

LEGAL & ADVOCACY

LEGAL

Low-cost or free legal assistance for various issues.

AIDS LEGAL REFERRAL PANEL (ALRP)

ALRP works to improve or maintain the health of people living with HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco Bay Area by addressing their legal issues. It provides free and low-cost legal services in areas including housing, employment, insurance, confidentiality matters, family law, credit, government benefits or public accommodations, among others. www.alrp.org

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 701-1100 **Fax:** (415) 701-1400

Email: info@alrp.org

Specific Intake Days and Times: M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm

Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm.

Location: 1663 Mission Street, Suite 500
San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referral needed. Please call or write to make an appointment.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Russian. Other languages can be accommodated.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Client fees, if any: All ALRP services provided by ALRP staff attorneys are free. Depending on the income and the nature of the case, if the client is referred to an ALRP Panel Attorney, a fee may be charged according to ALRP's Fee Protocol.

Eligible Population Served: All individuals and family members who have HIV/AIDS and live in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sonoma or Solano Counties.

Primary Community Served: People living with HIV/AIDS/Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: ALRP assists clients with HIV/AIDS with legal issues related to their housing, including eviction defense. ALRP also provides assistance with legal issues related to private and public health and disability income insurance. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

ASIAN LAW CAUCUS

The mission of the Asian Law Caucus is to promote, advance, and represent the legal and civil rights of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities. Recognizing that social, economic, political and racial inequalities continue to exist in the United States, the Asian Law Caucus is committed to the pursuit of equality and justice for all sectors of our society, with a specific focus directed toward addressing the needs of low-income, immigrant and underserved APIs.

Since the vast majority of Asians and Pacific Islanders in America are immigrants and refugees, the Caucus strives to create informed and educated communities empowered to assert their rights and to participate actively in American society. This perspective is reflected in our broad strategy which integrates the provision of legal services, educational programs, community organizing initiatives and advocacy. www.asianlawcaucus.org

To Get Connected

Contact Persons: Philip Van, Intake Coordinator
Phone: (415) 896-1701 **Fax:** (415) 896-1702
Email: philipv@advancingjustice-alc.org
Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. Some evening and weekend clinics.
Location: 55 Columbus Ave , San Francisco, CA 94111
Notes: No referral needed. Please call or write for an appointment.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: Cantonese, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Gujarati, Thai.
What to bring: Proof of income.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.
Client fees, if any: None.
Eligible Population Served: All individuals and family members.
Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Community Education & Mediation; Know Your Rights Trainings; Inmate & Parolee Legal Issues (mainly juvenile and deportation cases); Employment Law & Employment Discrimination; Housing & Eviction Defense; Restraining/Stay Away Orders; Voting Outreach & Education; Census & Redistricting Advocacy. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

BAY AREA LEGAL AID (BAYLEGAL)

BayLegal's clients are low- and very low-income members of our communities. BayLegal's clients are spread across our seven county service area, from San Francisco to Livermore, Gilroy to Napa. They include the working poor, our elderly neighbors, military veterans, people with disabilities, and single mothers. www.baylegal.org

To Get Connected

Legal Advice Line for Screening:

(415) 354-6360

Hours:

Monday and Thursday, 9:30am-3:00pm

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30am-1:00pm

Location: No drop-in services provided.

Please call Legal Advice Line for screening.

1035 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referrals needed.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Tagalog, French. BayLegal will serve clients in any other languages through use of Language Line or other assistance.

What to Bring: If you receive an appointment after being screened by the Legal Advice Line, identification and documentation of U.S. citizenship or non-citizen status. BayLegal may assist in securing these documents.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Will provide whatever ADA accommodation is necessary for any disability.

Client fees: None.

Eligible Population: Must be out of custody.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Housing & Eviction Defense; Access to Public Benefits; Law for Domestic Violence Survivors; For PAES recipients, any civil legal issue that makes it harder to get or keep a job, such as driver's license suspension, child support orders, or credit issues (including referrals to Clean Slate/Conviction Expungement Services). Will not provide assistance with contesting a Temporary Restraining Order for people with prior criminal convictions for violence. For health care access issues such as Medi-Cal, Medi-Care, Covered California or private health insurance, contact our Health Consumer Center at (855) 693-7285. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

COOPERATIVE RESTRAINING ORDER CLINIC

Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic provides information on and assistance in applying for Domestic Violence restraining orders.

www.probono.net/sf/volunteer/item.Cooperative_Restraining_Order_Clinic_CROC

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Tara Berta, Supervising Attorney

Phone: (415) 864-1790 **Fax:** (415) 241-9491

Email: tara@roclinic.org

Hours: By Appointment Only. Call Intake Phone, (415) 255-0165.

