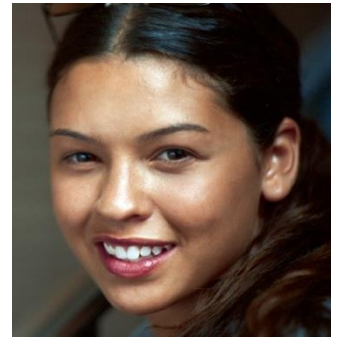


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# Resources for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

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## Organizations by Services Offered

### Legal Services

#### ***Offers Set Hours for Legal Consultation:***

HOME Line  
Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis  
Legal Aid: MN Disability Law Center  
Legal Aid: Youth Law Project  
Legal Rights Center, Inc.  
Pillsbury United Comm. Neighborhood Centers  
Project Homeless Connect  
Southern MN Regional Legal Services  
SMRLS Education Law Advocacy  
Volunteer Lawyers Network  
Youthlink

#### ***Provides Legal Info/Guidance or Consultation/Representation:***

Ain Dah Yung  
Children's Law Center of Minnesota  
The Link  
Local Law School Clinics  
Midtown Comm. Restorative Justice  
OutFront Minnesota (GLBT)  
Pillsbury United Comm. Neighborhood Centers

#### ***No Direct Legal Services but Provides Referrals to Other Legal Resources:***

Avenues for Homeless Youth  
Booth Brown House Foyer  
Bridge for Youth  
Central Lutheran Church  
Evergreen House  
Face to Face  
Kulture Klub Collaborative  
Lutheran Social Services Programs  
Mental Health Association of MN  
MN Association for Children's Mental Health  
Rainbow Families  
Ramen Ya  
Teens Alone

### Shelter or Housing

Ain Dah Yung  
Avenues for Homeless Youth  
Booth Brown House Foyer  
The Bridge for Youth  
Caroline Family Services  
Central Lutheran Church  
Evergreen House  
Face to Face  
Heading Home Hennepin  
Hope Street/St. Joseph's  
The Link  
LSS LifeHaven  
LSS Rezek House  
LSS Safe House  
LSS Street Program  
LSS Transitional Living Project  
Naomi Family Center  
Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation  
Project Homeless Connect  
Ramen Ya  
Theresa Living Center  
YMCA  
Youthlink  
Youth Services Network

### Health or Medical Services

Avenues for Homeless Youth  
The Bridge for Youth  
Central Lutheran Church  
Face to Face  
Heading Home Hennepin  
Hope Street/St. Joseph's  
Project Homeless Connect  
Ramsey County Child & Teen Health Check-ups  
Ramsey County Women's Health Services  
Red Door  
YouthLink  
Youth Services Network

### Has a Program that Targets a Specific Demographic or Interest

Avenues for Homeless Youth (GLBT)  
CLUES (Latino, Chemical Health)  
The Depot (Coffee/Music)  
Evergreen House (Chemical Dependency)  
Hmong American Partnership  
Kulture Klub Collaborative (Art)  
Legal Aid: MN Disability Law Center  
LSS LifeHaven (Teen Mothers)  
MN Association for Children's Mental Health  
Mental Health Association of Minnesota  
(Mental Illness)  
Midtown Comm. Restorative Justice – Adults  
(Offenders)  
Midtown Comm. Restorative Justice – Youth  
(Offenders)  
OutFront Minnesota (GLBT)  
Rainbow Families (GLBT)  
Ramen Ya (Asian American & Pacific Islander)

**Clothing**

Ain Dah Yung  
Avenues for Homeless Youth  
Central Lutheran Church  
Face to Face  
First Universalist Church of Minneapolis  
Hope Street/St. Joseph's  
Pillsbury United Comm. Neighborhood Centers  
Youthlink  
Youth Services Network

**Mental Health Services or Therapy**

Ain Dah Yung  
Avenues for Homeless Youth  
The Bridge for Youth  
CLUES  
Face to Face  
Heading Home Hennepin  
Hmong American Partnership  
Hope Street/St. Joseph's  
LSS Rezek House  
LSS Safe House  
LSS Street Program  
LSS Transitional Living Project  
Mental Health Association of Minnesota  
MN Association for Children's Mental Health  
Pillsbury United Comm. Neighborhood Centers  
Project Homeless Connect  
Ramsey County Sexual Offense Services  
Teens Alone  
Youthlink  
Youth Services Network

**Food or Meals**

Ain Dah Yung  
Avenues for Homeless Youth  
Central Lutheran Church  
Face to Face  
First Universalist Church of Minneapolis  
Hope Street/St. Joseph's  
Pillsbury United Comm. Neighborhood Centers  
Project Homeless Connect  
Youthlink  
Youth Services Network

## Ain Dah Yung

**Offers culturally-specific emergency shelter and services to American Indian youth experiencing homelessness.**

<http://adycenter.org/>

### Main Office and Shelter

1089 Portland Ave.  
Saint Paul, MN 55014  
PHONE: (651) 227-4184  
FAX: (651) 224-5136  
HOURS: 24/7

### Youth Lodge

1212 Raymond Ave.  
Saint Paul, MN 55108  
PHONE: (651) 632-8923  
FAX: (651) 209-1998

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

- **Case and system advocacy** may be provided during a youth's stay at the shelter.
- **Indian Child Welfare Legal Advocacy and Compliance Project:** Prevents dissolution of Indian families and combats out of home placement through compliance monitoring, referrals to SMRLS for legal representation, education, and outreach.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Emergency and short-term shelter:** Average stay is a little over a month, some stay up to 5 months. During their stay, youth may receive crisis intervention, information and referrals, basic necessities and clothing, access to medical/dental care, counseling, case management, community education, and recreational activities.
- **Street Outreach Program:** Street-based support for runaway or homeless youth unwilling to enter a shelter includes information on safe housing, basic needs resources, and health-related issues, as well as personal care supplies, food, and access to transportation. Youth are also notified of where they can reach a drop-in point for a shower, laundry, or hot meal.  
**Emergency Phone (24/7):** (651) 307-7572
- **Transitional Living Housing (Beverly A. Benjamin Youth Lodge):** 6 beds in a culturally-grounded facility for youth with no safe parental, substitute, or foster home.
- **Ninijanisag Program:** Culturally-based chemical health education, leadership training, and community building activities.
- **Counseling and Support:** Mental health services that combine mainstream therapy with American Indian culture and wellness concepts for individual, group, and family therapy or assessments. Contact (651) 793-8946.
- **Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Case Management:** Provides support, case management, and assistance for families with mental health needs. Contact (651) 324-5404.
- **Family Preservation and Reunification Programs:** Various services include counseling, support, parenting education, parenting and life skill education, resource acquisition, and advocacy with a cultural base for at-risk families.

## Avenues for Homeless Youth

Offers shelter, services, and transitional programs for youth experiencing homelessness.

<http://www.avenuesforyouth.org>

1708 Oak Park Ave. N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55411  
PHONE: (612) 522-1690  
FAX: (612) 522-1633  
HOURS: 24/7

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services; will refer to other organizations.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **24/7 Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing** for ages 16-21. Supportive services include:
  - Basic Needs Support** (clean bed, three meals a day, personal hygiene supplies, laundry facilities, clothing, bus passes, 24-hour staff care)
  - Intensive Case Management** services and ongoing aftercare
  - Physical and Mental Health Assessment and Treatment** (may include health education, counseling, or referrals)
  - Independent Living Skills:** nutrition, meal preparation, healthy life styles, personal communication, relationship-building, and financial management
  - Employment and Educational Support**
- **GLBT Host Home Program:** Provides screened transitional living arrangements for homeless GLBT youth ages 16-21 in safe, supportive, host homes.
- **Case Management Services** may include weekly house meetings, empowerment groups (such as art groups or single-gender groups), volunteerism, leadership roles, and community service.
- **Opportunities for Involvement:** Residents can plan menus and activities, participate in hiring processes, building renovations, program assessments, and community service activities.
- **Recreation Activities:** In-house recreation center, field trips, movie and book groups, professional artist residencies.

## **Booth Brown House Foyer**

**Provides housing and guidance for youth ages 16-25 who are seeking independent living.**

1471 Como Ave. W.  
St. Paul, MN 55108  
PHONE: (651) 251-3502

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services; will refer elsewhere when necessary.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Affordable single bedroom units** with rent equal to 30% of tenant income; 10 of 35 are reserved for transitional living rather than permanent housing.
- **Case manager's** help tenants develop and implement living plans.
- **Services** include social work, education and employment help, health care, and independent living classes.



## **The Bridge for Youth**

**24-hour access point for youth and families in need without waiting lists, fees, or red tape.**

<http://www.bridgeforyouth.org>

1111 West 22nd Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55405  
PHONE: (612) 377-8800  
FAX: (612) 377-6426  
24/7 HOTLINE (612) 377-8800  
[info@bridgeforyouth.org](mailto:info@bridgeforyouth.org)  
HOURS: 24/7

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No direct legal services, but will refer youth and their families to legal service providers as appropriate.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **24 Hour Walk-in Counseling** (individual and family) available at no charge.
- **24 Hour Hotline** for youth at risk of violence, sexual exploitation and chronic untreated health problems.
- **24 Hour Emergency Shelter:** 14 beds, available for youth ages 10-17.
- **Housing** with supportive services, counseling (individual/group/family), and health assessment and follow-up.
- **Emergency Bed Service** – 3 beds available from 10pm-8am, for chronically homeless youth under 18 who don't fit in the Emergency Services Program. Youth can stay for 3-5 days, food and shower provided.
- **Life skills development**
- **Support groups**
- **Street Outreach:** provide information, referrals, basic needs supplies, mobile case management.
- **Transitional Housing:** 18 units of on-site housing for youth ages 16-20.
- **Independent Living Housing:** 24 units of permanent, supportive housing throughout the Twin Cities, for youth ages 17-20 (16-year-olds may be allowed), including pregnant and parenting youth.
- **Health Program:** Licensed public health nurse on staff to conduct health assessments, educate on sexual health, nutrition, and fitness issues, and offer referrals for dental, medical, or mental health or for chemical dependency treatment.

