

Louise is a domestic violence victim, who suffers with both mental and physical disabilities. She lost her lease and faced eviction because of the disruptive actions of her abusive boyfriend.



With the help of LSEM, Louise's landlord agreed to renew her lease in exchange for a negotiated payment plan. By defending her rights under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Fair Housing Act (FHA) as a disabled person, LSEM was also able to help Louise keep her eligibility for Section 8 assistance and future public housing.

With the support of LSEM, Louise is now free from her abusive former relationship and is safe and happy in her home, without the worry of abuse or eviction.

An Investment in Our Community

The holistic and comprehensive services that LSEM provides assist client-families to achieve safety and create economic and family stability, which in turn strengthens the community.

Our Tagline reads "Pursuing Justice, Strengthening Lives", and with your help, we do just that. It is through our pursuit of justice that we continue to strengthen the lives of those we serve, empowering them to reach further and ultimately, live better. A contribution to LSEM is an investment in the region's infrastructure, which will pay rich dividends in the future.

While our work is focused on solving long-term problems for individuals and families, the impact ripples outward to benefit the entire community.

For information on how to help by making a donation, please call the Development Office at 314-256-8742.

Contact Information

For help, please call:

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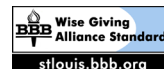
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For a listing of the 21 counties served by LSEM, and other information about the services we provide, please visit our website at www.lsem.org. Please also visit the statewide website at www.lsmo.org for additional resources.

The mission of LSEM is to provide high quality civil legal assistance and equal access to justice for low-income people in Eastern Missouri.



Pursuing Justice, Strengthening Lives



Legal Services of Eastern Missouri

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Serving 21 counties in eastern Missouri

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri

What We Do

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc., (LSEM), is a 501 (c)(3) registered non-profit organization which has provided legal assistance to the low-income community since 1956. LSEM provides civil legal services through the various program areas detailed below. In addition to handling day-to-day cases, LSEM publishes information on a variety of legal issues, provides community legal education, makes referrals to other social services, and works collaboratively with many community partners and outreach centers. LSEM handles only civil legal cases and cannot handle criminal cases.

People We Serve

We serve individuals and families who cannot afford access to our justice system, such as families at risk of losing their home, women and children in danger because of domestic violence, and homeless children who need to attend school or need special education services.

Free language and deaf interpreters are provided.

Volunteers

In addition to our legal and social work staff, members of LSEM's Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP) also can help our clients with their legal issues. VLP volunteers include attorneys and paralegals from all sectors of law practice, in addition to law, social work, and paralegal students.

Services & Programs

Helping our families to thrive

Advocating For Our Rights

Consumer Law Program

Handles certain debtor/creditor problems, including deceptive and fraudulent sales practices, car repossessions, and predatory lending practices.

Housing Law Program

Helps clients avoid homelessness by handling landlord/tenant problems, subsidized or fair housing issues, home ownership and foreclosure matters, and restrictions on occupancy.

Investing In Our Children

Children's Legal Alliance Program

Provides legal and social services support for children with disabilities and homeless children to ensure their educational needs are met.

Keeping Our Families Healthy & Strong

Advocates For Family Health Program

Helps families with children and pregnant women navigate Medicaid Managed Care programs to receive the care they need.

Medical-Legal Partnership & Health Insurance Programs

LSEM works with medical-care providers and other community organizations to help patients with a variety of civil legal issues affecting their health. LSEM also helps uninsured children and adults enroll in health insurance.

Public Benefits Program

Helps disabled, elderly and needy families with Medicaid, TANF, Food Stamps, Missouri Family Support Division benefits and other benefits, including, to more limited degrees, Social Security and Medicare problems.



Preserving Our Families

Lasting Solutions/ Family Law Program

Addresses holistically the many issues that affect victims of domestic violence and their children, strengthening and supporting survivors of abuse as they seek to permanently end violence in their lives.

Family Court Program (St. Louis County)

Advocates help reunify families and avoid unnecessary foster care through legal and social service support for parents in child protection cases. Legal advocacy helps prevent any wrongful termination of parental rights.

Protecting Our Vulnerable

Elder Law Program

Assists those aged 60+ with a variety of civil legal issues relating to their safety and well-being and other legal problems, including guardianships and simple wills, powers of attorney and healthcare directives.

Immigration Law Program

Helps eligible immigrants successfully integrate and stabilize through assistance with family visa petitions, citizenship, and aid to victims of human trafficking/ domestic violence.

Legal Advocacy for Adults with Mental Illness Program (LAAMI)

Helps persons with serious mental illness, referred by community partners, with a wide variety of civil legal needs to assist with recovery and stability.

Youth and Family Advocacy Program

Seeks to break the cycle of homelessness and instability in the lives of vulnerable youth and families in St. Louis County through legal services and supportive case management.

Strengthening Our Community

Community Economic Development Program

Provides business legal assistance and education to entrepreneurs who are low-income, as well as to non-profit entities serving low-income populations.

Rural Outreach Program

From offices in Union and Hannibal and their surrounding counties, we address a wide range of civil legal issues for rural persons with low-incomes.