Location: 3543 – 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94110

Notes: No referrals needed. Please call Intake Phone for appointment.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, other languages as needed.

What to Bring: CA ID and any other relevant documents for the restraining order.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Legal Assistance/Advocacy. Referrals to other resources available as needed.

EVICTION DEFENSE COLLABORATIVE (EDC) AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE (RADCo)

The Eviction Defense Collaborative is the principal organization in San Francisco helping low-income tenants to respond to eviction lawsuits. Each year we provide emergency legal services, through EDC, and rental assistance, through RADCo, to more than 5,000 tenants in San Francisco.

www.evictiondefense.org

To Get Connected

Phone: 415-947-0797

Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:30am-11:30am; 1:00pm-3:00pm

Location: 995 Market, #1200, San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referral needed. Drop-In only.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Chinese, French, Russian

What to Bring: Proof of San Francisco Residency

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Client fees, if any: Certain services have sliding-scale fees. Nobody turned away for lack of funds.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: EDC's legal services include counseling and legal help to tenants during the eviction process: programs include preparing a response to the lawsuit, limited representation at the settlement conference, and preparation of requests for delays of the sheriff's eviction.

RADCo's provides rental assistance to more than 600 families each year, in the form of interest-free loans and grants. Please note: The Eviction Defense Collaborative does not provide the services of a lawyer – clients act as their own lawyer. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW *WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS CLINIC*

The Clinic provides free or low-cost legal services to people with employment-related legal problems, with an emphasis on problems affecting women and low-wage immigrant workers. Law students provide legal services. www.ggu.edu/law/werc

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Law Student Hotline

Phone: (415) 442-6647 **Fax:** (415) 896-2450

Email: werc@ggu.edu

Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm, January-April and September-November, only.

Location: 40 Jessie Street, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105

Notes: No referrals needed. Please call the hotline for an appointment first. No drop-ins.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English. Other languages can be accommodated.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Client fees, if any: No fees for legal services. Possible costs for photocopying, etc.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members.

Faith Based: No.

Services: Legal Assistance/Advocacy. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

HOMELESS ADVOCACY PROJECT (HAP)

The Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP) may be able to help you if you have legal issues and are homeless, or threatened with homelessness, especially if you have a disability or minor children living with you. HAP also provides supportive social services to its legal clients to address underlying psychosocial needs. We primarily assist clients with federal disability and other benefit issues; eviction prevention; and immigration documentation.

www.sfbar.org/volunteer/homeless_article.aspx

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 575-3130 or Toll Free (800) 405-4427 **Fax:** (415) 703-8639

Hours: HAP is closed on Monday. Tuesday - Friday, 9am to 5pm. Intake for new clients on Tuesday 1:30pm to 4:00pm.

Location: 1360 Mission Street Suite 201, San Francisco, CA 94102 (between 9th and 10th Streets)

Notes: No referrals needed. Please drop in during Tuesday intake hours.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin.

What to Bring: Any documents related to your case (eviction papers; social security notices)

Client fees, if any: None if low-income.

Eligible Population: Homeless or at risk of homelessness, with priority to individuals who have mental health disabilities and families.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: HAP is only able to provide assistance with certain types of legal issues. These include: Applications for Supplemental Security Income (SSI – federal disability benefits) and issues related to SSI applications; Eviction defense, especially if you are accused of causing a nuisance or your landlord has obtained a default judgment against you; Immigration documentation, if you are in the country legally but have lost your immigration documents or have not taken the steps needed to get proper immigration documents; Brief advice and referrals to other projects or agencies that can help you.

