# Legal Assistance Resource List

This list provides information about legal assistance, advocacy services, and lawyer referral services. This list is not exhaustive. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and its employees cannot provide recommendations on which resource, if any, you should choose. This list is made available to parents in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act (PFDA). 34 C.F.R. § 300.507(b) and Minn. Stat. § 121A.47. subd. 2(f)(1). Please note: MDE is not endorsing or vouching for any person or organization on this list. If you or your organization would like to be added to this list, please contact MDE at 651-582-8689 or mde.assistance-compliance@state.mn.us.

*\*“Income restrictions” indicates that clients must meet the organization’s financial eligibility guidelines. Please contact the organization if you have questions about financial eligibility.*

# [Disability Law Center at Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid](https://mylegalaid.org/)

| **Disability Law Center Locations** | **Service Area** | **Contact Information** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Minneapolis Office430 First Avenue North, Suite 300Minneapolis, MN 55401-1780 | Provides statewide services to people with disabilities on issues associated with disabilities in the Twin Cities metro area.*\*No income restrictions* | 612-334-5970800-292-4150TTY: 612-332-4668 |
| Duluth Office403 Alworth Building306 West Superior StreetDuluth, MN 55802 | Provides statewide services to people with disabilities on issues associated with disabilities.*\*No income restrictions* | 800-292-4150 |
| Fertile OfficeP.O. Box 572Fertile, MN 56540 | Provides statewide services to people with disabilities on issues associated with disabilities.*\*No income restrictions* | 800-292-4150 |
| Mankato Office12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 3000-AMankato, MN 56001 | Provides statewide services to people with disabilities on issues associated with disabilities.*\*No income restrictions* | 800-292-4150 |

## [Anishinabe Legal Services](https://alslegal.org/our-mission.html)

| **Anishinabe Legal Services** **Locations** | **Service Area** | **Contact Information** |
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| Mailing Address:P.O. Box 157Cass Lake, MN 56633 | Residents living on or near the Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth Reservations in northwestern Minnesota.*\*Income restrictions* | 218-335-2223800-422-1335 |
| Cass Lake Office (Central Office)411 First Street NorthwestCass Lake, MN 56633 |  | 218-335-2223 |
| Red Lake OfficeRed Lake Agency, Room 18Highway 1 WestRed Lake, MN 56671 |  | 218-335-2223 x113 |
| White Earth OfficeWhite Earth Judicial Complex35500 Eagle View RoadWhite Earth, MN 56591 |  | 218-335-2223 x114 |

## [Central Minnesota Legal Services](https://www.centralmnlegal.org/)

| **Central Minnesota Legal Services Locations** | **Service Area** | **Contact Information** |
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| Minneapolis Office111 North 5th Street, Suite 402Minneapolis, MN 55403 | Residents of Hennepin and Anoka Counties.*\*Income restrictions* | 612-332-8151 |
| St. Cloud Office110 Sixth Avenue South, Suite 205St. Cloud, MN 56301 | Residents of Benton, Chisago, Isanti, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright Counties.*\*Income restrictions* | 320-253-0138 |
| Willmar Office415 Seventh Street Southwest, Suite 101Willmar, MN 56201 | Residents of Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Swift, and Renville Counties.*\*Income restrictions* | 320-253-0138 |

## [Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota](https://lasnem.org/)

| **Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota Loca****tions** | **Service Area** | **Contact Information** |
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| Brainerd Office324 South 5th Street, Suite ABrainerd, MN 56401 | Residents of Crow Wing, Cass, and Aitkin Counties.*\*Income restrictions* | 218-829-1701800-933-1112 |
| Duluth Office302 Ordean Building424 West Superior StreetDuluth, MN 55802 | Residents of Carlton, Cook, Lake, and southern St. Louis Counties.*\*Income restrictions* | 218-623-8100800-933-1112 |
| Grand Rapids Office350 Northwest 1st AvenueSuite FGrand Rapids, MN 55744 | Residents of Itasca County.*\*Income restrictions* | 218-322-6020800-933-1112 |
| Pine City Office1015 Hillside Avenue SouthwestSuite 4Pine City, MN 55063 | Residents of Pine and Kanabec Counties.*\*Income restrictions* | 320-629-7166800-933-1112 |
| Virginia/Iron Range OfficeOlcott Plaza, Suite 200820 North 9th StreetVirginia, MN 55792 | Residents of northern St. Louis, Lake, and Koochiching Counties*\*Income restrictions* | 218-749-3270800-933-1112 |

## [Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS)](https://www.smrls.org/get-help/legal-services/education/)

| **Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services Location** | **Service Area** | **Contact Information** |
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| 400 Alliance Bank Center55 East 5th StreetSt. Paul, MN 55101 | Serving the 33 counties of southern Minnesota, including the east and south metro.*\*Income restrictions* | 651-222-5863877-696-6529 |

## [Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota](https://lsnmlaw.org/)

| **Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota Locations** | **Service Area** | **Contact Information** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Alexandria Office426 Broadway StreetAlexandria, MN 56308 | Residents of Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wadena Counties*\*Income restrictions* | 320-762-0663800-450-8585 |
| Bemidji Office215 4th Street NorthwestBemidji, MN 56619 | Residents of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnomen Counties.*\*Income restrictions* | 218-751-9201800-450-8585 |
| Moorhead Office1015 7th Avenue NorthMoorhead, MN 56561 | Residents of Becker, Clay, Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, and Wilkin Counties.*\*Income restrictions* | 218-233-8585800-450-8585 |

