

Our Mission

Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.[®] is a not-for-profit corporation established to provide access to the justice system to low-income people and other vulnerable populations who have civil legal problems.

Our Services

LawNY[®] provides free legal assistance to residents of 14 counties in western New York. We help people with civil legal issues such as housing, education, employment, family, health, consumer, and public benefits.

LawNY[®] has a special grant to provide civil legal services to victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. As part of this grant, LawNY[®] can provide services to college students who have been victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking.

Can LawNY[®] Help Me? Call Toll-Free: (866)341-7733

The only way to find out if we can help you is to call us. We will keep confidential any personal information that you give to our office. We will not share your information with other people or agencies, unless you ask us to do so.

Our Policy

LawNY[®] does not discriminate based on actual or perceived gender, pregnancy, race, color, national origin, citizenship, ancestry, religion, creed, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, military status, domestic violence victim status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, sexual orientation, parental status, a prior criminal record, gender identity or any other consideration prohibited by law.

As part of our Legal Assistance for Victims grant project, LawNY[®] will not exclude victims from receiving services based on their actual or perceived age, immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health condition, physical health condition, criminal record, work in the sex industry, or the age and/or gender of their children.



Legal Assistance of
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Legal Assistance for Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

Call Toll-Free:
(866) 341-7773

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What Can LawNY® Do for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault?

LawNY® provides comprehensive legal services for survivors of sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, and stalking who may face a variety of civil legal issues as a result of being victimized.

We receive a Legal Assistance for Victims grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to provide these services.

Our attorneys and paralegals are specially trained to address the civil legal needs of survivors of sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, and stalking. Our first priority is victim/survivor safety.

Even if the problem you have is not listed, please call to see if we can help you.
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Project advocates are trained to listen carefully to each client's story, explain the legal options, and respect the client's choices.

Services Offered by LawNY®

Legal advice and representation about civil legal issues that are related to the abuse or violence, including (but not limited to):

- Family Law
 - Orders of Protection
 - Child Custody/Visitation
 - Child Support
 - Divorce
- Housing
 - Eviction defense
 - Housing relocation
 - Public and subsidized housing
- Financial
 - Debts caused by abuser
- Employment
 - Workplace accommodations
 - Discrimination
 - Unemployment insurance
- Health
 - Medical bills
 - Medicaid or insurance access
- Public Benefits
 - Public assistance, food stamps (SNAP) benefits
 - Social Security Disability/SSI
- Immigration/U-visas
- Education**
- Name change
- Wills, health care proxies, powers of attorney

**For college students, we can provide representation to the victim in the college administrative investigation and disciplinary process regarding complaints of sexual assault, domestic or dating violence or stalking.

Services Offered by Partners

LawNY® partners with 14 domestic violence and sexual assault service provider agencies across western New York. We are able to make direct and confidential referrals to our partners. Services that our partner agencies offer include:

- Crisis Intervention
 - Shelter Referrals
 - Crisis Counseling
- Supportive Services
 - Safety Planning
 - Needs Assessments
 - Individual Counseling
 - Group Counseling
 - Advocacy through various stages of administrative, civil and criminal proceedings
- Health Services
 - Direct health services
 - Accompaniment to the hospital and other medical providers
- Training and Programming
 - Community Trainings
 - Professional Trainings
- LGBTQ Services and Resources

All services are free and confidential