## **CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio)**

**MN's premier provider of behavioral health and human services to the Latino community**

<http://www.clues.org/>

CLUES St. Paul  
797 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, MN 55106  
PHONE: ( 651) 379-4200  
FAX: (651) 292-0347

CLUES Minneapolis  
720 East Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
PHONE: (612) 746-3500  
FAX: (612) 871-1058

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services offered.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Mental Health Services**
- **Chemical Health Services** including outreach, prevention, intervention, education, assessments, education and prevention classes, adult primary outpatient treatment (Rule 43 approved), aftercare, AA meetings, reintegration support for families, DUI violation mandated chemical health classes, outreach/case management for homeless persons, tobacco prevention and intervention projects, and the Latino Resource Center (clients receive advocacy and referral).
- **Free, year-round classes** including ESL, preparation for the U.S. citizenship exam, computer literacy, and basic Spanish literacy.
- **Employment Related Services** designed to address various barriers that prevent Latino job seekers from obtaining and retaining meaningful employment.

**Interest Assessments**  
**Resume Preparation**  
**Soft Skills Training**  
**Computer Training**  
**Job Search Assistance**

## **The Depot**

**Chemically-free environment for teens in Hopkins which includes a coffee house, youth community project, and trailhead for area bike trails.**

<http://www.thedepotcoffeehouse.com/>

9451 Excelsior Boulevard  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
PHONE: (952) 938-2204

Daytime Hours: Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.–6 p.m., Weekends, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Evening Hours: Tues., Open Mic, 6–10 p.m. (sign up at 6:30); Fri., Live Music, 6–10:30 p.m. (starts at 6)

#### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No direct legal services.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Coffee House:** offers a space where teens can gather in a chemically-free environment.
- **Board of Directors:** offers opportunities for students to lead and make responsible decisions relating to policy, finance, event planning, and business sustainment.

### **Evergreen House**

**Bemidji-based service provider that focuses on keeping youth safe, helping them successfully transition to adulthood, and providing support to parents and caregivers.**

24/7 Shelter:  
622 Mississippi Ave. NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
PHONE: (218) 751-4332

Recovery House:  
820 Beltrami Ave. NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
PHONE: (218) 751-2466

Community Services  
1418 Bemidji Ave. N  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
PHONE: (218) 751-8223

#### Street Outreach Drop-In Center

1418 Bemidji Ave. N  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
PHONE: (218) 209-2303

STREET OUTREACH WORKERS' PHONE: (218) 766-8748 or (218) 766-9180  
HOURS: 12-5 p.m. weekdays, except for Wednesday 2-5 p.m.

#### **LEGAL SERVICES**

*No direct legal services; will refer you to an appropriate resource.*

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

*\*\*All services are free to youth and parents\*\**

##### **Shelter**

- Available 24/7 to any child age 9-17 who feels unsafe or for whom a parent is worried.
- Transportation to the shelter is available by calling the Shelter's phone number.

##### **Recovery House**

- 9-bed chemical dependency treatment program for boys ages 14-18.
- Youth are accepted from across the state.
- Transportation to Recovery House is available by calling the House's phone number.

##### **Community Services**

- **Transitional Housing:** Housing case managers assist homeless or at-risk youth ages 16-21 in finding affordable rental units in the community. Assistance includes both direct financial aid towards rent,

regular contact with program participants, and help achieving youth's goals. Participants must be willing to follow various requisites of the program.

- **Street Outreach:** Serves youth ages 10-21 who are homeless, couch hopping, or at-risk of being homeless through assessing and assisting with basic needs on an individual basis.
- **Youth and Family Counseling:** Individual and family meetings may focus on issues of communication, anger management, youth behavior, conflict resolution, and grief.
- **Kinship North:** A formal mentoring program which matches youth ages 5-15 with adult mentors.
- **Independent Living Skills:** Series of skills classes available to youth ages 16-21 who have been or are currently in an out-of-home placement (such as foster care).
- **Bemidji Rock Sober:** Youth group devoted to exploring sobriety and based out of the street outreach drop-in center. Meets Mondays and Fridays.

## Face to Face

Continuum of programs for homeless youth and those who are near homeless ages 11-21.

<http://www.face2face.org/>

### Face to Face Health and Counseling Service

1165 Arcade Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55106  
PHONE: (651) 772-5555  
IN-TAKE: (651) 772-5542  
[admin@face2face.org](mailto:admin@face2face.org)

### SafeZone Drop-In Center

308 Prince Street, Ste. 51B  
Saint Paul, MN 55101  
PHONE: (651) 224-9644  
HOURS: Mon.–Fri. 1 p.m. – 8 p.m., Sat. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

### LEGAL SERVICES

- No direct legal services (no staff attorney), but will provide youth with resources and referrals.

### OTHER SERVICES

- **Face to Face:**
  - Counseling:** Low cost, confidential counseling for youth ages 11-23. No insurance necessary. Call main number for an appointment or if immediate contact is necessary.
  - Health Care:** For youth ages 11-23; no insurance necessary; walk-ins available. Services include pregnancy tests, birth control, the morning after pill, STD testing and treatment, pregnancy care, prenatal case management, and standard medical care and checkups. Call main number for an appointment.
- **Outreach:** Street-based and school-based outreach takes place six days a week, including late night hours. Outreach workers answer questions, provide resources (including supplies for safer sex and basic needs), and assist youth in accessing services.  
**To find an outreach worker, call (612) 252-2735.**
- **SafeZone Drop-In Center:** Offers a safe place for youth ages 14-20 to go and a resource center for homeless, run-away, and low-income youth. Programs and services offered include:
  - Case Management:** Case managers are available every day to discuss individual youth's needs
  - Medical Clinic:** Most services are available at Face to Face, but a doctor is available every Monday and a Nurse Practitioner every Friday to help with basic health concerns. Services are free to those without insurance. Call SafeZone for an appointment.

**Educational Services:** GED teachers are available during the school year, Mon. – Thurs., to assist youth in receiving their GED, school enrollment, and college or financial aid applications.

**Computer Lab/ Resource Room:** Several computers and a printer are available to research jobs and apartments, complete resumes (with assistance) or complete school work.

**Independent Living Skills Program:** For youth ages 18-21 who've been in out-of-home placement since they were age 16. Program includes skills training, housing and job assistance (including financial), and weekly independent living skills classes.

**Sexual Health Education:** Free advice, confidential HIV testing, and various safer sex supplies.

**Clothing Closet:** On-site clothing closet as well as hygiene supplies are available.

**Food Shelf/Meals:** Sandwiches and hot meals are offered daily, and a small food shelf is available for emergency use. Staff also can connect youth to a youth-friendly food shelf as well as various places throughout the Twin Cities that provide free meals.

**Shower and laundry services:** on-site showers, clean towels, and free laundry facilities and supplies are available.

- **SafeZone Transitional Housing Program:** 2-year program in which youth obtain their own apartment that is subsidized by Face to Face, then work closely with a case manager to learn independent living skills so they can live on their own at the completion of the program.

## **First Universalist Church of Minneapolis**

**Offers a number of services to persons experiencing homelessness.**

**[www.firstuniv.org](http://www.firstuniv.org)**

3400 Dupont Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55408  
PHONE: 612.825.1701

[firstuniversalist@firstuniv.org](mailto:firstuniversalist@firstuniv.org)

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Home cooked meals and fellowship** at the Simpson Shelter on a bi-monthly schedule.
- **Warm Hands/Warm Hearts Project** aims at keeping low-income children warm, with the purchase of a new winter coat, hat and mittens/gloves. For more information contact: Sherrilee Carter, phone: 612-822-2966, email: [shelikins@hotmail.com](mailto:shelikins@hotmail.com).

## Heading Home Hennepin: Minneapolis / Hennepin County Commission to End Homelessness

**10-Year Plan to End Homelessness** was developed by business and civic leaders, advocates, community members and individuals who have experienced homelessness and was created through a city/county partnership.

<http://hennepin.us/headinghomehennepin>

A2308 Government Center  
300 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55487-1605  
PHONE: (612) 596-1606

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

- **Project Homeless Connect:** One day event unites 400 service providers and 1400 volunteers to serve 2100 individuals experiencing homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County in a range of services, which included a legal section of firms and organizations familiar with representation in a wide variety of areas.

<http://homelessconnectminneapolis.org>

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Project Homeless Connect:** One day event unites 400 service providers and 1400 volunteers to serve 2100 individuals experiencing homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County in a range of services, from health and hygiene to employment and birth certificate applications.