## [Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid](https://mylegalaid.org/)

| **Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid Locations** | **Service Area** | **Contact Information** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Minneapolis Office111 North Fifth Street, Suite 100Minneapolis, MN 55403 | Serves Minnesotans in the 20 counties of central Minnesota, including Hennepin.*\*Income restrictions* | 612-332-1441800-292-4150 |
| St. Cloud Office110 Sixth Avenue South, Suite 200St. Cloud, MN 56301 | Serves Minnesotans in the 20 counties of central Minnesota, including Hennepin.*\*Income restrictions* | 320-253-0121888-360-2889 |
| Legal Services Advocacy Project970 Raymond Avenue, Suite G-40St. Paul, MN 55114 |  | 651-222-3749800-292-4150 |
| Willmar Office415 Southwest 7th StreetP.O. Box 1866Willmar, MN 56201 | Serves Minnesotans in the 20 counties of central Minnesota, including Hennepin.*\*Income restrictions* | 320-235-9600888-360-3666 |

## [Legal Rights Center](https://www.legalrightscenter.org/)

| **Legal Rights Center Location** | **Service Area** | **Contact Information** |
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| 1611 Park Avenue SouthMinneapolis, MN 55404 | The Legal Rights Center states that its mission is to provide the highest quality criminal defense and restorative justice services to low-income people, in particular people of color. Its focus is Hennepin County, its priority is juveniles, and its services are at no cost. | 612-337-0030 |

# Advocacy Services

These services protect and advocate for the legal rights of persons with disabilities.

| **Organization** | **Services** | **Contact Information** |
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| [**The ARC of Minnesota**](https://arcminnesota.org/)641 Fairview Avenue NorthSt. Paul, MN 55104 | The ARC of Minnesota promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, actively supporting them and their families in a lifetime of full inclusion and participation in their communities. | 952-920-0822833-450-1494 |
| [**Autism Society of Minnesota (AuSM)**](https://ausm.org/)2380 Wycliff Street, #102St. Paul, MN 55114 | AuSM provides you with resources so you can learn and make choices that best serve the needs of your loved one with autism | 651-647-1083 |
| [**PACER Center**](https://www.pacer.org/)8161 Normandale BoulevardBloomington, MN 55437 | PACER Center provides statewide assistance to individual families, workshops, materials for parents and professionals, and leadership in securing a free appropriate public education for all children. PACER’s work affects and encourages families in Minnesota and across the nation. | 952-838-9000 |
| [**National Alliance on Mental Illness**](https://namimn.org/)NAMI-Minnesota1919 University Avenue WestSuite 400St. Paul, MN 55104 | NAMI Minnesota champions justice, dignity, and respect for all people affected by mental illnesses. Through education, support, and advocacy, they strive to eliminate the pervasive stigma of mental illness, affect positive changes in the mental illness system, and increase the public and professional understanding of mental illnesses. | 651-645-2948 |

# Lawyer Referral Services

These services may be contacted to request a referral to an attorney who specializes in representing parents in the area of education law. If you select a referred attorney, you may wish to check to see if a referral or consultation fee is charged. You and your attorney will negotiate any legal fees you may owe.

| **Organization** | **Services** | **Contact Information** |
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| [**The Minnesota State Bar Association**](https://www.mnbar.org/public-resources)600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 380Minneapolis, MN 55402 | The Minnesota State Bar Association has resources on legal topics and can provide information on how to find a lawyer. | 612-333-1183800-882-6722 |
| [**LawHelpMN.org**](https://www.lawhelpmn.org/) | A website with fact sheets about legal topics, links to legal aid offices and free legal clinics, do-it-yourself legal forms, and other resources. |  |
| [**Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN)**](https://www.vlnmn.org/) | Statewide legal services available for low-income people through a network of legal clinics and volunteer attorneys. Spanish legal services available. Assistance can range from brief advice to screening for full representation depending on income level, county of residence, legal issue, and merits of the case. | 612-752-6677 (intake by phone available Monday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) |
| [**Dakota County Legal Referral**](https://mn.gov/law-library/research-links/legal-referrals/dakota.jsp)**s**15025 Glazier Avenue, Suite 201Apple Valley, MN 55124 | Legal Assistance of Dakota County provides free legal representation and advice to low-income people for civil legal problems and offers an attorney referral services through the Dakota County Bar Association. | 952-431-3200 |
| [**Minnesota Lawyer Referral and Information Service**](https://www.mnlawyerreferral.org/public-area)600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 380Minneapolis, MN 55402 | The Minnesota Lawyer Referral and Information Service (MNLRIS) connects persons with legal issues to qualified private attorneys practicing in many areas of law. | 612-752-6699An Online Self-Referral form is also available – [visit the website](https://www.mnlawyerreferral.org/public-area).  |
| [**Attorney Referral Service of Ramsey County**](https://msbawebtest.mnbar.org/ramsey-county-bar-association/member-center/attorney-referral-service-of-ramsey-county) | The Attorney Referral Service of Ramsey County assists callers in finding an attorney who practices in the area of law that best fits the caller’s needs and offers a Modest Means Program for low-to-moderate income individuals in Ramsey County and surrounding areas.  | 651-222-0846 |
| [**Minnesota State Law Library**](https://mn.gov/law-library/research-links/legal-referrals/)G25 Minnesota Judicial Center25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. BoulevardSt. Paul, MN 55155 | The State Law Library has compiled lists of legal referrals by county and by subject. | 651-297-7651TTY: 1-800-627-3529 |

# Private Attorneys

You and your attorney may negotiate any legal fees you may owe.

| **Organization** | **Services** | **Contact Information** |
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| [**Kane Education Law, LLC**](http://www.kaneeducationlaw.com/)420 Summit Avenue, Suite 306St. Paul, MN 55102 | Statewide | 651-222-8611 |
| [**School Law Center, LLC**](https://schoollawcenter.com/)452 Selby AvenueSecond Floor EastSt. Paul, MN 55102 | Statewide | 651-222-6288 |

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