

Providing free civil legal aid to low-income & vulnerable people in Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Mongtomery counties since 2001

## **LASP Helpline**

(Centralized, toll-free helpline for general legal issues in Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Montgomery counties)
877-429-5994 | M-F 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
(Se habla español)

# WEBSITE & ONLINE APPLICATION www.lasp.org

**Protection from Abuse Helpline** 855-879-3100 | M-F 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Montgomery County
Protection from Abuse Helpline
855-980-6924 | M-F 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### **LASP OFFICES**

#### **BUCKS COUNTY**

1290 Veterans Highway, Box 809 Bristol, PA 19007 215-781-1111

50 N. Main St., 2nd floor Doylestown, PA 18901 215-340-1818

#### **CHESTER COUNTY**

222 N. Walnut St., 2nd Floor West Chester, PA 19380 610-436-4510

### **DELAWARE COUNTY**

419 Avenue of the States, Chester, PA 19013 610-874-8421

334 W. Front St., Media, PA 19063 610-422-7053

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

(Central Administration) 625 Swede St., Norristown, PA 19401 610-275-5400

933 N. Charlotte St., Suite 2-A Pottstown, PA 19464 | 610-326-8280

#### **OUTREACH LOCATIONS**

Lansdale | Willow Grove | Exton | Kennett Square | Phoenixville | West Chester | Coatesville www.lasp.org/locations/outreach-locations

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## During COVID-19, LASP remains open!

Legal Aid of Southeastern PA will continue to accept new applications via telephone Helpline & online portal. Attorneys and staff are working remotely to assist clients and those faced with legal issues.

## Walk-in intake is temporarily canceled.

NORRISTOWN, PA—Implementing guidelines to protect staff and clients during the COVID-19 public health threat, Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (LASP) remains open to provide free legal services in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties. LASP, a nonprofit law firm that has served the region since 2001, continues to accept applications through its toll-free telephone Helpline (877-429-5994) and online application portal (www.lasp.org/applyhere). Walk-in intake is canceled at all locations through at least March 27, 2020. Attorneys continue to represent all current clients.

"LASP provides essential services to the region, and we will continue to be a resource for the community during this difficult time," said Shawn Boehringer, Executive Director. "The coronavirus outbreak will not stop domestic violence, housing and custody issues. Lower wage workers now unable to work will need access to safety-net benefits and advice. While we are taking significant precautions to keep our staff and clients safe and limit contact with the public, our capacity to utilize technology to assist clients enables us to continue to offer services to those in need."

LASP has implemented the following temporary measures through March 27, 2020 (this date may be extended, based on local, state and federal guidelines about coronavirus):

- Walk-in intake at all offices is temporarily canceled.
- To apply for LASP's free civil legal services, call the toll-free telephone
   Helpline at 877-429-5994 Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or
   apply online 24/7 at <a href="www.lasp.org/apply-here">www.lasp.org/apply-here</a>. LASP helps people in
   cases related to domestic violence, public benefits, housing, consumer
   and bankruptcy, employment, health, wills/powers of attorney,
   juvenile and elder law cases.
- LASP advocates will continue to represent all current clients at court and administrative hearings that remain on court schedules. LASP is closely monitoring the scheduling decisions made by the county courts.
- Advocates continue to provide legal assistance to clients while working remotely.
- Community education events and clinics organized by LASP between now and March 27 are POSTPONED, with plans to reschedule them when the public health crisis has subsided.
- Current clients who have questions about their case may contact their attorney via email or phone.