



Indiana Legal Services, Inc. (ILS)

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- Non-profit organization dedicated to providing high quality legal representation and advice to low-income Hoosiers
- Provides *free civil* legal services to low-income Hoosiers – no criminal representation
- Military Assistance Project provides free civil legal services to low-income Hoosier veterans, service members, and their families

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Eligibility

- Generally, to be eligible for ILS services, the client must have:
 - Family Income that is 125% or less of the poverty level **OR**
 - Expenses that bring the family income to 125% or less of the poverty level

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Eligibility (125% of Poverty)

Family Size	Gross Annual Income	Monthly Gross	Weekly Gross
1	\$14,363.00	\$1,196.92	\$276.21
2	\$19,388.00	\$1,615.67	\$372.85
3	\$24,413.00	\$2,034.42	\$469.48
4	\$29,438.00	\$2,453.17	\$566.12
5	\$34,463.00	\$2,871.92	\$662.75
6	\$39,488.00	\$3,290.67	\$759.38
7	\$44,513.00	\$3,709.42	\$856.02
8	\$49,538.00	\$4,128.17	\$952.65
Additional	\$5,025.00	\$418.75	\$96.63

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Eligibility

- An applicant may be financially eligible for assistance if the he or she is within 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Eligibility under the 200% income guidelines depends on the:
 - Applicant's expenses *and*
 - Type of legal problem

NOTE: Some special projects allow higher income levels

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Eligibility (200% of Poverty)

Family Size	Gross Annual Income	Monthly Gross	Weekly Gross
1	\$21,780.80	\$1,815.07	\$418.86
2	\$29,420.80	\$2,451.73	\$565.78
3	\$37,060.80	\$3,088.40	\$712.71
4	\$44,700.80	\$3,725.07	\$859.63
5	\$52,340.80	\$4,361.73	\$1006.55
6	\$59,980.80	\$4,998.40	\$1,153.48
7	\$67,620.80	\$5,635.07	\$1,300.40
8	\$75,620.80	\$6,271.73	\$1,447.32
Additional	\$7,640.00	\$636.67	\$146.92

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- Must not have \$3,000 or more in a bank account
- Equity in a home does not affect eligibility. But if the applicant owns other real estate, he or she is most likely ineligible
- No fee-generating cases *unless* no private attorneys will take the case
- No cases to establish paternity or to get child support under an existing order (prosecutor's office typically handles these cases)
- No criminal cases juvenile delinquency cases

Indiana Legal Services, Inc. (ILS)

Regional Offices

Office	Counties Served
Bloomington	Bartholomew, Brown, Clay, Greene, Jackson, Lawrence, Monroe, Orange, Owen, Parke, Putman, Sullivan, and Vigo
Columbus (60+ ONLY)	Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Jackson, and Jennings
Evansville	Davies, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick
Fort Wayne	Adams, Allen, Blackford, Dekalb, Grant, Huntington, Jay, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley
Gary/ Merrillville/ Hammond	Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter

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Indianapolis	Boone, Decatur, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Union, and Wayne
Lafayette	Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Vermillion, Wabash, Warren, and White
New Albany	Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott, Switzerland, and Washington
South Bend	Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, LaGrange, LaPorte, Marshall, Noble, Pulaski, St. Joseph, and Starke

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Practice Areas

Housing

Public Benefits

Health

Family Law

Consumer Law

Education

Senior Law

Access to Justice

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Special Projects

- Housing Law Center – Bloomington Office
 - Statewide
 - Focus:
 - Primarily helps defend foreclosures & evictions
 - But Homeless Prevention may require other legal assistance
 - Part of the Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network (www.877gethope.org/877-GET-HOPE)
 - A HUD-certified counseling agency

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Special Projects

- Senior Law Projects – 60-yrs old & older
 - No income requirements
 - Focus:
 - Assist older persons with living independently with dignity
 - Legal assistance related to income, health care, long-term care, nutrition, housing, utilities, protective services, defense of guardianship, abuse neglect, and age discrimination

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Special Projects

- Senior Law Projects – 60-yrs old & older
 - Statewide:
 - ILS:
 - Indianapolis Office
 - Columbus Office
 - Rest of the State – Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging

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Special Projects

- Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic – Bloomington
 - Statewide
 - 250% over poverty
 - Focus: Assistance with IRS account, collection, examination, and appeals matters including representation before U.S. Tax Court and assistance to non-filers – and *related* Indiana tax issues.

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Special Projects

- Consumer Law Center – New Albany
 - Statewide
 - Focus: Assistance with debt collections, repossessions, access to credit, unfair sales practices, student loan discharge, credit card defense, unfair court practices, and bankruptcy

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Special Projects

- Immigrants' & Language Rights Center –
Bloomington & Indianapolis
 - Statewide
 - For veterans who are not US citizens,
assistance with citizenship (and issues related to
non-citizenship status)

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Legal Information can be found at
www.indianalegalservices.org

Questions?



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