HOUSING RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF SAN FRANCISCO

We provide “self-help” tenants’ rights counseling. Clients are provided with information on laws affecting their rights as tenants, as well as resources and referrals. For public housing and Section 8 renters, we offer case management and advocacy. We provide referrals to attorneys as necessary. We will help with applications for Section 8 and Public Housing, as well as rent board petitions.

www.hrcsf.org

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Counselor

Phone: (415) 703-8634 or (415) 703-8644

Fax: (415) 703-8639

Email: info@hrcsf.org

Counseling Hours: Monday – Thursday from 1:00pm-5:00pm

Location: 417 South Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referrals needed. Please call or drop in during counseling hours.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin. Russian by special arrangement.

What to Bring: Please bring any relevant papers, including eviction notices or other landlord/property manager notices.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: All renters of public and private housing.

Faith Based: No.

Services: Counseling/Advocacy—Housing Applications to Public Housing & Section 8. Please note: no direct legal services. Program does not provide housing or rental assistance. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

LA RAZA CENTRO LEGAL

La Raza Centro Legal is community-based legal organization dedicated to empowering Latino, immigrant and low-income communities of SF to advocate for their civil and human rights. We combine legal services and advocacy to build grassroots power and alliances toward creating a movement for a just society. www.lrccl.org

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 575-3500 **Fax:** (415) 255-7593

Intake Hours: Monday –Thursday from 10am-12pm and 1pm-4pm; Fridays from 10am-12pm.

Location: 474 Valencia Street, Suite 295 San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referrals needed. Please call for appointment. Drop-ins are allowed, but appointments are preferred.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members.

Faith Based: No.

Services: Employment Law, solely regarding SF-specific labor laws; Immigration and Senior Law (Immigration in San Francisco and San Mateo County, senior law in San Francisco only). Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS *SECOND CHANCE LEGAL CLINIC*

The Second Chance Legal Clinic assists clients who are working to overcome barriers to employment and housing because of their criminal records. www.lccr.com or www.lccr.com/programs/racial-justice/direct-services/second-chance-legal-clinic

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Clinic Coordinator

Phone: (415) 814-7610

Hours: Please contact the above phone number for clinic dates, times, and location, as well as how to get your RAP sheet.

Mailing Address: 131 Steuart Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94105

Notes: To receive the best legal advice, we encourage walk-in clients to come with a recent RAP sheet. Please contact Lawyers' Committee to find out how to get a RAP sheet. Drop-in okay. No referral required.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: All individuals.

Faith Based: No.

Services: Clean Slate/Conviction Expungement; Employment Law; Housing & Eviction Defense; Voting & Outreach Education; Occupational Licensing – applications and denials; Criminal Background Reports – errors and violations; Public and Private Housing – applications and denials; Employment – applications, terminations and denials; Assistance with Driver's License Citations and Suspensions.

PRISON LAW OFFICE

The Prison Law Office strives to improve the living conditions of California state prisoners by providing free legal services. The Prison Law Office represents individual prisoners, engages in class action and other impact litigation, educates the public about prison conditions, and provides technical assistance to attorneys throughout the country. www.prisonlaw.com

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 280-2621

Hours: Monday-Friday

Location: 1917 5th Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

Notes: If you or a family member have an issue that you believe we can assist with, please free to contact our office. Letters concerning individual prisoners and prison conditions can be addressed to:

Prison Law Office

General Delivery

San Quentin, CA 94964

Do to the large number of inquiries, we cannot accept telephone calls from prisoners and their families.

Services: For over 35 years this nonprofit public interest law firm has been in the forefront of legal efforts to enforce the Constitution and other laws inside the walls of California's prisons. With a small staff of attorneys and support personnel, the Prison Law Office represents individual prisoners, engages in class action and other impact litigation, educates the public about prison conditions, and provides technical assistance to attorneys throughout the country. (The office generally does not handle criminal appeals or habeas corpus petitions challenging criminal convictions.)

California's prisons remain dangerously overcrowded at 147% of design capacity with over 122,000 prisoners crammed into 33 institutions, plus another 12,000 prisoners housed out-of-state and in community facilities. Basic necessities of life, such as medical and mental health care, are often lacking. Prisoners with disabilities are not recognized as disabled, and many are not provided reasonable accommodations as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Through both individual and impact litigation, the Prison Law Office has changed many California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation policies and practices, and has alleviated many of the cruel and unusual conditions that have been inflicted upon tens of thousands of state prisoners.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities may be accommodated, please contact.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: California state prisoners, and occasionally to California state parolees.

