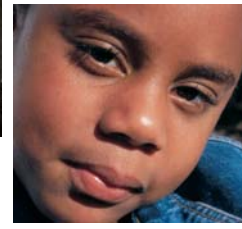




Louisiana Campaign to

Preserve Civil Legal Aid



It's Not Justice If It's Not Equal

Proposed Civil Legal Aid Statewide Service Matrix For Funding Legal Aid to the Poverty Population of Louisiana

FACTS:

- One in 5 Louisianans - an estimated 918,187 people, or 20.2 percent of the population - lived in poverty in 2016, the second-highest rate among all states. Of those living in poverty, more than 147,000 will go without legal assistance because they are unable to pay for or obtain legal representation.
- Poverty households have an average of 1.1 civil legal problems annually.¹
- In 2016, Louisiana civil legal aid providers served 26,437 of the 161,000 households in poverty.²
- For every \$1 invested in Louisiana's civil legal aid services, Louisiana gains \$8.73 in immediate and long-term consequential financial benefits.²
- Louisiana stopped making a general appropriation for civil legal aid in 2012.
- Louisiana ranks last in U.S. Social Justice.³

PROPOSAL:

The following host of services are recommended to economically serve the legal needs of Louisiana's households living below the federal poverty population income levels (households) and bring economic savings benefits to the state:

1: Direct Attorney Representation

1. FULL TIME STAFF ATTORNEYS:	\$13,875,000
<i>185 positions @ \$75,000 each at legal aid offices, with each serving 300 households per year or \$248 per household.</i>	
2. ATTORNEY FELLOWSHIPS:	\$450,000
<i>15 Fellowships @ \$30,000 each at legal aid offices, utilizing law student/grads to serve 8,000 households per year, each helping 534 households per year or \$56.25 per household.</i>	
3. PRO-BONO COORDINATORS:	\$2,100,000
<i>42 coordinators (young lawyers) @ \$50,000 each, to provide advice/referral at each Judicial District Courthouse to 24,000 households per year, each helping 48 households per year or \$8.75 per household.</i>	

2: Community Self Help Centers/Kiosks

	\$3,200,000
<i>64 coordinators @ \$50,000 each at self-help centers and kiosks in each parish to provide court approved forms, guidance/advice to 48,000 households per year, each helping 62.5 households per month or \$66.66 per household</i>	

3: Statewide Toll-Free Hotline/Call Center

	\$850,000
<i>5 attorneys @ \$75,000; 27 part-time law students @ \$15,000; and 2 support staff workers @ \$35,000 providing information, referral services for 24,000 households, each helping 3,000 households per month, or \$35.42 per household.</i>	

Total Cost	\$20,475,000
Less current Federal Funding	<\$ 5,900,000>
Less current LBF/IOLTA Funding	<\$ 2,300,000>
Less current Other Sources Funding	<\$ 2,500,000>
CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO BE RAISED ANNUALLY	\$9,775,000

1.) American Bar Association 2.) The 2016 Economic Impact and Social Return on Investment of Civil Legal Aid Services in the State of Louisiana 3.) Jesuit Social Research Institute of Loyola, reported March 17, 2016.