<http://homelessconnectminneapolis.org>

- **Website** lists a number of shelters available to youth, including those in this resource manual as well as the **County Shelter**, which is available to youth over the age of 18:

Century Plaza (Mon. – Fri., 7:30am – 5:00p.m.)

330 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Minneapolis, MN 55404

PHONE: (612) 348-3007

- **Resource Assistance Directory** can be found at: <https://www.mnhomelesscoalition.org/about-us/contact-us/>
- **Youth Specific Mental Health Access Worker** was secured by the county to assist youth in navigating the mental health system.
- **Employment Specialist** was created to target 40 new employment opportunities for youth aging out of foster care each year.
- **Opportunity Centers:** Will open in 2010 and serve youth through YouthLink.
- **Health Care for the Homeless Project:** Located in shelters and drop-in centers in Minneapolis. Services include medical services, public health nursing, help applying for assistance, referrals for chemical and mental health services. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead is recommended: (612) 348-5553.  
Healthcare services specifically for youth and children are available at:

Youthlink  
41 N 12th Street  
(612) 252-1200

Mary's Place  
401 North 7th Street  
(612) 288-9758

People Serving People  
614 South 3rd Street  
(612) 332-4500 ext. 226

## **HIRED**

**Offers mental health services for individuals having trouble finding or maintaining employment.**

1821 University Ave. Suite N-263  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
PHONE: (651) 999-5673

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- Counselors are available to help individuals (ages 16 and up) whose employment (or unemployment) anxieties are causing them trouble.
- Services include help coping with feelings, building healthy relationships, feeling a part of community, learning to use community resources, participation in job seeking, and increasing motivation to achieve goals.

## **Hmong American Partnership**

**Programs and services designed to empower Hmong families to build knowledge and skills needed to become successfully educated and employed, while retaining their cultural heritage and identity.**

<https://www.hmong.org/hap-impact-areas/children-and-family-services/youth/>

Arcade Office (Main)  
1075 Arcade Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55106  
PHONE: 651-495-9160  
FAX: 651-495-1699  
EMAIL: hapmail@hmong.org

University Office  
379 University Ave W. #204  
Saint Paul, MN 55103  
PHONE: 651-291-1811  
FAX: 651-291-8139

North Minneapolis Office  
1206 42nd Ave N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55412  
PHONE: 612-377-6482  
FAX: 612-377-4633

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services offered.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Academic and Career Mentorship Program** for at-risk Hmong girls, ages 13-18 and their families. Includes afterschool/summer math and science enrichment programs, tutoring in math and science, career mentorship, college preparation, and mother/daughter support groups.

- **Talking Circle Community Meetings:** Group setting for new refugee population focuses on transition and social adjustment issues, and facilitator also screens for mental health issues.
- **Hmong Youth Pride:** Afterschool program that provides culturally matched adult mentors who can give twice weekly homework help and advice relating to life skills and drug prevention.  
*Eligible students are in grades 3-8 and attend Jackson and Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet Elementary Schools, Hmong International Academy, and Community School of Excellence Charter School.*
- **Family Community Partnership:** For parents at least 18-years-old who live in Ramsey County. Offers assistance with basic needs and information regarding community resources.
- **Family Assessment:** Mandatory program helps families improve stability in housing, healthcare, education, and employment; referral by Ramsey County Child Protection Services required.
- **Intensive ESL Classes:** For ages 16 and up at the University Ave. Office. Classes meet 4 hours a day, Mon. – Fri. (morning class and afternoon class available).
- **Civics Classes:** for ages 16 and up at the University Ave. Office. Classes meet Mon. – Thurs., 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- **Job Placement and Retention Assistance** through MN Family Investment Program.
- **Refugee Employment Services** for refugees who have lived in the US for 5 years or less, include:  
*Employment Readiness Class for individuals with limited English skills, Job Application and Resume assistance, Interpreting assistance, Job search and placement services.*
- **Refugee Social Services** for refugees who have lived in the US for 5 years or less, include:  
*Assistance to access* mental health, child care, and chemical health resources, *Field Trips and Workshops* to familiarize refugees with available programs and activities for children.
- **YouthLEAD:** designed to provide disadvantaged youth with necessary skills and education for employment or post-secondary education.
- **Other Youth Services** for which eligibility is based on referral by Ramsey County Human Services.

## HOME Line

Offers free legal advice to Minnesota tenants on their renter rights through a hotline service.

<http://www.homelinemn.org/>

3455 Bloomington Avenue

Minneapolis, MN 55407

FAX: 612-728-5761

HOURS: Monday – Thursday (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.), Friday (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

PHONE:

**Serving all of Minnesota EXCEPT Minneapolis**

Tenants in Minnesota, outside Minneapolis call (612) 728-5767

Tenants in Greater Minnesota, call toll-free (866) 866-3546

Tenants in Minneapolis are served by Minneapolis Housing Services (612-673-3003)



#### LEGAL SERVICES

- **FREE tenant/landlord law advice and problem-solving via the hotline includes:**
  - Explanations* of applicable Minnesota laws.
  - Options* for resolving legal problems.
  - Procedures for legal options* available to tenants.
  - Providing form letters, fact sheets, excerpts from statutes*, or other written information.
  - Referrals* to local housing inspectors, sources of emergency assistance, etc.

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Immigration Outreach Program:** Sets up trainings for agencies that work with immigrant groups, so that the agency may serve as a conduit between their clients and the HOME Line office for landlord/tenant issues. For more information on training, contact (612) 728-5770.

### Hope Street/St. Joseph's

**Offers shelter and other services for youth experiencing homelessness.**

1121 46<sup>th</sup> St. E.

Minneapolis, MN 55407

HOPE STREET PHONE: (612) 204-8211

Self-Referrals PHONE: (612) 204-8226

ST. JOE'S PHONE: (612) 204-8250

HOPE STREET FAX: (612) 827-9343

ST. JOE'S FAX: (612) 827-9321

#### LEGAL SERVICES

No legal services.

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Hope Street Emergency Shelter:** 16-bed short-term shelter (average stay is 30 days, longer is available) and intensive case management for runaway or homeless youth ages 16-20; provides **Basic Needs** (food, shelter, clothing, medical care), **Staff Assessment** of feasibility of reconciliation with family or other placement, **Crisis Counseling, Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Counseling, Independent Living Skills** training, **Educational Assistance**
- **Hope Street Transitional Living Program:** Housing available for 8 males ages 16-22; services include youth counselors, case managers, basic needs, goal setting, therapeutic assistance, independent living skills training, recreational activities, access to St. Joe's Community Health Clinic, education and employment assistance, family counseling, and aftercare case management.
- **Hope Street Outreach for Homeless Youth:** Provides youth ages 12-21 with basic needs (food, clothing, hygiene supplies, transportation assistance), referrals for safety and support, case management, resource acquisition, and crisis management.
- **Residential Treatment at St. Joseph's Home for Children:** Offers mental health treatment, individual and family therapy for youth ages 6-17 with serious emotional challenges. Contact (612)204-8216. Specific services include onsite transportation to child's school, skill building groups, specialized therapy groups, respite services for families in need of weekend or short-term care for

their child, recreational activities, medical health clinic, computer lab, and optional spiritual care program.

- **Central Intake:** Provides basic needs and emergency shelter placement 24/7 for children ages 0-17 referred by a county worker, police, probation officer, or court. Offers temporary shelter while waiting for placement, medical checkup, food and clothing.
- **St. Joe's Emergency Shelter:** 24/7 shelter for victims of crisis, abuse, or neglect, ages 5-17. Often referred by Hennepin County First Response, but other counties' referrals welcome, too. 36 beds available, and services include emotional support, medical care, food, shelter, and collaboration with county services to find the best living arrangement.
- **St. Joe's Mental Health Case Management:** Serves youth under age 18 with severe emotional disturbances. Open Mon. – Fri., fees may be covered by medical insurance or county contracts.
- **St. Joe's Community Health Clinic:** Serves youth up to age 20. Offers immunizations, screenings, consultation, check-ups, mental health and developmental screenings, and dentistry and optometry referrals. Fees may be covered by county contracts, private insurance, Medicaid, or sometimes charitable care. Open 24/7; nurses are on-site 17 hours each weekday and 14 hours each weekend day, but on-call 24/7.

### **Job Resource Center (Sun Ray Branch Library)**

**Offers assistance and tools necessary for job seeking and career planning.**

2015 Wilson Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55119  
PHONE: (651) 501-6300

#### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Job search experts** on-site available for free walk-in guidance and assistance with looking for jobs, filling out applications, and writing resumes or cover letters.
- **Free classes** on job search strategies, resume writing, networking, interviewing, getting an email account, and marketing yourself.
- **Free computers, fax, and scanners** to use on-site.
- **Customized career plan** software programs.
- **Helpful books, magazines, and DVDs.**

## **Kulture Klub Collaborative**

**Artists and homeless teens come together at YouthLink/Project OffStreets,  
a crisis drop-in center in downtown Minneapolis.**

**<http://www.kultureklub.org/>**

41 N. 12th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
PHONE: (612) 252-1248  
FAX: (612) 252-1201  
[info@kultureklub.org](mailto:info@kultureklub.org)

### **HOURS:**

Programming is scheduled one month in advance, but schedule is only available to youth (by phone).  
Programs take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No direct legal services, but will refer youth to Youthlink, which is housed in the same building.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- Opportunities to meet artists and attend professional art events for youth, such as weekly viewings of art and cultural events in the Twin Cities, workshops with artists in residences, Open Mic nights at Project OffStreets, mentorships with elders from cultural communities, and “Artlab,” single session artist-led activities such as book making, drumming, writing, readings and open art lab evenings where the youth choose their own creative outlet.
- Partnerships with art groups allow youth to present their expressions to the public.
- Scholarships toward training.