Faith Based: No.

ROOT & REBOUND *LEGAL ADVOCACY & DIRECT SERVICES*

Root & Rebound's mission is to reduce barriers and maximize opportunities for people returning from prison and jail in the Bay Area, throughout California, and beyond. Through our Legal Advocacy and Direct Services Program we work with clients to identify barriers that make reintegration most challenging and address these needs by providing legal services in-house and by collaborating with service providers across the Bay Area to provide extra legal services. www.rootandrebound.org

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Aiashi Khalid
Phone: (510) 279-4662 **Fax:** (510) 666-4903
Email: info@rootandrebound.org
Intake Hours: Monday –Friday, 1pm-4pm
Location: 1900 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94704, San Francisco, CA 94104-0390

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.
Faith Based: No
Eligible Population: All individuals 18 yrs and older
Notes: Walk-ins at our Berkeley office.

Services: Post-Incarceration Support; Clean Slate/Conviction Expungement Services; Inmate & Parolee Legal Issues; Employment Law/Discrimination; Family Law; Housing & Eviction Defense.

ROSEN, BIEN, GALVAN & GRUNFELD LLP

Rosen, Bien, Galvan & Grunfeld LLP has a unique practice blending public interest and private sector litigation. The firm represents individuals and companies in complex trial and appellate litigation in state and federal courts. Practice areas include: Constitutional and Civil Rights; Class Action; Work-Place disputes in cases of discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, non-competition agreements and wage and hour enforcement; Commercial Litigation. www.rbgg.com

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 433-6830 **Fax:** (415) 433-7140
Hours: Monday –Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm
Mailing Address: PO Box 390, San Francisco, CA 94104-0390
Notes: No drop-ins. Clients seen by appointment only.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.
Faith Based: No.

Services: Legal Representation; Litigation.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

The mission of the Office of Citizen Complaints is to promptly, fairly and impartially investigate complaints of police misconduct. In addition to complaint investigation, the office provides a volunteer mediation program, performs policy analysis for recommendations to the Police Commission, and runs community outreach efforts. www.sfgov.org/occ

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 241-7711 **Fax:** (415) 241-7733
Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Location: 25 Van Ness Avenue, #700, San Francisco, CA 94002
Notes: No referrals needed. Drop-ins allowed.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: Spanish, Cantonese, Tagalog, Russian.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members who wish to make a complaint regarding a sworn San Francisco Police Department officer.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Mediation and Investigation of complaints against SF Police Officers. Referrals to other resources available as needed.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY *BACK ON TRACK INITIATIVE*

The San Francisco District Attorney's Back on Track Initiative is a court-driven program for offenders ages 18-30 who are charged with their first adult felony drug sales offense. Defendants accepted into Back on Track spend a minimum of one year attending progress hearings and commit to complete community service, obtain their high school diploma/GED, and find employment. We partner with Criminal Justice Specialists at Goodwill Industries, who both monitor individuals' progress and assist with job training, job placement and other critical supports. Successful participants have their cases dismissed and arrest records sealed.

www.sfdistrictattorney.org

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Ranon Ross, Back on Track Manager
Phone: (415) 553-9665 **Fax:** (415) 553-9700
Email: ranon.ross@sfgov.org
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm
Location: 850 Bryant Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103
Notes: Referrals are required for program; call for referrals.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Client fees: None.

Eligible Population: Young adults in the criminal justice system. There are additional requirements; please call for more information.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Referrals into Back on Track program; referrals to other resources as needed.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY *VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION*

The Victim Services Division of the District Attorney's Office provides comprehensive advocacy and support to victims of crime and witnesses to crime. Our Victim Advocates provide services in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese. We start by assessing each victim's needs. This can mean crisis intervention, counseling, accompanying a victim to court, assistance with victim compensation, making funeral arrangements, intervening with employers and creditors when victims cannot work, and providing many other services needed to restore a crime victim's life. Our Victim Services staff is diverse and committed to providing culturally competent services.

www.sfdistrictattorney.org

To Get Connected

Contact Persons: Jackie Ortiz

Phone: (415) 553-9044 **Fax:** (415) 553-9700

Email: jacqueline.ortiz@sfgov.org

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: 850 Bryant Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: Individuals who are currently on probation or parole are not eligible to receive State Victim Compensation Funds during the period of their probation or parole.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese; other translation available.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: Victims of crime; victims' family members; witnesses to crime

