



# Community Legal Resources

## Legal Services

### Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas

817-336-3943 (Main)

972-542-9405 (McKinney)

469-351-0024 (Dallas Community Lawyering Center)

888-529-5277 (Aid Line-General Civil Help)

[www.lanwt.org](http://www.lanwt.org)

- Provides aid in civil matters such as bankruptcy, family law, discrimination, and other related legal fields to low-income and disadvantaged people

### Equal Justice Center

800-853-4028 (Main / Worker Justice)

888-670-6854 (DACA)

[www.equaljusticecenter.org](http://www.equaljusticecenter.org)

- Legal aid to low-income people, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, seeking employment justice, such as recovering lost wages
- Legal help to undocumented students and graduates applying for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) also provided

### Texas A&M University School of Law- Low Income Tax Clinic

817-212-4123 (Main)

<https://law.tamu.edu/legal-assistance/low-income-tax-clinic>

- Helps low-income taxpayers resolve their issues with the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) such as disagreements over filed returns and other related matters

### Rockwall County Bar Association

214-665-4150

[www.rockwallbar.com](http://www.rockwallbar.com)

- Provides educational opportunities on the law and the court system, possibility of free and reduced rate legal services provided by members, and networking opportunities
- To join: must be a practicing attorney in good standing with the State Bar of Texas

## Veteran Services

### Texas Veterans Legal Assistance Program

1-800-622-2520 option 2

<https://www.tlsc.org/veterans>

- Free aid to low-income veterans, spouses, or dependents regarding civil matters such as military benefits, federal/state public benefits, employment, disability, and other issues along with consumer protection from creditors

## Child Abuse Services

### Children's Advocacy Center

469-745-8200

<https://rockwallcac.org/>

- Multi-agency coordinated handling of child physical and sexual abuse cases



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## Domestic Abuse Services

### Women in Need

972-772-3000 (Rockwall)

903-454-4357 (HELP) (24 hr hotline)

[www.wintexas.org](http://www.wintexas.org)

- Counseling, information, referrals, emergency shelter, prevention education services, legal help with protective orders, divorces, and custody for domestic and partner abuse victims

### Texas Advocacy Project

800-374-4673 (HOPE) (Hope Line)

866-598-4277 (Pro Bono Attorney Line)

<https://www.texasadvocacyproject.org/>

- Hope Line: legal aid and resources to victims of stalking, sexual assault, and domestic violence
- Pro Bono Attorney Line: Aid to attorneys with pro bono domestic cases
- Both open Monday-Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm

### Advocates for Victims of Crime

888-343-4414

844-303-7233 (SAFE) option 2

<https://www.tlsc.org/crimevictims>

- Free legal representation, referrals, victim rights' education, pro se help, assistance with crime victim compensation claims, and other services to violent crime victims

### The Family Place

214-941-1991 (24 hr hotline)

<https://familyplace.org/>

- Provides emergency shelter, counseling centers, medical care, job and skills training, educational programs for children, and other help for family violence victims
- Services are provided in English and Spanish

### Brighter Tomorrow

972-262-8383 (24 hr hotline)

<https://www.brightertomorrow.net/>

- Emergency safe shelter for domestic violence and sexual assault victims
- Other services include counseling, life skills education, job readiness and career planning, child care, dating violence prevention, and many others

## Child Support/Custody

### Texas Attorney General - Child Support

866-292-4636

<http://www.txaccess.org/>

- Legal information, education, and resources on access, visitation, custody, paternity determination, child support orders, and modifications or enforcements
- Open Monday-Friday from 1:00pm-5:00pm

### CPS Family Helpline

844-888-6565

[www.tlsc.org/practiceareas](http://www.tlsc.org/practiceareas)

- Provides legal information regarding Texas Child Protective Services questions only (example- service plans or legal terms)
- Helpline available Monday-Friday 9:00am-6:00pm

## Victim Services

### Texas Vine (Victim Information and Notification Everyday)

1-877-894-8463

<https://vinelink.com/classic/#/home/state/TX>

- Informs victims of any court or jail changes regarding a suspect or offender



### **Crime Victims' Compensation Program**

800-983-9933

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims/crime-victims-compensation-program>

- Financial aid to crime victims and their immediate families for counseling, medical treatment, or other crime related services
- Eligibility information on website

## Immigration Services

### **Refugee And Immigrant Center For Education And Legal Services (RAICES)**

210-226-7722 (Main)

214-295-9554 (Downtown Dallas)

214-919-0736 (North Dallas)

[www.raicestexas.org](http://www.raicestexas.org)

- Offers pro-bono representation, low-cost residency and citizenship services, and social services to low-income immigrants

### **Human Rights Initiative of North Texas**

214-855-0520

<https://hrionline.org/>

- Legal and social services for immigrants and asylum seekers

### **Justice for Our Neighbors DFW**

817-310-3820 (Main)

972-231-1005 (Richardson)

<https://www.jfondfw.org/>

- Free immigration services and educational opportunities

## Human Trafficking

### **Poiema Foundation**

469-757-8888

[www.poiemafoundation.org](http://www.poiemafoundation.org)

- Provides educational opportunities regarding sexual exploitation and, with a faith-based foundation, provides for the needs of survivors

## Disability Services

### **Legal Hospice of Texas**

214-521-6622

[www.legalhospice.org](http://www.legalhospice.org)

- Free council, representation, and advocacy to low-income people with a terminal illness or HIV who have a related civil issue
- Handles areas in estate planning, insurance, employment, housing, credit, and public benefits

### **Disability Rights Texas**

800-252-9108 (Main)

214-630-0916 (North Texas)

[www.DRTx.org](http://www.DRTx.org)

- Representation and advocacy for disability rights problems

### **National Veterans Legal Services Program**

202-265-8305

<https://www.nvlsp.org/>

- Helps veterans and active duty military receive their governmental benefits resulting from a service related disability



### **Texas Department of Insurance- Division of Worker's Compensation**

800-252-7031 option 1

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/index.html>

- Employee hotline and other resources for job-related disabilities

### **Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County**

972-771-9514

<https://rockwallmealsonwheels.org/>

- Provide nutritious daily meals, personal interactions, and supportive services to senior citizens and the disabled to keep them safely living in their homes as long as possible

## Social Services

### **Rockwall County Juvenile Services**

972-204-7450

<https://www.rockwallcountytexas.com/145/Juvenile-Services>

- Professional services to at-risk youth and their families, protects and serves the public, and aids in victim restitution
- Duties include handling law enforcement referrals, counseling services, supervising youth on probation, and other services

### **Legal Hotline for Texans**

800-622-2520 option 3

<https://www.tlsc.org/practiceareas>

- Provides advice on civil law matters such as advance directives, public benefits, and other topics and suggests government/nonprofit services or other resources to those 60 or older

### **Helping Hands**

972-771-1655

<https://rockwallhelpinghands.com>

- Helps those with financial problems and provides low cost primary medical services to the underserved

### **Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Texas**

903-458-9386 (Main)

<https://begreatnext.org/>

- After-school program where children can participate in engaging activities, receive homework help, or use other needed resources
- Open from 2:30pm-6:30pm Mondays-Friday

To find more community resources, visit these sites.

[TexasLawHelp.org](https://www.texaslawhelp.org/)  
/find-legal-help

[TexasLegalAnswers.org](https://www.texaslegalanswers.org/)  
Free Online Legal Clinic