## Legal Rights Center, Inc.

**Free representation for low-income people and people of color who have legal problems associated with the juvenile justice, criminal justice, and child welfare systems**

<http://www.legalrightscenter.org/>

1611 Park Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
PHONE: (612) 337-0030  
FAX: (612) 337-0797  
HOURS: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekdays  
[office@legalrightscenter.org](mailto:office@legalrightscenter.org)

An in-person client interview is required prior to agreeing to representation.  
Walk-in intake hours are listed below, or intake may be requested by appointment:

**MON. (2 p.m. – 4 p.m.)**

Centro  
1915 Chicago Ave. S  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
PHONE: (612) 874-1412  
En Español

**TUES. (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.)**

Legal Rights Center  
1611 Park Ave. S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
PHONE: (612) 337-0030  
Español disponible

**TUES. (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.)**

Brian Coyle Community Center  
420 15th Ave. S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55454  
PHONE: (612) 338-5282  
Af Soomaaliga way ku hadlaan  
Español disponible

Call ahead for other East African languages

**TUES. (2 p.m. – 3 p.m.)**

American Indian OIC  
1845 E. Franklin Ave.  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
PHONE: (612) 341-3358

**WED. (10 a.m. – 11 a.m.)**

American Indian Center  
1530 E. Franklin Ave.  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
PHONE: (612) 879-1700

**WED. (4 p.m. – 5 p.m.)**

Pillsbury House  
3501 Chicago Ave. S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
PHONE: (612) 824-0708

**THURS. (2 p.m. – 4 p.m.)**

CLUES  
720 E. Lake St.  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
PHONE: (612) 337-0030  
En Español

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

*LRC's guidelines for accepting cases can be found on their website.*

- **Criminal Defense:** Free, quality representation in Hennepin County for juveniles and adults without charge, on issues ranging from misdemeanor traffic infractions to first-degree murder.
- **Restorative Justice:** Uses mediation, circles, family group counseling and restorative justice to resolve issues surrounding fighting, truancy, other school related issues, domestic abuse or other family conflicts, and any conflict which could result in criminal or civil court proceedings.
- **Community Legal Education:** Available to make free presentations on a variety of topics relating to criminal law (street law, constitutional rights, how to protect yourself from the police, expungement, operation of the justice system).

## Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis (Mid-MN Legal Assistance)

Legal Aid's Poverty Law practice focuses on the civil legal needs of MN's low-income populations.

<http://www.mylegalaid.org/>

<u>Northside Minneapolis Office</u> 125 West Broadway Suite 105 Minneapolis, MN 55411	<u>Downtown Minneapolis Office</u> 430 1st Avenue N, Suite 300 Minneapolis, MN 55401-1780 <i>Intake Phone Number for New Clients:</i> 612-334-5970 <i>Client Intake Hours:</i> Weekdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. <i>Immigration Client Intake Hours:</i> Mon. 12-2 p.m., Wed. 8:30-10 a.m., Thurs. 1:30-3:30 p.m. OFFICE PHONE: 612-332-1441 TDD: 612-332-4668 Fax: 612-334-5755 OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<u>Southside Minneapolis Office</u> 2929 4th Avenue South Suite 201 Minneapolis, MN 55408
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*Youth should contact the central office for assistance.*

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*Must be at least 18 years old to receive services other than through the Youth Law Project.  
See entry on Youth Law Project for Legal's Aids services to youth under 18.*

### LEGAL SERVICES

*Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to persons over the age of 18 in the following areas:*

- **Basic Needs Law** includes issues relating to:
  - Housing*** (evictions, repair problems, rights in foreclosure, lock outs, public/Section 8 Housing)
  - Public Benefits*** (denial of benefits, changes in amounts, appeals, health care, MFIP, MA, GA, MSA, food stamps, SSI, MinnesotaCare, Child Care, unemployment compensation)
  - Family*** (child custody and child support)
  - Consumer*** (gas/water/electric utilities, garnishment, debt collection, loans)
- **Housing Discrimination Law** investigates claims of housing discrimination, negotiates, gives advice or referrals, and can represent clients in court.
- **Immigration Law** includes issues relating to naturalization and citizenship, legal permanent residence status, immigration status for victims of domestic abuse or crime, and immigration status for juveniles.
- **Tax Law** can help with issues relating to earned income tax credits and IRS audits and collections.

## Legal Aid: Minnesota Disability Law Center

Devoted to helping individuals with disabilities with legal issues relating to their disabilities.

<http://mylegalaid.org/about/our-work/disability-law>

430 1st Avenue N., Suite 300

Minneapolis, MN 55401

*Intake Phone Number for New Clients: 612-334-5970*

*Client Intake Hours: Weekdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.*

OFFICE PHONE: 612-332-1441

FAX: 612-334-5755

EMAIL: [mndlc@midmnlegal.org](mailto:mndlc@midmnlegal.org)

OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

*MDLC will only address civil (not criminal issues) and will only serve clients with disabilities who have a legal issue relating to their disability.*

- **Client Assistance Project:** Advocates for persons having problems with agencies funded under the Rehabilitation Act (such as State Services for the Blind or Rehabilitation Services).
- **Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology:** Advocates for persons who need legal advocacy due to problems with assistive technology devices or services.
- **Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security:** Advocates for persons who need legal assistance to overcome barriers to obtain or regain employment.
- **Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.**
- **Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness.**
- **Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights** (for those persons with disabilities not covered by the other programs).
- **Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury.**
- **Referrals** for persons with disabilities who have a legal issue that is either a criminal issue or does not relate to their disability.

## Legal Aid: Youth Law Project

Legal Aid office devoted to serving youth between the ages of 12 and 18.

<http://www.mylegalaid.org/>

Southside Minneapolis Office

2929 4th Avenue South, Suite 201

Minneapolis, MN 55408

*Intake Phone Number for New Clients: 612-334-5970*

PHONE: 612-332-1441  
Fax: 612-334-5755  
HOURS: Mon. – Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### LEGAL SERVICES

- Devoted to serving youth ages 12 -18, particularly vulnerable communities of color.
- Provides free advice, referrals, and representation on a variety of issues, including:
  - Abuse and Neglect.***
  - Independent Living.***
  - Allegations of Neglect*** involving a child under the age of 10.
  - School Discipline Issues*** including suspension, expulsion, and referral to juvenile court.
- Immigration status for juveniles can be addressed through the Immigration Law Project.

### The Link

**Serves youth in the community through advocacy, housing, education, and intervention.**

<u>Headquarters</u>	<u>Juvenile Supervision Center</u>	<u>Lincoln Place</u>	<u>Lindquist Apartments</u>
1210 Glenwood Ave.	350 So. 5th Street Room 21A	1997 Gold Trail	1931 W. Broadway Ave.
Minneapolis , MN	Minneapolis , MN	Eagan, MN	Minneapolis , MN
PHONE: (612) 871-0748	PHONE: (612) 673-LINK	PHONE: (651) 209-1681	PHONE: (612) 287-1670
FAX: (612) 871-0755	FAX: (612) 673-5962	FAX (651) 209-1684	FAX: (612) 287-1676

*Generally the Link will not take walk-ins. Programs and services are available upon referral, generally by a school social-worker, guidance counselor, or law enforcement. If a youth wants to access these services, asking their school social worker to refer them is best.*

#### LEGAL SERVICES

*No direct legal services; will refer youth to Legal Aid. Offers some legal-related services:*

##### **Project Potential**

- **Intensive one-on-one case management and group support** to youth ages 10 through 17 that are at high risk of delinquency and school drop-out.

##### **Juvenile Supervision Center**

- Provides intervention services and community resource connections to youth picked up for truancy, curfew, or low level offenses that do not require placement in Juvenile Detention.

#### OTHER SERVICES

##### **Project Potential**

- **One-on-One Case Management and Group Support** for youth ages 10-17 at risk of dropping out. Services Include **Tutoring, Health Realization Training** (support groups focused on topics such as inner health, thought cycles, moods and emotions, role playing, cultural competency, and empathy), and **Mentoring**.
- Two initiatives: Youth Gang Intervention Project and Project Potential at Olson Middle School.

##### **Lindquist Apartments**

- **Permanent, Sober, Supportive Housing** for youth and young adults.

- **Intensive Case Management and Assessments** for residents.
- **Assistance in goal setting and accomplishment.**
- **Independent Living Skills Instruction:** such as cooking and money management.

#### **Lincoln Place**

- **Supportive Housing Complex** (24 apartments available) for homeless and disabled young people ages 18-24 in Dakota County.
- **Staff and services** are available to help with case management and independent living skills.
- Residents must be in school, working, or being productive in another manner for at least 20 hours a week.

#### **Innovative Groups**

*Serves youth who participate in The Link's services*

- **Women Educating Women:** Women ages 10-17 can meet in a safe place to engage in positive and challenging activities with other young women.
- **Men's Group:** Men ages 10-17 are provided with recreational, social, and cognitive activities that help build relationships between participants and positive male role models, and also fill out-of-school time in an engaging and challenging way.
- **Tutor Link:** Volunteer tutoring to support truant youth.
- **Youth for Justice:** Enables at-risk youth to plan and perform community service projects throughout the summer, incorporating critical thinking, teamwork, communication, and planning and administrative skills into the projects.
- **Recreational Activities:** Youth can develop positive peer relationships and community connections through cultural, recreational, athletic, and social engagement outings.