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Assistance with "Victim Compensation Program" Claims; Crisis Intervention & Emergency Assistance; Help Navigating the Criminal Justice System; Resources and Referrals; Restitution and Property Return; Witness Relocation; Transportation; and more.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER *CLEAN SLATE PROGRAM*

Clean Slate is a program of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office that can help people "clean up" their criminal records. www.sfpublicdefender.org/services/clean-slate/

To Get Connected

Clean Slate Phone: (415) 553-9337

Fax: (415) 553-9646

Main Phone: (415) 553-1671

Application: Applicants must complete the one-page "Clean Slate Program Application" which can be obtained at the Public Defender's office or by viewing the website: www.sfpublicdefender.org. Applicants will also need a copy of their RAP sheet, available from the SFPD Identification Bureau for free. Send applications to:

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
Attn: Clean Slate Program
555 Seventh Street, 2nd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No appointment required. Walk-in clinics are listed below:

Free Walk-in Clinic Hours and Locations:

2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 10:30am-12:30pm: Arriba Juntos, 1850 Mission St. (English and Spanish)

Every Tuesday, 9am-11am: Office of the Public Defender, 555 Seventh St.

4th Wednesday of the month, 3pm-5pm: Village Community Center, 1099 Sunnydale Ave.

1st Thursday of the month, 9am-11am: Southeast Community Center, 1800 Oakdale Ave.

1st Thursday of the month, 9am-11am: Ella Hill Hutch Community Center, 1050 McAllister Street, SF

1st and 3rd Monday of the month: 10am-11am, Community Justice Center, 555 Polk St., 2nd Floor

Services: Dismissal of Convictions; Prop 47 Reductions; Seal & Destroy Arrest Records (subject to capacity limits); Certificate of Rehabilitation; Early Termination of Probation; and Reduction of Felony Conviction to Misdemeanor. Representation at court dates. Referrals to other services as appropriate.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish.

What to Bring: Must obtain copy of RAP Sheet from Identification Bureau, Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant Street, Room 475, San Francisco, CA 94103 (can request by mail or in person, Monday – Friday, 8:00am-3:00pm).

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Client fees: None.

Eligible Population: All people with a criminal arrest and/or conviction, or juvenile matter, from the County of San Francisco. Do not need to be a former client of the Public Defender, but must meet financial eligibility criteria.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER *REENTRY UNIT*

Children of Incarcerated Parents Social Worker and Adult Social Workers work with current and former clients of the Public Defender. www.sfpublisher.org

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Simin Shamji, Manager of Reentry Unit
Phone: (415) 553-1671 **Fax:** (415) 553-9810
Specific Intake Days and Times:
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm
Location: 555 Seventh Street, San Francisco, CA 94103
Notes: Referral required from Public Defender Attorney. By appointment only.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, and other languages accommodated as needed.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.
Client fees, if any: None.
Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Assistance with Access to Benefits (SSI, GA, TANF, et al); Accompany to Court Dates; Counseling; Parenting Support; Help/Vouchers to Get State ID, etc.; Legal Assistance/Advocacy; Referrals to Treatment, Housing, Medical and Other Services.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO *ACCESS CENTER (LEGAL SELF-HELP)*

To provide linguistically and culturally appropriate self-help services to individuals seeking to access and navigate the legal system in the county of San Francisco. Areas of law are limited to Family Law and Civil Law www.sfsuperiorcourt.org/self-help

To Get Connected

Info Line: (415) 551-5880
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am – 12:00pm and 1:30pm - 4:00pm;
Location: 400 McAllister Street, Room 509 San Francisco, CA 94102
Notes: No referrals needed. Drop-ins available.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: Cantonese, Mandarin, Toisanese, Spanish, Italian. Volunteers also speak Russian, French, Portuguese, Tagalog, French, and other languages. Materials are multilingual.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. ASL interpreters available. Other disabilities are accommodated.
Client fees, if any: None.
Eligible Populations: All individuals and family members.
Faith Based: No.

