2024 IMPACT REPORT

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Reaching Rural Iowa Communities Through the Justice Bus, p. 8

DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Nick Smithberg, Executive Director

As we reflect on 2024, I am proud to share the profound impact Iowa Legal Aid has had on individuals, families, and communities across our state.

In every corner of Iowa, our dedicated staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure access to justice for those who need it most.

This year, we assisted tens of thousands of Iowans facing legal challenges that affect the most basic aspects of their lives—housing, safety, employment, and family stability. From seniors seeking protection from financial exploitation, to families recovering from natural disasters, to tenants facing wrongful eviction, our work touches people from all walks of life who otherwise could not afford an attorney.

Our mission is vital because justice should not depend on your income or ZIP code. And in 2024, we expanded that mission in a big way: we launched the Justice Bus—a mobile legal office designed to reach Iowans in rural communities and disaster-affected areas. Since its debut this past spring, the Justice Bus has become a lifeline for people who might otherwise have no legal help at all, particularly in regions impacted by tornadoes and flooding.

Iowa Legal Aid remains committed to ensuring that all Iowans, no matter their circumstances, have the tools and support they need to protect their rights and rebuild their lives. Thank you for standing with us in this essential work.

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ABOUT IOWA LEGAL AID

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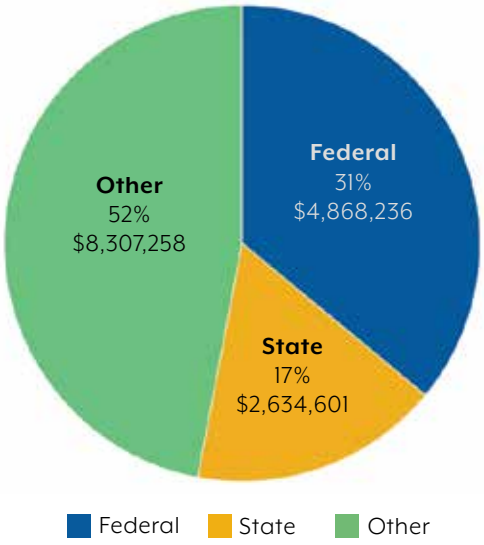
Iowa Legal Aid offers a hand up, not a handout, to Iowans working to build better lives.

For nearly 50 years, Iowa Legal Aid has strengthened Iowa families through vital support in housing, domestic violence, and income-related issues. We don't just provide legal assistance—we help solve problems, offering a hand up, not a handout, to Iowans working to build better lives. This stability ripples outward, supporting stronger communities and a stronger Iowa.

Iowa Legal Aid helps 32,000 low-income Iowans every year. Unfortunately, an estimated 336,000 (74% of the 455,000 low-income Iowans eligible for our services) experience one or more civil legal problems each year. So the need for our services is ten times greater than the number that we are able to serve.

Low-income Iowans do not receive any legal help for the majority of their civil legal problems. They are forced to "go it alone" without legal representation in complex legal disputes where they risk losing their job, livelihood, home, or children, or need a restraining order against an abuser.

2024 FUNDING SOURCES



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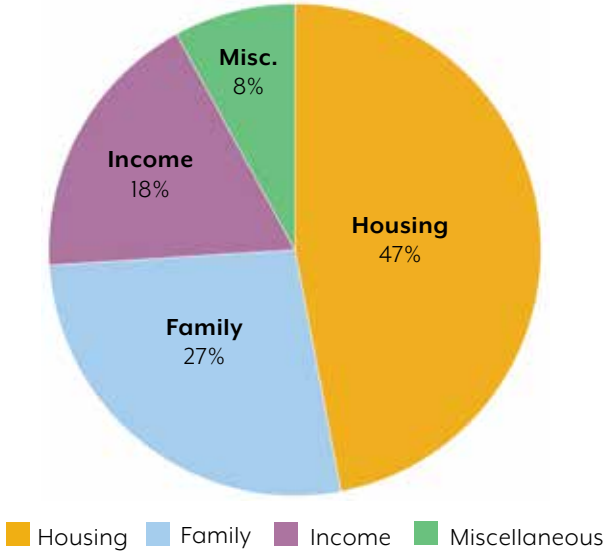
2024 CASE TYPES



At Iowa Legal Aid, our clients reflect vulnerable populations across the state who face serious barriers to justice.