## **Local Law School Clinics**

**Student advocates represent low income clients with guidance from faculty or organizations**

#### Hamline Law School

1536 Hewitt Avenue Room 214 W

Saint Paul, MN 55104

PHONE: (651) 523-2898 / FAX: (651) 523-2400

**<http://law.hamline.edu/clinics/clinical-programs.html>**

*Not all clinics are inside the Hamline Law facility. Contact the individual clinic to find out if they will accept a minor client.*

#### University of Minnesota Law School

229 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Minneapolis, MN 55455

PHONE: (612) 625-1000

**<http://www.law.umn.edu/prospective/clinics.html>**

*Faculty for each clinic is listed online through links on the given website.*

*Phone numbers for individual faculty are available.*

#### University of St. Thomas Law School

1000 LaSalle Ave., MSL 100

Minneapolis, MN 55403

PHONE: (651) 962-4960

FAX: (651) 962-4969

**[www.stthomas.edu/ipc](http://www.stthomas.edu/ipc)**

#### William Mitchell Law School

875 Summit Avenue

Saint Paul, MN 55105

PHONE: (651)290-6351

**[www.wmitchell.edu](http://www.wmitchell.edu)**

*Clients must be at least 18 years old*



### Hamline

- **Child Advocacy Clinic:** Minor juvenile cases, CHIPS cases, GAL cases, truancies, school expulsions, adoptions, and cases regarding minors seeking to live independently.
- **Education Law Clinic (through SMRLS):** Equal educational opportunities for children from low income families, educational rights of limited English Proficient children, educational rights of children with disabilities, school expulsion, tracking, racial discrimination, and bias in schools.
- **Employment Discrimination Mediation Representation Clinic:** Cases concerning victims of alleged employment discrimination in cases where the EEOC and MN Dept of Human Rights have offered early intervention mediation.
- **Health Law Clinic:** Clients may include persons with medical needs or disabilities who encounter barriers to their eligibility for health care.
- **Immigration Law Clinic:** Includes family-based petitions, naturalization, adjustment of status to permanent residence, visa processing, VAWA, and removal proceedings.

### University of Minnesota

*Only the Child Advocacy, ICWA, and Special Education clinics take clients under the age of 18.*

- **Child Advocacy Clinic:** Includes family or juvenile law, CHIPS, custody, or GAL representation.
- **Civil Practice Clinic** (no clients under age 18).
- **Housing Clinic:** Cases involve landlord-tenant law and may relate to eviction, fair housing, repair problems, privacy violations, shutoff, and lockouts (no clients under age 18).
- **Immigration Clinic:** Primarily works on applications for political asylum, withholding of removal, and Article 3 claims under the Convention Against Torture (no Clients under age 18).
- **Indian Child Welfare Clinic:** Family law and juvenile cases with a special emphasis on the federal Indian Child Welfare Act.
- **Misdemeanor Defense Clinic:** Clients must be 18 or older and charged with misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor offenses in Hennepin County District Court.
- **Public Interest Law Clinic:** Includes issues of housing, family law, immigration, disability law, government benefits, domestic violence, and legislative advocacy (no clients under age 18).
- **Special Education:** Assistance for students with disabilities who have special education legal questions, review of special education documents, participation in conciliation conferences and mediation, informal dispute resolution with schools, and representation in state-level administrative complaints, hearings and court actions.

### University of St. Thomas

***Interprofessional Center for Counseling and Legal Services:** Faculty and students from the disciplines of law, psychology and social work collaborate to help clients in 2 relevant areas:*

- **Community Justice Project** - Focuses on improving the lives of African Americans in the community, such as **educating youth about the law and their rights** and interactions with police officers, through **Brotherhood, Inc.**, an integrated approach to addressing gang violence, and through **Restorative Justice Programs**.
- **Immigration Law Practice Group:** Helps clients seeking asylum in the U.S. as a result of persecution or fear of persecution in their home countries. Issues may relate to international trafficking, naturalization, domestic violence, and family reunification.

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- **Civil Advocacy Clinic:** Issues relating to landlord-tenant relationship, unemployment compensation and employment, and consumer and welfare matters.
- **Community Development Clinic:** May do transactional or litigation work relating to poverty, fair housing, affordable housing, or community economic development.
- **Immigration Law Clinic:** Students represent indigent clients in administrative proceedings regarding immigration status before the Immigration and Naturalization Service and Federal Court.
- **Law and Psychiatry Clinic:** Provides free forensic psychiatric and psychological examinations, generally at the request of the attorney who represents the person being evaluated.

**LSS LifeHaven (Lutheran Social Services)**

**Provides short-term housing to minor mothers and their children who are experiencing homelessness**

501 N. Asbury St.  
Saint Paul, MN 55104  
PHONE: (651) 776-9805

*Capacity to serve 6 moms (ages 16 and 17) and their children (must already have children to be eligible).*

**LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services; will attempt to refer youth to the proper legal resource if necessary.

**OTHER SERVICES**

- Case management.
- Life skills and parenting skills training.
- 24 hour staffing.
- Transportation and aftercare.
- Transitional housing.

**LSS Rezek House (Lutheran Social Services)**

**Transitional housing for youth (ages 16-21) who are currently homeless and from Ramsey County.**

<https://www.lssmn.org/services/youth>

Informational meetings every Thursday at 2 p.m.; youth can just show up.

501 N. Asbury St.  
Saint Paul, MN 55104  
PHONE: (651) 644-7739

**LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services; will attempt to refer youth to the proper legal resource if necessary.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- Opportunity for youth to lease an apartment at 30% of their income.
- Case management and life skills training services on site (individual counseling, support groups, family counseling, recreational activities and crafts, assessment/evaluations, academic attention).
- Youth in good standing may stay in the program for up to 24 months.

### **LSS Safe House (Lutheran Social Services)**

**Provides 24/7 overnight, short-term, emergency shelter for youth ages 16-20.**

**<https://www.lssmn.org/services/youth-homelessness/twin-cities-metro/safe-house-emergency-youth-shelter-twin-cities>**

6 beds are available from 8 p.m. – 9 a.m. near midway area of St. Paul.

**Only clients may access the location. Youth should call (651) 644-3446 at 7 p.m. for this information.**

Main Office PHONE: (651) 644-7739

#### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services; will attempt to refer youth to the proper legal resource if necessary.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Supervised Daily Living** stressing social and independent living skills.
- **Homebound Education** targeted to meet academic needs of youth who have been unable to function in mainstream schools or are from outside the local school district.
- **Recreational Programming** ranging from arts and crafts to team sports and cultural events.
- **Weekly Discussion Groups** designed to focus on topics of information or concern.
- **Individual Counseling** available as needed or requested.
- **Transportation** to and from appointments for duration of stay.
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### **LSS Street Program (Lutheran Social Services)**

**Employs outreach workers who venture out to the streets, malls, and community centers.**

501 N. Asbury St.  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
(651) 776-9805  
PHONE: (651) 644-7739

#### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services; will attempt to refer youth to the proper legal resource if necessary.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Offer services, referral, and access** to homeless, runaway, and street-involved youth
- **Services may include** counseling, shelter, connection to supportive adults, and other resources.

### **LSS Transitional Living Project (Luther Social Services)**

**Works with youth (ages 16-21) from Ramsey County who are homeless and/or precariously housed.**

501 N. Asbury St.  
Saint Paul, MN 55104  
PHONE: (651) 644-7739

#### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services; will attempt to refer youth to the proper legal resource if necessary.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- Helps youth ages 16-21 from Ramsey County access market rate housing in the community.
- Youth must be homeless or precariously housed, but have a legitimate income so they can pay rent within the next 30-60 days.
- Youth must sign their own lease and allow staff to make home visits.
- LSS will assist youth with their deposit and first 6 months of rent.
- Case management and life skills training services on site (individual and family counseling, support groups, recreational activities and crafts, assessment/evaluations, academic attention).

### **Mental Health Association of Minnesota**

**Youth resources address mental health issues specific to people age 14-24.**

**<https://mentalhealthmn.org/learn-more/mental-health-and-young-adults/>**

2021 E. Hennepin Avenue, Suite 412  
Minneapolis, MN 55413  
PHONE: (612) 331-6840  
EMAIL: [info@mentalhealthmn.org](mailto:info@mentalhealthmn.org)

#### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services; will refer to other organizations if necessary.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- Workshops and educational resources for teens and young adults.
- Programs include topics such as child and adolescent depression, suicide risk, bipolar disorders in youth, and events with the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

## Midtown Community Restorative Justice – Adult Program

Uses a restorative justice approach for adult offenders (age 18 and up).

