



SERVICES & PROGRAMS

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What is SDVLP?

- **Nonprofit** – Since 1983, SDVLP has provided free civil legal services to eligible low-income San Diegans.
- **Our Mission** – to provide equal access to the justice system by serving as a bridge between indigent and other disadvantaged people in San Diego County and the volunteer lawyers and others who are willing to donate their time and resources.


Overview of Services

- Restraining Order Clinics
 - Family Law Services
 - HIV/AIDS Law
 - Landlord-Tenant
 - Guardianship (Probate Court only)
 - Education Advocacy
 - Immigration Law Services for Children
 - Microbusiness & Nonprofit Support
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Financial Eligibility

- Most, but not all, require proof of financial eligibility – includes income and asset test, updated annually
- Exceptions – court-based legal clinics (e.g., RO Clinics, UD Clinic)


Other Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a resident of San Diego County
 - Certain programs may have program-specific eligibility requirements (e.g., HIV Program requires proof of diagnosis of HIV)
 - Immigration status is **not** a barrier; SDVLP can serve clients regardless of documentation.
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How to Apply

- Apply online via our website: www.sdvlp.org → Get Help
- Call (619) 235-5656 (check website for program extensions)
- Court-based clinics are walk-in: first-come, first served.

Restraining Order Clinics – Courts

- Provides legal assistance to those who need help filing a restraining order
 - Court-based Clinics: Central, El Cajon, Vista
 - Types of ROs: Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse, Civil Harassment (Vista only)
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Restraining Order & Family Law Help at Family Justice Centers

- SDVLP provides legal assistance in the San Diego and San Marcos Family Justice Centers.
- FJCs – provide confidential, comprehensive services to those who have experienced domestic violence, elder abuse, sexual assault, or sex trafficking.
- San Diego – walk-in hours M-Th 8am – 3pm; F 8am-12pm (RO)
- San Marcos – walk-ins welcome; care coordinator

Family Law Services

- Vision for Justice Collaborative
 - Helps immigrants and refugees, who are victims of crime, with civil legal issues that arise as a result of the crime (e.g., DVRO, divorce)
 - Partners: License to Freedom and Casa Cornelia
- Shriver Custody Legal Services
 - Child Custody issues
 - Must have household income below 200% of poverty line
- Representation at DVRO Hearing (petitioners only)

HIV/AIDS Legal Services

- Serves San Diegans living with HIV
 - Proof of diagnosis required
 - Legal Clinics offered throughout County
 - Comprehensive legal services: public benefits, health insurance disputes, disability discrimination, estate planning, housing, other HIV and health-related issues
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Landlord-Tenant

- Tenants' Rights Program
 - Serves low-income tenants
 - 30, 60, 90-day notices to end tenancy
 - Rent increases
 - Reasonable accommodations in housing
 - Security deposit disputes
- Vista Unlawful Detainer Clinic
 - Walk-in clinic for litigants involved in unlawful detainer lawsuit
 - Information only; can help with court forms; no legal advice

Children & Youth Law

- Guardianship
 - Assists relative and non-relative caretakers in obtaining legal guardianship of children and other guardianship-related issues
 - Walk-in Clinic at SDVLP: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1-4pm
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for Undocumented Minors
 - Assists undocumented children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned by a parent, and who are eligible for legal permanent residency under the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) provision of federal law.
- Education Law Advocacy Program
 - Serves foster youth with unmet special education needs, or who are facing enrollment or disciplinary issues.

Microbusiness and Nonprofit Support

- Microbusinesses – legal assistance for low-income business owners
 - Business entity formation, contract drafting, commercial leases, trademarks/copyrights/patents, employment issues, insurance, etc.
- Nonprofit Organizations
 - Primary purpose of organization must be to serve low-income San Diegans
 - Help with: nonprofit formation/tax exemption, corporate governance, contracts, commercial leases, employment, insurance, real estate/land use, etc.

Questions?

- Flyers available
- Many programs also provide “Know Your Rights” presentations to community members



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