocational or employment training & services through state agencies (e.g., Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation, DDDS).
- Advice, referral, and in some cases representation in connection to employment discrimination.

## L—LEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS

### *Advice, referral, representation, or other assistance with immigration status for:*

- Victims of crime, trafficking, or domestic violence;
- Special juvenile status for youth victims of abuse, abandonment, or neglect;
- DACA, TPS, and green card renewals; and
- Citizenship/naturalization.

*Referral for other immigration matters.*

## P—PERSONAL & FAMILY STABILITY

### *Advice, referral, representation, or other assistance with family integrity and safety*

- Problems with the Division of Family Services.
- Termination of Parental Rights proceedings; referral or representation.
- Protection from Abuse orders and related family law issues; referral or representation.
- Information and referral on divorce and support matters.

### *Assistance with disability or special health care needs*

- Drafting legal documents, including
  - ⇒ Powers of Attorney; and
  - ⇒ Advanced Health Care Directives.
- Advocacy to overcome disability related barriers to government benefits and services.
- Availability and access to transportation, including Para Transit and reduced fare taxicab denials or problems.
- Discrimination in or accessibility of public accommodations or services.
- Assistance with other rights related to disabilities.

### **CLASI does NOT handle:**

- Malpractice cases;
- Criminal matters;
- Wills;
- Traffic offenses; and
- Actions against Child Inc. or YWCA's SARC.

# FREE Immigration Legal Services Available

AT COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC.  
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**SUSSEX COUNTY: (302) 856-0038, 20151 OFFICE CIRCLE, GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

*Several federal programs provide protections for legal or undocumented immigrants who have been victims of crime. CLASI can help you understand whether you are eligible to apply for legal immigration status under any of these programs.*

**ARE YOU A  
VICTIM OF  
DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE?**

## **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petition**

- You have been abused by a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident; and
- The abuser is your spouse, parent, or child; and
- You are a person of good moral character.

**HAVE YOU  
BEEN A  
VICTIM OF A  
SERIOUS  
CRIME?**

## **U visa**

- A crime was committed against you in the U.S., including domestic violence; and
- You have suffered injury from the crime; and
- You have information about what happened to you; and
- You share(d) that information with law enforcement (e.g. Division of Family Services, the police, the Attorney General's office, or the courts).

**ARE YOU A  
VICTIM OF  
HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING?**

## **T visa**

- Another person has forced you to engage in activities such as prostitution, pornography, violence, forced labor, or slavery (known as "trafficking"); and
- You are in the U.S. because of the trafficking; and
- You cooperated with law enforcement (if you are 18 years or older); and
- You would suffer great hardship or harm if you are forced to leave the U.S.

**ARE YOU A  
CHILD UNDER  
18 WHO HAS  
BEEN  
DECLARED  
DEPENDENT?**

## **Special Immigrant Juvenile Status**

- You are younger than 18 years old; and
- You are in long term foster care, or have been declared dependent due to abuse, or abandonment/neglect by one or both of your parents; and
- The Family Court does not think that reunification with your mother and/or father is in your best interests.

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La Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI) ofrece **SIN COSTO**  
**SERVICIOS LEGALES EN MATERIA DE INMIGRACIÓN**



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*Varios programas del gobierno federal proporcionan protecciones para inmigrantes legales o indocumentados que han sido víctimas de delincuencia. CLASI le puede ayudar a entender si usted cumple con los requisitos para poder solicitar un estado legal inmigratorio a través de uno de estos programas.*

<p><b>¿ES USTED VÍCTIMA DE VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Petición VAWA (Ley de Violencia Contra la Mujer)</b></p> <p><b>SI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Un Ciudadano Estadounidense o un Residente Legal Permanente le ha abusado; y</li> <li>• El abusador es su esposo, progenitor, o hijo; y</li> <li>• Usted es una persona de buen carácter moral.</li> </ul>
<p><b>¿HA SIDO USTED VÍCTIMA DE UN DELITO GRAVE?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Visa "U"</b></p> <p><b>SI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Se cometió un delito contra usted en los EEUU, incluyendo la violencia doméstica; y</li> <li>• Usted ha sufrido a raíz del delito; y</li> <li>• Usted tiene información acerca de lo que le pasó; y</li> <li>• Usted compartió esa información con las fuerzas del orden público (p.ej.: la Dirección de Servicios a la Familia, la policía, la fiscalía, o los tribunals).</li> </ul>
<p><b>¿ES USTED VÍCTIMA DE LA TRATA DE PERSONAS?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Visa "T"</b></p> <p><b>SI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Otra persona le ha obligado a participar en actividades tales como la prostitución, la pornografía, la violencia, el trabajo forzado, o la esclavitud (conocidas como "trata"); y</li> <li>• Se encuentra en los EEUU a causa de la trata; y</li> <li>• Usted cooperó con las fuerzas del orden público (si tiene a menos 18 años); y</li> <li>• Sufriría grandes dificultades o daños si se viera obligado de irse de los EEUU.</li> </ul>
<p><b>¿ES USTED UN MENOR DE MENOS DE 18 AÑOS A QUIEN LE HAN DECLARADO "NECESITADO"?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Estado de Inmigrante Especial Menor</b></p> <p><b>SI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiene menos de 18 años; y</li> <li>• Se encuentra en un hogar de crianza a largo plazo, o le han declarado necesitado a causa de abusos o abandono/negligencia de parte de uno o ambos progenitores; y</li> <li>• El Tribunal de Familias no considera que la reunificación con su madre y/o padre sea en sus intereses superiores.</li> </ul>

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