<http://ppna.org/programs/restorative-justice/restorative-justice-adult-program/>

Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association  
821 East 35th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
PHONE: (612) 722-4817

### LEGAL SERVICES

- **Eligible Participants** have committed a nonviolent crime in Powderhorn Park or the Corcoran Neighborhood, are at least 18 years old, and have acknowledged personal responsibility for their behavior. Upon the offender pleading guilty, a judge can sentence him or her to the program. Probation staff or Program Manager will decide if offender is suitable for the program.
- **Targeted Crimes:**
  - Misdemeanors:** Damage to Property, Soliciting Prostitution, Prostitution, Loitering with Intent to Buy/Sell Narcotics, Disorderly Conduct, Indecent Exposure, Open Bottle, Consuming in the Public, Bike Theft, Trespassing, Shoplifting, Theft, and 5th Degree Assault.
  - Non-Violent Felonies:** Auto Theft, Theft over \$500, Possession/ Sale of Narcotics, Burglary.
- **Primary Elements of the Program:** Face-to-face dialogue and making amends in a meaningful way (i.e. community service, restitution, donation, apology, self-help).

## Midtown Community Restorative Justice – Youth Program

Uses a restorative justice approach for youth offenders (age 13-17).

<http://ppna.org/programs/restorative-justice/restorative-justice-youth-program/>

Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association  
821 East 35th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
PHONE: (612) 722-4817

### LEGAL SERVICES

*MCRJ's Youth Program is a spin-off of our program for adult offenders.*

- **Eligible Participants:** Typically youth ages 13-17, from Minneapolis and currently receiving juvenile referrals from Hennepin County Probation and Operation De Novo, an agency that provides services to youth cited for delinquency.  
**Cases also accepted for school-based offenses.**
- **Individualized process** in which juvenile offenders engage in restorative conferencing with a very small group of community volunteers 2 to 3 times over a 6-month period.
- **Meetings with the Youth Coordinator** to discuss progress and receive support.

- **Meetings with any direct victims** the youth may have harmed.
- **Juvenile offenders can make amends** through community service hours, community-based programming, attending Street Law classes, meeting with mentors or tutors, attending counseling, or meeting with an employment counselor.

## **Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health**

One of the state's primary resources for education and advocacy relating to children's mental health

<http://www.macmh.org/>

1665 Western Avenue North  
Saint Paul, MN 55102  
PHONE: (651) 644-7333  
1-800-528-4511  
FAX: (651) 644-7391

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No direct representation or direct legal services.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

#### **Educational Advocacy**

- Explains the rights and responsibilities students have in the school system.
- Assists in determining educational needs and appropriate placements, accommodations, and modifications.
- Helps develop individual program plans, such as IEP/IIP/IFSP, or 504 accommodations plans.
- Assists adolescents through the transition planning process.
- Supports adolescents' ability to advocate for themselves.
- Accompanies families to school meetings when possible.
- Provides telephone coaching, file reviews, and workshops.

#### **Mental Health Advocacy:**

- Speaks on behalf of children with mental health disorders.
- Explains the rights and responsibilities families have in the multiple systems that serve children with mental health disorders.
- Helps families understand their child's diagnosis and explore options for suitable services.
- Accompanies families to meetings when possible.
- Provides telephone coaching, file reviews, and workshops.

## **Minnesota Telephone Service**

**Offers discounts on installation of phone lines, cell phones, and service plans for eligible persons.**

121 7<sup>th</sup> Place E., Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
PHONE: (651) 296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Discounts on installation** of new telephone service, including cell phones (does not include cost of the phone).
- **Monthly discounts** available on local telephone services.
- **Eligible participants** must be part of a qualifying public assistance program, such as Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, TANF, or National School Free Lunch Program.

## **Naomi Family Center**

**Transitional housing and programs for women ages 18 and older with no more than 4 children.**

<https://www.ugmtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/nfr-brochure-digital.pdf>

77 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
PHONE: (651) 222-7962

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services offered.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Transitional housing** for women 18 and older and their children.
- **Parenting programs.**
- **Emergency shelter.**

## OutFront Minnesota

Programs and services are directed at the LGBTQ and allied community in the area of public policy, anti-violence, education and training, and the law.

[www.outfront.org](http://www.outfront.org)

310 38th Street East #204  
Minneapolis, MN 55409-1337  
PHONE: (612) 822-0127 or (800) 800-0350  
Staff Attorney E-Mail: [phil@outfront.org](mailto:phil@outfront.org)  
FAX: (612) 822-8786  
HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Staff Attorney is part-time; e-mail is best and staff will make efforts to contact him when necessary.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

- **Referrals** to area organizations for youth with legal problems relating to GLBT issues.
- **Staff accompany** youth to various types of hearings such as for restraining orders.
- **Guidance through the legal process** without directly representing the youth.
- **Can aid the agency** to which the youth is referred with specialized knowledge on GLBT issues.
- **Can work with youth even without parental consent.**

## Pillsbury United Communities Neighborhood Centers

Centers serve various neighborhoods with distinct demographics in a variety of services.

<https://www.puc-mn.org/>

### Brian Coyle Center

420 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. S  
Minneapolis, MN 55454  
PHONE: (612) 338-5282  
HOURS:

Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Main Office

1101 W. Broadway Ave.  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

### Oak Park Center

1701 Oak Park Ave. N  
Minneapolis, MN 55411  
PHONE: (612) 337-7000  
HOURS:

Mon.–Thurs., 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### PUC Interpreting Agency

1315 Penn Ave. N  
Minneapolis, MN 55411  
PHONE: (612) 309-7692  
FAX: (612) 767-3709

### Pillsbury House

3501 Chicago Ave. S  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
PHONE: (612) 824-0708  
FAX: (612) 827-5818  
HOURS: Weekdays 8 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sat., 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Sun., 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Waite House

2529 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
PHONE: (612) 721-1681  
FAX: (612) 721-2752  
HOURS:  
Mon. – Fri., 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.



## LEGAL SERVICES

- Pillsbury House hosts a Legal Rights Center Clinic, Wed. 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Adult education and skill development includes legal services, tax preparation (Feb. – April), and assistance with family loans.
- Advocacy offered relating to new immigrants, family healthcare, and family violence.
- Assistance in health insurance enrollment.
- Education on tenants' rights.
- Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project at the Brian Coyle Center (provides African immigrant women with crisis intervention, referrals, legal resources, and family related issues).

## OTHER SERVICES

*Each Center offers programs that are organized around six focus areas:*

- **Early Childhood Development:** Services include quality childcare, intervention for children with behavioral issues, and short or long-term crisis care for overwhelmed parents.
- **Youth and Teen Development:** Services include afterschool, summer, and academic programs, mentoring, career counseling, support groups, technology training, college scholarships, community service projects, and volunteer opportunities.

**Brian Coyle Center, Pillsbury House, Waite House, and Oak Park Center:** Kids College (reading-tutoring program for grades K-8), Jumpstart (service-learning program for youth in grades 6-8), and FANS (college prep such as SAT/ACT prep and financial aid application assistance for grades 8-12).

**Pillsbury House:** Groveland Food for Youth (hassle-free food-shelf for youth age 23 and under who are homeless or recently transitioned out of homelessness); Full Cycle (free bike program which teaches homeless and street dependent youth age 23 and under to build and maintain their own free bike).

**Waite House:** Youth Employment for youth age 14-21 (assists with resume writing, applications, finding scholarships, and enrolling in high school or college).

- **Adult Education and Skill Development:** services include computer access and classes, resume development, and financial literacy programs.
- **Oak Park Center:** Skills for Life Program (for independent living teens/adults ages 13-21 with developmental disabilities).
- **Civic Engagement:** Services include leadership training, new immigrant support, and partnerships with neighborhood-based organizations.
- **Essential Resources:** Services include food shelves, community cafes, family violence prevention, and assistance locating housing.

**Oak Park Center:** Clothes Closet (Tues. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.).

**Pillsbury House:** Clothes Closet (Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. or by appointment), Fare For All (economical food buying co-op with different food packages).

**Waite House:** Produce Giveaway (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month at 1:15 p.m.) and a nutrition program for pregnant women and mothers with kids ages 2-6 within certain incomes.

- **Wellness:** services include medical interpretation, community health education workshops for all ages, exercise classes, and athletic teams and clubs.

**Pillsbury House:** Brother Circle of Minneapolis (every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of the month, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; includes free meal, health and wellness trainings and workshops, safer sex materials and free confidential HIV testing), Free Integrated Health Clinic (Wed. 6 p.m.-8 p.m. and Sat. 1 p.m.-4 p.m.)

- **PUC Interpreting Agency:** assists in communicating with landlords on client's behalf, can serve as interpreters when necessary for legal, dental, medical, or insurance related needs.

## **Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation**

**Creates affordable housing to help low-income people in the community become socially and economically more stable.**

<http://www.plymouthfoundation.org>

430 Oak Grove St., Ste. 130  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
PHONE: (612) 871-0890  
FAX: (612) 871-0843

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- Numerous housing locations around Minneapolis area, including:  
**Anpa Waste (onpah washtay) "New Beginnings"** in collaboration with Division of Indian Work of Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Affordable housing targeted to participants in Teen Indian Parent program, who are in school or working.  
**Lydia Apartments** – Permanent supportive living community for homeless adults with disabilities (such as mental illness, HIV/AIDS, and chemical dependency).  
**The Nokoma** – Serving households with annual incomes less than \$35,220.  
1920 S. Third Ave., Minneapolis, MN; (612) 871-0890; [www.thenokoma.com](http://www.thenokoma.com)  
**North Haven** – Housing for refugee families being served by MN Council of Churches Refugee Services.  
**Hawthorne Ave. Apts.** – Affordable housing for low-income adults seeking a nursing degree to increase their economic self-sufficiency.

