

## Legal Assistance Resource List

This list provides information about legal assistance, advocacy services, and lawyer referral services. This list is not exhaustive. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and its employees cannot provide recommendations on which resource, if any, you should choose. This list is made available to parents in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act (PFDA). 34 C.F.R. § 300.507(b) and Minn. Stat. § 121A.47. subd. 2(f)(1). Please note: MDE is not endorsing or vouching for any person or organization on this list. If you or your organization would like to be added to this list, please [contact MDE](mailto:mde.assistance-compliance@state.mn.us) at 651-582-8689 or [mde.assistance-compliance@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.assistance-compliance@state.mn.us).

*\*“Income restrictions” indicates that clients must meet the organization’s financial eligibility guidelines. Please contact the organization if you have questions about financial eligibility.*

### Disability Law Center at Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid

Disability Law Center Locations	Service Area	Contact Information
Minneapolis Office 430 First Avenue North, Suite 300 Minneapolis, MN 55401-1780	Provides statewide services to people with disabilities on issues associated with disabilities in the Twin Cities metro area.  <i>*No income restrictions</i>	612-334-5970  800-292-4150  TTY: 612-332-4668
Duluth Office 403 Alworth Building 306 West Superior Street Duluth, MN 55802	Provides statewide services to people with disabilities on issues associated with disabilities.  <i>*No income restrictions</i>	800-292-4150
Fertile Office P.O. Box 572 Fertile, MN 56540	Provides statewide services to people with disabilities on issues associated with disabilities.  <i>*No income restrictions</i>	800-292-4150
Mankato Office 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 3000-A Mankato, MN 56001	Provides statewide services to people with disabilities on issues associated with disabilities.  <i>*No income restrictions</i>	800-292-4150

## Anishinabe Legal Services

<b>Anishinabe Legal Services Locations</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 157 Cass Lake, MN 56633	Residents living on or near the Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth Reservations in northwestern Minnesota.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	218-335-2223  800-422-1335
Cass Lake Office (Central Office) 411 First Street Northwest Cass Lake, MN 56633		218-335-2223
Red Lake Office Red Lake Agency, Room 18 Highway 1 West Red Lake, MN 56671		218-335-2223 x113
White Earth Office White Earth Judicial Complex 35500 Eagle View Road White Earth, MN 56591		218-335-2223 x114

## Central Minnesota Legal Services

<b>Central Minnesota Legal Services Locations</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Minneapolis Office 111 North 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 402 Minneapolis, MN 55403	Residents of Hennepin and Anoka Counties.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	612-332-8151
St. Cloud Office 110 Sixth Avenue South, Suite 205 St. Cloud, MN 56301	Residents of Benton, Chisago, Isanti, Mille Lacs, Morrison,	320-253-0138

<b>Central Minnesota Legal Services Locations</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
	Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright Counties.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	
Willmar Office 415 Seventh Street Southwest, Suite 101 Willmar, MN 56201	Residents of Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Swift, and Renville Counties.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	320-253-0138

### Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota

<b>Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota Locations</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Brainerd Office 324 South 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A Brainerd, MN 56401	Residents of Crow Wing, Cass, and Aitkin Counties.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	218-829-1701  800-933-1112
Duluth Office 302 Ordean Building 424 West Superior Street Duluth, MN 55802	Residents of Carlton, Cook, Lake, and southern St. Louis Counties.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	218-623-8100  800-933-1112
Grand Rapids Office 350 Northwest 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Suite F Grand Rapids, MN 55744	Residents of Itasca County.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	218-322-6020  800-933-1112
Pine City Office 1015 Hillside Avenue Southwest Suite 4 Pine City, MN 55063	Residents of Pine and Kanabec Counties.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	320-629-7166  800-933-1112

<b>Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota Locations</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Virginia/Iron Range Office Olcott Plaza, Suite 200 820 North 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Virginia, MN 55792	Residents of northern St. Louis, Lake, and Koochiching Counties  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	218-749-3270  800-933-1112

### [Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services \(SMRLS\)](#)

<b>Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services Location</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
400 Alliance Bank Center 55 East 5 <sup>th</sup> Street St. Paul, MN 55101	Serving the 33 counties of southern Minnesota, including the east and south metro.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	651-222-5863  877-696-6529

### [Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota](#)

<b>Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota Locations</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Alexandria Office 426 Broadway Street Alexandria, MN 56308	Residents of Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wadena Counties  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	320-762-0663  800-450-8585
Bemidji Office 215 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Northwest Bemidji, MN 56619	Residents of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnomen Counties.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	218-751-9201  800-450-8585

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Moorhead Office 1015 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North Moorhead, MN 56561	Residents of Becker, Clay, Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, and Wilkin Counties.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	218-233-8585  800-450-8585

## Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid Locations	Service Area	Contact Information
Minneapolis Office 111 North Fifth Street, Suite 100 Minneapolis, MN 55403	Serves Minnesotans in the 20 counties of central Minnesota, including Hennepin.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	612-332-1441  800-292-4150
St. Cloud Office 110 Sixth Avenue South, Suite 200 St. Cloud, MN 56301	Serves Minnesotans in the 20 counties of central Minnesota, including Hennepin.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	320-253-0121  888-360-2889
Legal Services Advocacy Project 970 Raymond Avenue, Suite G-40 St. Paul, MN 55114		651-222-3749  800-292-4150
Willmar Office 415 Southwest 7 <sup>th</sup> Street P.O. Box 1866 Willmar, MN 56201	Serves Minnesotans in the 20 counties of central Minnesota, including Hennepin.  <i>*Income restrictions</i>	320-235-9600  888-360-3666

## Legal Rights Center

<b>Legal Rights Center Location</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
1611 Park Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55404	The Legal Rights Center states that its mission is to provide the highest quality criminal defense and restorative justice services to low-income people, in particular people of color. Its focus is Hennepin County, its priority is juveniles, and its services are at no cost.	612-337-0030

## Advocacy Services

These services protect and advocate for the legal rights of persons with disabilities.

Organization	Services	Contact Information
<p><a href="#"><u>The ARC of Minnesota</u></a> 641 Fairview Avenue North St. Paul, MN 55104</p>	<p>The ARC of Minnesota promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, actively supporting them and their families in a lifetime of full inclusion and participation in their communities.</p>	<p>952-920-0822 833-450-1494</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Autism Society of Minnesota (AuSM)</u></a> 2380 Wycliff Street, #102 St. Paul, MN 55114</p>	<p>AuSM provides you with resources so you can learn and make choices that best serve the needs of your loved one with autism</p>	<p>651-647-1083</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>PACER Center</u></a> 8161 Normandale Boulevard Bloomington, MN 55437</p>	<p>PACER Center provides statewide assistance to individual families, workshops, materials for parents and professionals, and leadership in securing a free appropriate public education for all children. PACER’s work affects and encourages families in Minnesota and across the nation.</p>	<p>952-838-9000</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>National Alliance on Mental Illness</u></a> NAMI-Minnesota 1919 University Avenue West Suite 400 St. Paul, MN 55104</p>	<p>NAMI Minnesota champions justice, dignity, and respect for all people affected by mental illnesses. Through education, support, and advocacy, they strive to eliminate the pervasive stigma of mental illness, affect positive changes in the mental illness system, and increase the public and professional understanding of mental illnesses.</p>	<p>651-645-2948</p>

## Lawyer Referral Services

These services may be contacted to request a referral to an attorney who specializes in representing parents in the area of education law. If you select a referred attorney, you may wish to check to see if a referral or consultation fee is charged. You and your attorney will negotiate any legal fees you may owe.

Organization	Services	Contact Information
<p><a href="#"><u>The Minnesota State Bar Association</u></a> 600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 380 Minneapolis, MN 55402</p>	<p>The Minnesota State Bar Association has resources on legal topics and can provide information on how to find a lawyer.</p>	<p>612-333-1183 800-882-6722</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>LawHelpMN.org</u></a></p>	<p>A website with fact sheets about legal topics, links to legal aid offices and free legal clinics, do-it-yourself legal forms, and other resources.</p>	
<p><a href="#"><u>Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN)</u></a></p>	<p>Statewide legal services available for low-income people through a network of legal clinics and volunteer attorneys. Spanish legal services available. Assistance can range from brief advice to screening for full representation depending on income level, county of residence, legal issue, and merits of the case.</p>	<p>612-752-6677 (intake by phone available Monday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Dakota County Legal Referrals</u></a> 15025 Glazier Avenue, Suite 201 Apple Valley, MN 55124</p>	<p>Legal Assistance of Dakota County provides free legal representation and advice to low-income people for civil legal problems and offers an attorney referral services through the Dakota County Bar Association.</p>	<p>952-431-3200</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Minnesota Lawyer Referral and Information Service</u></a></p>	<p>The Minnesota Lawyer Referral and Information Service (MNLIRIS) connects persons with legal issues</p>	<p>612-752-6699</p>



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600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 380 Minneapolis, MN 55402	to qualified private attorneys practicing in many areas of law.	An Online Self-Referral form is also available – <a href="#">visit the website</a> .
<a href="#">Attorney Referral Service of Ramsey County</a>	The Attorney Referral Service of Ramsey County assists callers in finding an attorney who practices in the area of law that best fits the caller’s needs and offers a Modest Means Program for low-to-moderate income individuals in Ramsey County and surrounding areas.	651-222-0846
<a href="#">Minnesota State Law Library</a> G25 Minnesota Judicial Center 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard St. Paul, MN 55155	The State Law Library has compiled lists of legal referrals by county and by subject.	651-297-7651 TTY: 1-800-627-3529

## Private Attorneys

You and your attorney may negotiate any legal fees you may owe.

Organization	Services	Contact Information
<a href="#">Kane Education Law, LLC</a> 420 Summit Avenue, Suite 306 St. Paul, MN 55102	Statewide	651-222-8611
<a href="#">School Law Center, LLC</a> 452 Selby Avenue Second Floor East St. Paul, MN 55102	Statewide	651-222-6288

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