Services: Family Law Services: Dissolution of Marriage/Domestic Partnership; Legal Separation; Annulment/Nullity of Marriage; Established Paternity/Parental Relationship; Child Support; Domestic Violence Restraining Orders; Step-Parent Adoptions. Civil Law Services: Small Claims; Civil Harassment Restraining Orders; Name Changes; Gender Changes; Evictions; Guardianship of the Person; Conservatorship of the Person.

SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES *LEGAL DEPARTMENT*

War causes wounds and suffering that last beyond the battlefield. Our mission is to heal the wounds, to restore dignity, hope and self-sufficiency to all veterans in need, and to significantly reduce homelessness and poverty among veterans. Many veterans never receive the benefits for which they are eligible. The Legal Department of Swords to Plowshares helps veterans to cut through the extremely arduous VA benefits application process by providing free attorney representation, case management, and advocacy to indigent veterans by seeking benefits. www.swords-to-plowshares.org

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 252-4788 **Fax:** (415) 252-4790
Hours: Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00am-11:45am
Location: 1060 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94103
Notes: No referrals needed. Drop-ins available.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English.
What to Bring: TB Clearance; Proof of homelessness and veteran status (Defense Department Form 214). Program will assist clients in obtaining these documents.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.
Client fees, if any: None.
Eligible Populations: All veterans of the U.S. military. Must be homeless or veteran of the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan.
Faith Based: No.

Services: Legal Assistance/Advocacy—access to benefits for veterans of the U.S. Military. Referral to other services provided, as appropriate.

TENDERLOIN HOUSING CLINIC *LEGAL SERVICES*

The Tenderloin Housing Clinic law office represents low-income tenants in San Francisco in all aspects of landlord-tenant and housing law. We primarily represent seniors, the disabled, and minority and immigrant families, often as defendants in unlawful detainer actions and in affirmative lawsuits for wrongful eviction, and to address substandard housing conditions. THC's attorneys are some of the most experienced and well-respected attorneys in San Francisco, with decades of experience representing low-income tenants. The law office also provides limited free legal counseling to tenants. www.thclinic.org

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Steven Shubert, Legal Manager
Phone: (415) 771-9850 **Fax:** (415) 771-1287
Email: steven@thclinic.org
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm
Location: 126 Hyde Street, San Francisco, CA 94102
Notes: No referrals needed. Drop-ins welcome.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Tagalog, Assamese.
What to Bring: State-Issued ID, Social Security card, Rental Agreement and/or lease, any late rent notices and/or Unlawful Detainer.
Accessibility: No wheelchair access. Reasonable attempts to provide accommodations will be provided as needed.
Client fees, if any: None.
Eligible Populations: San Francisco tenants facing landlord-tenant and housing issues.
Faith Based: No.

Services: Free legal services for qualified participants.

ADVOCACY

LEGAL SERVICES FOR PRISONERS WITH CHILDREN *CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS (CCWP)*

CCWP is a grassroots social justice organization, with members inside and outside prison, that challenges the institutional violence imposed on women, transgender people, and communities of color by the prison industrial complex (PIC). We see the struggle for racial and gender justice as central to dismantling the PIC and we prioritize the leadership of the people, families, and communities most impacted in building this movement. www.womenprisoners.org or www.prisonerswithchildren.org

To Get Connected

Contact Persons: Samantha Rogers and Hafsah Al-Amin, Program Coordinators

Phone: (415) 255-7036 x4

Fax: (415) 552-3150

Email: samantha@womenprisoners.org;
hafsah@womenprisoners.org

Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 5:00pm

Notes: No referrals needed. Not a formal service site, but individuals can make appointments to come for support and referrals to other resources.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English. In addition, Compañeras Program highlights and supports issues of Spanish speakers.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities may be accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members, in and out of custody.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Assistance Finding Emergency Shelter; Assistance Finding Permanent Housing prior to or upon release; Some Access to Internet; Mentorship; Outreach to a wide cross-section of people including students, domestic violence workers, community service providers, and others; Other Post-Incarceration Support; Restorative Justice/ Survivor Impact efforts with violent offenders in San Francisco Jails; Coordinate with All Of Us or None to spread the word about Clean Slate efforts; Assist with Inmate & Parolee Legal Issues; Coordinate annual event for family members to visit prisoners. Referrals to other resources available as needed.