## **Project Homeless Connect Minneapolis/Hennepin**

**A one-stop-shop of support services for people experiencing homelessness.**

<http://www.homelessconnectminneapolis.org/>

Project Homeless Connect Minneapolis/Hennepin is a semi-annual, one-day event that unites 400 service providers and 1400 volunteers to serve 2100 individuals experiencing homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County in a range of services. The program is still evolving, and thus there is not yet a set venue. The next Project Homeless Connect will be held:

Monday, December 13, 2010  
10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Minneapolis Convention Center

1301 2nd Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

The best way to inquire about Project Homeless connect is:

PHONE: (612) 596-6645

EMAIL: [projectconnectmpls@gmail.com](mailto:projectconnectmpls@gmail.com)

Office to End Homelessness  
Government Center – A2308  
300 South Sixth St.  
Minneapolis, MN 55487

#### **LEGAL SERVICES**

- **Legal section includes of firms and organizations** familiar with representation in a wide variety of areas.
- **On site legal assistance** for brief legal advice or legal services.
- **Assistance securing** county benefits.
- **Referrals** for full representation.
- **Areas of focus** include family law, criminal law, housing law, and general civil law.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- Mental and chemical health care, employment training and placement, resume assistance, information on educational opportunities and special education services, medical and dental care, haircuts, assistance securing IDs, birth certificates, and Social Security cards, free lunch, housing search assistance (including facilities for families, individuals, men, and women), eye exams and glasses on-site.

## **Rainbow Families (Midwest Office of Family Equality Council)**

Local programs target LGBT families and allies in the upper Midwest region.

<http://www.familyequality.org/>

1821 West University Avenue #109

St. Paul, MN 55104

PHONE: (651) 644-4848

FAX: (651) 644-2387

[info@familyequality.org](mailto:info@familyequality.org)

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No direct legal representation; will help advocate for safety or policies relating to GLBT youth or parents.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Community events** are opportunities for GLBT parents and GLBT youth to meet others.

## **Ramsey County Child & Teen Health Checkups Program**

Offers preventative health checkups for children and teens in Ramsey County for ages up to 21.

U of M Dental Clinics

(612) 625-7171

MAIN PHONE

(651) 266 2420

Community Dental Care Multilingual

(651) 774-2959

Helping Hand Dental Clinic

(651) 224-7561

Open Cities Health Center

(651) 290-9200

Open Cities Health Center North End

(651) 489-8021

Children's Dental Services

(612) 746-1530

West Side Dental Clinic

(651) 602-7575

Century College Dental Hygiene Clinic

(651) 779-5787

Serves youth up to age 18 and  
multilingual pregnant women

Preventative care, sealants, \$25/visit.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- Services are covered by Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare.
- Information about good physical and mental health.
- Complete physical exam, shots, lab tests, development and growth checks.
- Dental checkup every 6 months.
- Vision and hearing check.

## **Ramsey County Sexual Offense Services**

**Free and confidential services provided to victims of sexual violence and their families.**

CRISIS LINE: (651) 266-1000

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No direct legal services.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- 24 hour crisis counseling, advocacy, information, and referral.
- Advocacy and support during medical, police, and legal processes.

## **Ramsey County Women's Health Services**

**Offers various medical services to women in Ramsey County.**

555 Cedar St.  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
PHONE: (651) 266-1272

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- Offers methods of birth control, pregnancy testing, emergency contraception, free pap smears, and evaluation and management of abnormal pap smears.

## **Ramen Ya / Asian Media Access**

**Community advocacy organization dedicated to social betterment through multi-media and technology.**

4640 Lyndale Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55412  
PHONE: (612) 376-7715  
FAX: (612) 376-7730  
[ramenya@amamedia.org](mailto:ramenya@amamedia.org)

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

- No direct legal services, but will refer youth to Children's Law Center or connect youth with a mentor that has a legal background to guide the youth through their issue.

### OTHER SERVICES

- **Reaching Immigrants with Case and Education (RICE)**  
The Social Service component of AMA, houses Ramen Ya; also offers employment training and intervention services.
- **Ramen Ya: Independent Living Assistance**  
Serves Asian American & Pacific Islander homeless /runaway youth ages 16-21.  
Both boys and girls can receive assistance with housing and skill development.  
8 transitional living housing beds available for girls.
- **Culturally and linguistically appropriate services.**
- **Designed to comfort** youth who have experienced sexual assault, domestic abuse, violence, mental health disorders, drug use, and sexual exploitation.
- **Adult Foster Care Facility** is also available through Asian Media Access to serve adults 18 and up.  
**Secondary education referrals and support** are available.  
**Life Skills Training** includes nutrition, budgeting, and managing a checking account.
- **Life Skills 101:** Weekly program with a curriculum focused on legal and societal issues youth should know about, such as truancy and finance.
- **Summer Employment** assistance for youth.
- **Media Education:** Afterschool and summer activities which focus on multi-media technology application and production, which are free of charge to youth who come from immigrant, disadvantaged or low-income families.

### Red Door

Minnesota's largest STD/HIV clinic. Expert staff. Confidential, friendly service. Close to light rail and bus.

<https://www.reddoorclinic.org/>

(612) 543-5555  
Red Door  
Health Services Building  
525 Portland Ave, 4th Floor  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Both the blue and green light rail lines stop at the U.S. Bank Stadium Station, just a short walk (0.3 miles) from the health service building. Many downtown buses also stop near the building.

#### **Clinic Hours:**

Monday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Saturday, Sunday, and county holidays

- If you have an appointment you should get to the clinic **10 to 15 minutes early**. They also accept walk-ins if you want to come in today. Arrive early to reduce your wait time and increase the chance of getting seen. If it gets too busy the day you walk in, you may have to come back.
- Call to talk to a nurse about your test results, your exposure risk or to ask general questions about your sexual health.  
A nurse is available **Monday through Friday** between 1 and 4 p.m. Call 612-543-5555.

They welcome everyone 12 years of age and older.

Red Door provides a supportive and welcoming place where you can get the information and services you need without feeling judged. The staff follow the strictest confidentiality guidelines so you feel safe and can talk openly about your sexual health. They listen, treat you with kindness and answer all your questions. Staff are sex-positive, and advocate for your sexual health.

**They provide confidential options for getting your results. You can call the nurse line or check your MyChart account. They don't send bills to your home. They don't tell anyone that you've been to the clinic.**

## Safe at Home

**Address confidentiality program for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and others who fear for their safety.**

[www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)

PHONE: (651) 201-1399 or Toll-Free: 1-866-723-3035

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

**No legal services available.**

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Helps survivors of harm** go about their daily lives without risking their abusers discovering their actual address.
- **Keeps location confidential**, but gives a substitute address where an individual's mail may be sent (and then it will be forwarded without charge to the individual's true residence).
- **Eligible participants** are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or someone else who fears for their safety. They must be residents of MN and at least 18 years old or have permission of their guardian.

## SMRLS: Southern MN Regional Legal Services

Provides free legal services in a wide range of civil law areas to low income persons in southern MN.

<http://www.smrls.org/>

### St. Paul Central Office

166 East 4th St., Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55101

PHONE: (651) 228-9823

CLIENT INTAKE PHONE: (651) 222-4731

FAX: (651) 297-6457

[central@smrls.org](mailto:central@smrls.org)

INTAKE HOURS: Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

(Clients may call or walk-in during these hours)

(Carver, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties)

### Housing Alliance Law Office (HALO)

798 East 7th St

St. Paul, MN 55106

PHONE: (651) 771-9323

FAX: (651) 297-6457

### Refugee, Immigrant, and Migrant Services

450 North Syndicate Street, Suite 285

St. Paul, MN 55104

PHONE: (651) 291-2837 or

(651) 255-0797

CLIENT INTAKE PHONE:

1-800-652-9733

FAX: (651) 645-0757

[rims@smrls.org](mailto:rims@smrls.org)

CLIENT INTAKE HOURS:

First business day of the month, 9-11 a.m.

### Eastside and American Indian

#### Branch Office

579 Wells St. #100

St. Paul, MN 55130

PHONE: (651) 222-5863

CLIENT INTAKE PHONE: (651)

222-4731

FAX (651) 771-4929

[eastside@smrls.org](mailto:eastside@smrls.org)

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

*SMRLS does not take criminal cases.*

- **Government Issues:** Welfare, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security Disability, SSI, and Unemployment Compensation.
- **Consumer Issues:** Cases dealing with the purchase of goods, loans, insurance, bill collection, repossession, and garnishment.
- **Refugee, Immigrant, and Migrant Services:** Bilingual and bicultural staff can address issues such as citizenship, immigration, family reunification, and consumer problems. Legal assistance and community education also offered to migrant farm workers.
- **Housing or Landlord/Tenant Issues:** Fair Housing enforcement services including settlement negotiation, assistance filing complaints, and court representation.
- **Domestic Abuse and Child Custody Services:** Works to ensure appropriate custody decisions.

## **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Homeless Outreach and Prevention Education Program (Project H.O.P.E):** Reaches out to homeless shelters and meal sites, landlords, and agencies.
- Coordinates with battered women's shelters.