Most live at or below 125% of the federal poverty level and are coping with challenges like unemployment, disability, or the rising cost of basic needs. Many live in rural areas with limited access to help. These demographics highlight the financial and systemic gaps Iowa Legal Aid works to close every day.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	125% OF FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES
1	$19,562
2	$26,437
3	$33,312
4	$40,187

37% of households in Iowa do not earn enough to afford the basics in the communities where they live.

Client Demographics

85%

WORKING AGE CLIENTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED OR DISABLED

71%

WOMEN

33%

PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS

24%

SENIORS 60+

37%

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

44%

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AT HOME

2024 IMPACT

13,734
CASES CLOSED

31,789
TOTAL PEOPLE HELPED

$8,431,352
BENEFITS SECURED

13,531
CHILDREN

866
VETERANS

5,086
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

3,507
SENIORS 60+

3,902
SINGLE MOTHERS

306
PEOPLE HELPED WITH EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS

12,052
PEOPLE FACING EVICTION

3,180
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

$1,261,652
PRO-BONO SERVICES FROM VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

Local

Annual Impact by Regional Office

Iowa Legal Aid delivers critical legal services to Iowans in need across all 99 Iowa counties. These efforts help clients stay in their homes, access safety, and secure financial stability.

Office	Cases	People Helped
Cedar Rapids Regional Office	1,904	4,415
Council Bluffs Regional Office	1,099	2,698
Davenport Regional Office	1,401	3,247
Des Moines Regional Office	3,856	8,741
Dubuque Regional Office	683	1,519
Iowa City Regional Office	1,196	2,726
Mason City Regional Office	523	1,180
Ottumwa Regional Office	819	1,844
Sioux City Regional Office	880	2,126
Waterloo Regional Office	1,166	2,797
Statewide Impact	**13,734**	**31,789**

Justice Bus Reaches Rural Iowa Communities

Last Spring, Iowa Legal Aid launched its Justice Bus, a mobile law office bringing free legal services to rural and underserved Iowa communities.

As the state's only provider of free civil legal aid for low-income and vulnerable Iowans, Iowa Legal Aid is a critical source of hope and dignity for Iowans facing challenges—homelessness, domestic violence, insufficient income, and more.

The Justice Bus allows Iowa Legal Aid to reach Iowans in rural areas where Iowa Legal Aid does not have an office, such as during a recent outreach event with the Connections Area Agency on Aging in Creston, demonstrating its potential to expand access to justice far beyond our physical footprint.

Funded through a one-time federal grant, the Justice Bus is a state-of-the-art mobile legal clinic equipped with power outlets, data ports, and enhanced connectivity through Starlink satellite internet—ensuring continuous service, even when cell towers are down. It also features an ADA access ramp, making it accessible to all.

The idea for the Justice Bus took on new urgency in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2020 derecho. The

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> —Josh Gaul

organization has always helped disaster survivors facing legal issues such as foreclosure, contractor fraud, eviction, rental repairs, lease disputes, insurance problems, FEMA denials, and bankruptcy. The Justice Bus is a powerful new tool in this mission.

"By bringing Iowa Legal Aid directly to communities in need, the Justice Bus removes barriers to legal access and fosters greater engagement with underserved populations," said Executive Director Nick Smithberg. "In times of emergency, the Justice Bus will serve as a lifeline, providing essential services and resources—including power and air conditioning."

The Justice Bus has already proven its value in the face of historic severe weather. In 2024 alone, Iowa experienced record-breaking severe weather, including 125 tornadoes, widespread flooding, and another derecho. The bus was deployed to hard-hit areas like Greenfield, devastated by an EF4 tornado in May; Minden, hit by one of three tornados that formed in Pottawattamie County; and Spencer, where catastrophic flooding displaced many residents.

"This is exactly what we envisioned for the Justice Bus," said Smithberg. "We anticipate using it more and more as Iowans continue to experience natural disasters."

Josh Gaul, Managing Attorney of Iowa Legal Aid's Disaster Project, echoed that sentiment, noting that early deployments validated the organization's plans for the vehicle.

