

Sexual Assault Legal Services Program (SALS) Case Eligibility Information



Montana Coalition
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

SALS may provide legal services to the following individuals:

- The individual has experienced sexual victimization during their lifetime.
- The client's legal needs generally arise from that victimization.
- The client is age 11 or older at time of referral/application.
- The client lives anywhere in Montana or has legal issues connected to Montana, including indigenous borders.
- The adverse in the legal matter may be a non-intimate partner or an intimate partner of the client, or an institution (example: a college or a housing program).
- In representing all survivors, we uphold nondiscrimination practices and provide a safe place for all. We work to assist minors, elders, and indigenous survivors; lesbian, transgender, bisexual, and gay survivors; nonbinary, gender nonconforming, female, and male survivors; and strive to meet the accessibility needs of each individual.
- This program has no income requirements. Survivors will receive services based on greatest need and program capacity, regardless of income level.

SALS may provide representation in the following legal matters:

- Safety Planning
- Temporary and Permanent Orders of Protection
- Housing (including landlord/tenant issues, public housing)
- Employment
- Education Advocacy (including Title IX and related remedies)
- Immigration
- Access to Social Services and Public Benefits
- Privacy Issues
- Criminal Justice Advocacy (Crime Victim's Rights)
- Financial Issues
- Crime Victim Compensation access
- 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 for acceptance on a case-by-case basis.
- For cases that do not primarily relate to a sexual victimization, we recommend you refer the client to the Montana Legal Services Association. Applicants can begin intake at www.MTLA.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 Montana Dept. of Family Services (where the applicant is under investigation).
- 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.

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