LEGAL SERVICES FOR PRISONERS WITH CHILDREN

We generally do not represent people in court or other legal matters. We are committed to training people to advocate for their own rights. www.prisonerswithchildren.org

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 255-7036

Email: info@prisonerswithchildren.org

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Location: 1540 Market Street, Suite 490
San Francisco, CA 94102

Notes: No referrals needed. Call or write first for an appointment.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities may be accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None. Voluntary donations accepted.

Genders/Family Composition/Ages Served: All individuals and family members.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Pregnancy Information for Incarcerated Women; Inmate & Parolee Legal Issues for California Prisoners and Their Families; Support Letters for Older Women in State Prison; Family Law Manuals/Advice; Workshops on Family Law Issues; Prison Advocacy, including support letters for incarcerated people who are experiencing problems in custody, such as lack of or substandard medical care, sexual harassment or retaliation, problems with visits, etc.; Family Reunification Counseling; Support & Advice for family members visiting loved ones in jail or prison. Referrals to other resources available as needed.

LEGAL SERVICES FOR PRISONERS WITH CHILDREN *ALL OF US OR NONE*

All Of Us Or None (AOUON), a project of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, is a grassroots organization led by formerly-imprisoned people committed to fighting for the human dignity of currently and formerly-incarcerated people, and their respective family members, as well as against the systemic discrimination facing them while in captivity and upon their release. Through their grassroots organizing, AOUON is building a powerful political movement to win full restoration of their human and civil rights. www.prisonerswithchildren.org

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Alex Berliner, Manuel La Fontaine, Organizers

Phone: (415) 255-7036 x330, x328

Fax: 552-3150

Email: alex@prisonerswithchildren.org;
manuel@prisonerswithchildren.org

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Notes: Please call organizers for more information.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities may be accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members, in and out of custody.

All individuals and family members.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Some Access to Internet; Mentorship; Post-Incarceration Support; Assist with writing support letters for people facing charges or the Parole Board; Coordinate annual event to connect family members inside with their children, grandchildren, and families on the outside through our Community Giveback. Referrals to other resources available as needed. Coordinate with other organizations to raise awareness of our struggle against systemic discrimination.\

PROYECTO COMMON TOUCH *GET OUT THE JAIL VOTE/CA*

Empowerment by knowledge and mission to distribute and make this relevant information available and accessible in or out of custody. www.proyectocommontouch.org

To Get Connected

Contact Persons: Tommy Escarcega, Director

Phone: (510) 409-1662 **Landline/Fax:** (510) 845-4622

Email: tommyescarcega@yahoo.com

Hours: Call for hours

Mailing Address: 830 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94710

Notes: No referral needed. Call during business hours or write for appointment at other times.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, some Portuguese.

Accessibility: May be arranged.

Client fees, if any: None. Donations accepted.

Eligible Population: Women, Transgender

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Voter Education; Voter Registration; Phone/Voicemail; Inmate & Parolee Legal Issues; Voting Outreach & Education. Referrals to other resources available as needed.

SAN FRANCISCO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT *PRISONER LEGAL SERVICES*

We help the San Francisco Sheriff's Department in its mission to meet or exceed local, state and federal mandates regarding the housing and treatment of prisoners. PLS provides San Francisco County Jail prisoners with meaningful access to the courts as well as advocacy and limited direct services aimed at assisting clients with problems occasioned by their incarceration and with barriers to reentry. www.sfsheriff.com

To Get Connected

Contact Persons: Any Intern/Staff

Phone: (415) 558-2472 **Fax:** (415) 558-2490

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Location: All San Francisco County Jails, 555 7th Street, #201, San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referral needed. Incarcerated clients must submit a request for services; limited drop-in service for recently released prisoners.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English. Translation services available.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities may be accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: Incarcerated persons and persons recently released from the custody of the San Francisco County Jail.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Assistance Getting Driver's License/Other ID; Transit Vouchers; Post-Incarceration Support; Inmate and Parolee Legal Issues; Family Law; Housing and Eviction Defense; Restraining/Staw Away Orders; Voting Outreach and Education; Jail Conditions; Visits of family Members in Jails and Prisons; Child Support/Custody; All legal or official mail may be posted or received on behalf of an inmate upon request.