"If anything, it's reinforced the utility of the bus," Gaul said. "We've used it at resource fairs for disaster survivors, and it's helpful for people to see that we're there, that we have that capacity. It reinforces our ability to show up and serve people when they need us most."

But the Justice Bus is not limited to disaster response. It's also becoming a central piece of Iowa Legal Aid's rural outreach strategy.

"We want to be at farmers markets, community celebrations, and festivals,

ABOVE: The Justice Bus was present at Connections Area Agency on Aging's event in Sioux City, IA last September.

LEFT: Iowa Legal Aid attorneys give a team from Legal Services Corporation a tour of the Justice Bus.

places where our clients already are," Gaul said. "It symbolizes the lengths Iowa Legal Aid will go to bring access to justice anywhere in Iowa, under any conditions or scenario."

Looking ahead, Iowa Legal Aid plans to expand the Justice Bus's use for legal clinics and outreach in rural areas with limited access to legal help.

"Lack of nearby legal services, transportation challenges, and unreliable connectivity all keep people from getting help," Smithberg said. "The Justice Bus lets us bring our services to them."

The Justice Bus pictured in Spencer, Iowa, last summer at a multiagency resource center for disaster survivors after record flooding.

2024 Justice Bus Appearances

April 15, 2024: Community Resource Fair for Disaster Preparedness & Recovery, Des Moines
April 20, 2024: Community Resource Fair for Disaster Preparedness & Recovery, Cedar Rapids
May 4-5, 2024: Minden Tornado Multi-Agency Resource Fair, Minden
May 24, 2024: 21st Annual CelebrAsian event, Des Moines
May 31, 2024: Homeward, Des Moines
June 2-3, 2024: Greenfield MARC, Greenfield
June 22, 2024: MX Consulate Outreach, Sacred Heart School, West Des Moines
July 5-6, 2024: Spencer MARC - Day One, Spencer
August 17, 2024: CR Farmers Market 8/17, Cedar Rapids
August 17, 2024: Minden Recovery Cookout, Minden
August 30, 2024: Franklin County DRG Outreach, Sheffield
September 16, 2024: Connections Area Agency on Aging, Sioux City
September 18, 2024: Connections Area Agency on Aging, Creston
September 20, 2024: UCS Healthcare Recovery Event Resource Fair, West Des Moines
September 21, 2024: Cedar Rapids Farmers Market, Cedar Rapids
September 25, 2024: Connections Area Agency on Aging, Council Bluffs
September 26, 2024: Pottawattamie County Preparedness Fair, Council Bluffs
September 28, 2024: North Iowa, Southern Minnesota Veteran Stand Down, Mason City
October 8, 2024: Sioux City MARC, Sioux City
October 9, 2024: Iowa Library Association Annual Conference, Des Moines
October 15, 2024: Correctionville MARC, Correctionville

Attorney Profile

Get to know Josh Gaul, Managing Attorney of Iowa Legal Aid's Disaster Project and Rural Justice Project for Older Iowans.

When did you start working for Iowa Legal Aid?
August 10, 2009

What kind of work do you do?
Managing attorney of Iowa Legal Aid's Disaster Project and Rural Justice Project for Older Iowans.

What do you like the most about working here?
The people I've worked with over the years are tremendous human beings, just good people to work with. I find joy in helping those that need help the most, that are the most vulnerable, that if we were not there to help them, there wouldn't be anyone else to help them. Where I come from is a place of service and Iowa Legal Aid gives me the opportunity to live that out.

What are some of your accomplishments here?
The work we've done to expand the services we're able to offer survivors of natural disasters, increase awareness throughout the state among both disaster survivors and agency partners of the legal issues that disaster survivors face. I've never met a disaster survivor that didn't have legal issues that we could help with.

What is your personal philosophy or values that guide your work?
My faith drives me. I love the ability to use gifts that I've been given to serve the individuals that need help the most. Whether it's serving the team members I work with or the organization or the State of Iowa or the clients, what guides me is where can I serve the most and Iowa Legal Aid is a place that I've been able to do that.