## **SMRLS – Education Law Advocacy**

**Provides free legal services to low income students who face legal issues with their education.**

<http://www.smrls.org/get-help/legal-services/education/>

450 North Syndicate Street, Suite 285

St. Paul, MN 55104

MAIN PHONE: (651) 291-2837

(Same as Refugee, Immigrant, Migrant Services Office)

CLIENT INTAKE PHONE: (651) 222-4731 or 1-800-652-9733

INTAKE HOURS: Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

(Clients may call or walk-in during these hours)

FAX: (651) 645-0757

Serving **low income, at-risk students** in the counties of Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Cottonwood, Dakota, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Jackson, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, McLeod, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Pipestone, Ramsey, Redwood, Rice, Rock, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha, and Waseca.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

- **Legal representation and advice** on a wide range of education-related problems.
- **Problems addressed** include low academic achievement, denial of appropriate educational services to children with disabilities, children with limited English proficiency, children facing homelessness, frequent school suspensions, expulsion, and discrimination in schools.

## **Teens Alone**

**Provides free crisis, counseling, and referrals to youth and families in western suburbs of Minneapolis.**

<http://www.teensalone.org/>

915 Main Street, Hopkins, MN 55343

ADMINISTRATIVE PHONE: (952) 988-4086

HOTLINE PHONE: (952) 988-TEEN <(952) 988-8336>

Teens' calls are returned within 24 hours; counselors will meet with the teen where the teen is most comfortable, such as school or a coffee shop.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services; will refer to Children's Law Center.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Outreach Counselors** are available for teens to contact and discuss a variety of issues, including communication skills, school trouble, boundaries, processing tough choices, or running away.

## **Theresa Living Center**

**Transitional housing for single women, pregnant women, and women with children under age 5.**

917 Jessamine Ave. E.  
St. Paul, MN 55106  
PHONE: (651) 774-5594

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No legal services offered.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Transitional housing** for women 18 years and old who have no children, are pregnant, or have one child who is under 5.
- **Programming** related to parenting goals, employment, and life skills.
- Residents must be involved in school or work at least 30 hours a week.
- **Residents must pay** 30 percent of their income as a housing fee and may stay for up to 2 years.

## **United Way First Call for Help**

**Free, confidential, and multilingual assistance is available by phone 24/7.**

PHONE: 211  
Cell phones can call (651) 291-0211  
Toll Free: 1-800-543-7709

*Trained information specialists connect callers with local resources including crisis response, food, health care, housing, legal help, mental health services, transportation, and youth services.*

## **Volunteer Lawyers Network**

**Free legal advice and representation to economically disadvantaged people.**

<http://www.volunteerlawyersnetwork.org/>

600 Nicollet Mall Suite 390A  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
Client Intake PHONE: (612) 752-6677  
*Intake is only done by phone.*  
FAX: (612) 752-6656

HOURS: Mon., Wed. and Fri. (9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.), Tues. and Thurs. (12 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

## LEGAL SERVICES

*Only serves clients over the age of 18.*

- **Legal Assistance** in the areas of housing, real estate, family law, civil law, debtor's rights, bankruptcy, and other issues common to people in poverty.  
**Areas of Law not covered** include criminal law, personal injury law, workers compensation, government benefits, or appeals cases.
- **Methods of Assistance** include in-person legal advice, telephone advice, brief services (such as a letter, phone call, or court document), and full representation.
- **Free Walk-in Legal Advice Clinics:** Attorneys available for immediate assistance (no client intake necessary). At each clinic, individuals meet face-to-face with an attorney for 15-20 minutes who will answer your questions and/or refer you to other places for help. Individuals will be screened for financial eligibility, except sometimes at the Legal Access Point clinic.  
**Conciliation Court Legal Advice Clinic:** Minneapolis City Hall (350 S. 5th St.), Room 308 (Tues. 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.).  
**Family Law Clinic:** Family Justice Center (110 S. 4th St., 1st floor) at the Family Self Help Center (Mon. and Thurs. 10 a.m. – noon, Tues. and Fri. 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.).  
**Housing Court Project:** Hennepin County Government Center (300 S. 6th St.), 17th Floor, at the Housing Court (Tues. – Fri., 8:30 a.m. – noon)  
**Legal Access Point Clinic:** Hennepin County Government Center (300 S. 6th St.), 2nd Floor, at the Self Help Center (Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; walk-in, first come, first served).  
**Park Ave Methodist Immigration Clinic:** 3400 Park Ave. S (Thurs. 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.).

## YMCA “24/Seven” Program

**Assists youth in obtaining and maintaining their placements in a scattered site housing program.**

2304 Jackson St. NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418  
PHONE: (612) 716-1268

*Program is run in collaboration with The Bridge.*

*Access to the program is only given upon a Hennepin County worker referring the youth to the program; a screening team then decides if the youth is an appropriate candidate.*

## LEGAL SERVICES

No legal services.

## OTHER SERVICES

- Assists youth ages 16+ (referred by a Hennepin County worker) in need of independent housing.
- Aids in preparedness, obtaining, and maintaining housing through a scattered site program.
- Primarily intended for youth aging out of foster care, but could serve others.
- Assists in independent living skill development and helps youth connect with local resources.

## **YMCA Anoka County Youth Intervention Program**

**Serves as resource and referral program to help youth find necessary services.**

2304 Jackson St. NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418  
Crisis PHONE: (612) 618-7183  
Office PHONE: (763) 717-1867

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

Will direct youth in Anoka County with housing issues to Judicare or Children's Law Center.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Resource and referral** services (especially housing and basic needs) for youth 16 -21 who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in Anoka County.
- Partners with agencies in Anoka County to offer limited housing and funding to youth in need.
- Assists youth in locating housing, be it a shelter or figuring out a relative they can stay with.

## **YMCA Point Northwest**

**Assistance in shelter placement and transitional housing for homeless youth.**

2304 Jackson St. NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418  
PHONE: (763) 493-3052  
Hotline is available 24/7  
Office is open weekdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

No direct legal services; will advise youth when possible.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **24-Hour Crisis Intervention and Mediation Program:** For youth ages 10-21 and their families. Organization does not have its own housing but will help youth find suitable placements.
- **Transitional Living Program:** For youth ages 16-20. Point Northwest will subsidize housing scattered across Hennepin County (but not Minneapolis). Youth must make enough income so as to fulfill the planned budget and afford their rent with the supplement of the subsidy. Generally the subsidy is \$300-\$350.
- **Street Outreach.**

## Youthlink

Specializes in the multiple needs of homeless and precariously housed youth ages 16-20.

<http://www.youthlinkmn.org/>

41 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, Minn. 55403  
PHONE: (612) 252-1200

Drop-In HOURS: Monday – Friday, 3 p.m. – 8 p.m., or by appointment.

*Youthlink will become the Youth Opportunity Center, a project of the Heading Home Hennepin plan. Through a collaboration of a number of organizations, it will serve as a one stop shop for legal, housing, health, and other services for homeless youth or services that could prevent youth homelessness. The Youth Opportunity Center is set to open in 2010.*

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

- **On-site law clinic** through Legal Aid on Mondays, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **Help homeless youth access** Social Security cards, state identification cards, or birth certificates.
- **Assist homeless youth in finding basic necessities** such as showers, hot meals, food shelves, laundry facilities, personal hygiene products, clean clothes, or a secure locker.
- **On site medical clinic:** Team of mental health and medical professionals assist youth in accessing birth control, pregnancy testing, immunizations, STD testing and treatment, strep tests, regular check-ups, medical or psychiatric referrals, counseling, immunizations, and information on medications.  
HOURS: generally Tuesdays 3p.m. – 8p.m.; youth should call to confirm.
- **Street outreach.**
- **Emergency crisis activity.**
- **Case management.**
- **Housing support services** are available most days. Specific housing available includes a building with 69 one-bedroom and studio apartments, as well as 40 additional units available throughout the Twin Cities.
- **Life Transitions program** is available to youth ages 16-20 and receiving YouthLink services because they are homeless or highly mobile. The program is education-focused and assists youth with completing high school and getting a GED, increasing independent living and job skills, and planning for post secondary education or training. Specific services include tutoring, guidance in school enrollment, application assistance for college and financial aid, resume building, cooking classes, personal finance and budgeting classes, and a Chefs training program.
- **Recreational activities** like voice classes, boxing, Kulture Klub, soccer, and movie nights.

## Youth Services Network

**YSN is an application on your iPhone or Android phone (the site can also be accessed by computer) and is an all in one stop for any needs you may have. An application designed to serve as a resource that connects youth directly to beds, as well as outreach workers, meals, and other services such as drop-in centers, food shelves, and medical clinics. This app is a must have for youth at risk of experiencing homelessness.**

**App: [YSNMN](#)**

**Website: <https://ysnmn.org/>**

- YSNMN was developed by a collaboration of 13 social service agencies that provide shelter and other services to youth in the Twin Cities metropolitan area of Minnesota, it is designed to easily connect youth who are homeless, in crisis, or at risk of either, to the services they need.
- The design, function, and content of YSNMN was designed with youth in mind and was informed by feedback received from youth through focus groups.
- Here's the scenario: A youth has nowhere to sleep and in search of a safe bed. They dial shelter after shelter with no luck. The next day is the same: call after call, using up precious phone minutes. But what if there was an easier way to connect them to vital resources? Enter YSNMN (Youth Services Network - Minnesota)
  - Shelter
  - Outreach Workers
  - Drop in Centers/Basic Needs
  - Food
  - Medical
  - Crisis Line/Counseling
  - Parenting Youth
  - Education
  - Employment

**All on one easy to use app**