

**MCADSV
Sexual Assault Legal Services Program (SALS)
Case Eligibility Information**



The Sexual Assault Legal Services Program Can Help the Following Clients:

- The client must have experienced a sexual assault.
- The client's legal needs must arise from that sexual assault.
- The client must be age 13 or older.
- The client must live anywhere in Montana or have legal issues connected to Montana.
- The perpetrator of the assault may be a non-intimate partner or an intimate partner.
- The program will provide services inclusive of gender, identity and expression.
- This program has no income requirements. Survivors will receive services based on greatest need and program capacity, regardless of income level.

The Sexual Assault Legal Services Program Will Provide Representation in the Following Areas:

- Safety Planning
- Temporary and Permanent Orders of Protection
- Housing (including landlord/tenant issues, public housing, and foreclosure)
- Employment
- Education
- Immigration
- Access to Social Services and Public Benefits
- Privacy Issues
- Criminal Justice Advocacy (Crime Victim's Rights)
- Financial Issues
- Crime Victim Compensation access
- Rape Shield Violations (media protection)
- Name Change
- Family Law: Domestic violence family law cases are not a priority of the Sexual Assault Legal Services Program, however, legal issues arising from sexual assault perpetrated by an intimate partner will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- For cases that do not involve a sexual assault, we recommend you refer the client to the Montana Legal Services Association. Applicants can begin intake at www.MTLSA.org or by calling the HelpLine at 1-800-666-6899.

The following legal activities are ineligible for legal program services:

- Tort actions.
- Child abuse cases involving CPS.
- Criminal defense of the survivor.

Attorneys will provide a holistic legal intake with each referred survivor to determine whether the case is program-appropriate and will provide necessary referrals to other legal programs.

**Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
Sexual Assault Legal Services Program**
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