What is your favorite Iowa Legal Aid memory?
There was a client that I helped once with a divorce and there was custody involved and there was some pretty bad physical abuse. Once we were able to resolve the case the client sent me a letter expressing her gratitude and appreciation for being able to provide her strength and a voice when she didn't have any. To see that expressed was very gratifying.

What are you most excited about at Iowa Legal Aid that you want others to know about?
I'm excited about the ways Iowa Legal Aid continues to grow and reach more people in need. We've expanded important projects that serve older Iowans in rural communities and provide help to those affected by natural disasters. What makes this work especially meaningful is being part of an organization filled with people who truly care—people committed to service and to bringing hope to clients who may feel like they're out of options.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
I think the ability to teleport would be nice. Spend a day at work then teleport to the ocean, or the mountains, or wherever would be a good way to see the world.

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SUPPORTING IOWA'S SENIORS

As Iowa's population ages, more older Iowans face legal challenges that put their health, housing, and independence at risk.

Iowa Legal Aid works to increase access to legal help for older adults—addressing issues such as medicaid and medicare, nursing home facilities, social security, veterans benefits, wills and estates, and advanced directives/powers of attorney.

The Hotline for Older Iowans

Since 1998, the Hotline for Older Iowans has been the first stop for seniors seeking legal assistance. The Hotline provides quick and effective legal advice and refers cases needing further help to one of Iowa Legal Aid's regional offices.

In addition to legal guidance, Hotline staff often identify non-legal needs and connect callers with programs and services that support their basic well-being.

Hotline staff use a broad approach to reach older Iowans, including:

- Direct legal services (advice, negotiations, and representation)
- Community legal education
- Outreach events
- Referrals to human services

The Hotline for Older Iowans is supported in part by Aging Resouces of Central Iowa, Connections Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Elderbridge AAA, Heritage AAA, Immanuel Vision Foundation, Milestones AAA, Northeast Iowa AAA, and Wellabe.

The Hotline also trains Area Agencies on Aging and community partners to help them better understand and identify legal issues affecting seniors.

Rural Justice Project for Older Iowans

In 2022, Iowa Legal Aid launched the Rural Justice Project for Older Iowans to improve access for older adults in underserved rural areas. Staff visit communities to assess legal needs, often identifying problems seniors didn't realize had legal solutions. The program also helps older Iowans prepare for or recover from natural disasters.

2024 Impact on Iowa's Seniors

In 2024, Iowa Legal Aid served 4,718 people aged 60+ through 3,308 closed cases. The oldest client was 103.

- 41% of cases involved housing
- 33% involved income or public benefits
- 9% were family-related
- 17% addressed other legal needs,

Of those helped, 63% had disabilities, 62% were women, and 477 were veterans. The total financial benefit secured for clients exceeded $1 million, providing critical support for basic needs.

Iowa Legal Aid Attorneys Teach Poverty Law Classes

Last spring, Iowa Legal Aid Managing Attorney Ericka Petersen taught a Poverty Law Practicum at the University of Iowa College of Law. This 14-week experiential course gave law students the chance to learn substantive poverty law while building practical skills like client interviewing, counseling, writing, and litigation through instruction, simulation, and real client work.

In this first-time collaboration with Iowa Legal Aid, students conducted intake interviews and represented tenants in eviction hearings. The experience was eye-opening; they gained insight into the barriers many face in accessing justice and reflected deeply on their future roles within the legal system.

"In addition to the skills I wanted students to develop, it was important they saw how broken our legal system is for the most vulnerable. I think the class achieved that," said Petersen.

Throughout the semester, students worked with actual Iowa Legal Aid clients facing eviction. Tasks like intake interviews were challenging, but the students rose to the occasion. Their success led to a stronger connection to the work and greater confidence in their abilities.

A highlight came when students represented a client at the Johnson County Courthouse. Despite a hectic docket and late arrivals, they spotted a key defense others had missed and negotiated a strong agreement with the landlord. "It was really special to watch them in action," Petersen said. "I was so proud."

By semester's end, students reported that the experience was meaningful and inspiring. One secured a job with legal aid in Illinois, another expressed interest in joining the field, and all shared admiration for legal aid attorneys. Even those not pursuing legal aid work wanted to support Iowa Legal Aid as donors or volunteers.

Petersen believes that simply having more lawyers who understand the realities of poverty will lead to a fairer system—and her students gave her hope for the future.

Building on this first-time success, Managing Attorney Larisa Bowman taught a similar class at the Drake University Law School in fall 2024.

The classes continue to evolve, and in 2025 were co-taught by Petersen and Bowman at UI, and by Bowman at Drake. This fall, Bowman's class at Drake will collaborate with Senior Staff Attorney Arianna Eddy and the Drake Legal Clinic to offer an expungement clinic on the Cady Day of Public Service in October.

Ericka Petersen (back row center) with her Spring 2024 Poverty Law Practicum class.

Wells Fargo Donation Prevents 11,000+ Evictions in Six Iowa Counties

Since receiving catalytic grant funding from the Wells Fargo Foundation three years ago, Iowa Legal Aid has successfully prevented 11,583 evictions, supporting 25,804 household members in six of Iowa's most populous counties, including 10,168 children between November 2021 and June 2024.

The project with Wells Fargo is an innovative initiative in Polk, Linn, Scott, Black Hawk, Johnson and Pottawattamie counties that brings together key stakeholders to provide legal representation and other critical services at the same time, onsite at county courthouses where eviction cases are heard. It creates a rare "win-win" solution that secures housing for tenants, allows landlords to recoup lost small business income, and reduces congestion in overcrowded eviction courts.

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Iowa Legal Aid attorneys staff an Eviction Help Desk in Davenport.

The project drives systemic transformation, working with tenants and landlords to get rent arrears paid, often without the need to file an eviction case. At its core, the project prevents homelessness and keeps tenants in the most affordable housing available to them. Iowa Legal Aid works with tenants to address legal problems that may be reducing their income and ability to pay rent, such as benefits denial, unlawful garnishments or unpaid child support.

The eviction crisis has had a disparate impact on women, communities of color, and people with disabilities as the tenants facing eviction statewide were 67% women, 50% communities of color and 34% people with disabilities. Wells Fargo grant funding helped Iowa Legal Aid and its partners address these disparities in the housing market.

The breakdown of evictions prevented and household members helped in key counties between November 2021 and June 2024 is as follows:

- **Polk County:** 4,096 evictions prevented, benefiting 9,011 household members (3,511 children).
- **Linn County:** 2,600 evictions prevented, benefiting 5,690 household members (2,173

children).

- **Scott County:** 1,982 evictions prevented, benefiting 4,601 household members (1,909 children).
- **Black Hawk County:** 1,129 evictions prevented, benefiting 2,886 household members (1,189 children).
- **Johnson County**: 947 evictions prevented, benefiting 2,069 household members (808 children).
- **Pottawattamie County**: 729 evictions prevented, benefiting 1,547 household members (578 children).

"The Wells Fargo Project has been a game-changer, enabling us to keep thousands of Iowans in their homes while addressing the root causes of housing instability," said Nick Smithberg, Executive Director of Iowa Legal Aid. "The ripple effects of this project are profound, as it strengthens families, stabilizes communities, and helps landlords recoup income. We are incredibly grateful to Wells Fargo for their investment in this project."

In addition to eviction prevention, the project also addressed other legal challenges faced by families in crisis. Throughout the initiative, Iowa Legal Aid closed a total of 11,741 legal cases, achieving an outstanding 99% positive outcome rate statewide. This equates to 26,160 household members served, including 10,309 children.

The Wells Fargo grant is a key part of Iowa Legal Aid's larger statewide eviction project. In total, the organization has helped more than 65,000 Iowans, including 25,000 children, avoid eviction since the project was established during the pandemic. 76% of our eviction clients have no additional housing issues within 24 months.

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Your contributions help low-income Iowans facing eviction, domestic violence, and financial hardship get the legal help they need. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to justice and a fairer Iowa. For the most current donor roll, visit iowalegalaidfoundation.org.

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TOP: Event goers at the 2024 Barrister's Ball bid on the silent auction at the Stardust in Davenport.

BOTTOM: Drake Law Dean Jerry Anderson, Iowa Legal Aid Executive Director Nick Smithberg, and Iowa Law Dean Kevin Washburn at the 20th Annual Cady Cup.

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