

# JUSTICE FOR ALL

## IN ACTION

In 2017, 10,432 cases were filed in Yellowstone County District court. Ordinary Montanans often must navigate complex legal situations on their own.

# 10,432



Fewer than 1 in 10 low or moderate income Montanans who need civil legal help receive it.

This number includes people who are...



### In Yellowstone County in 2017:

# 1,291

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) handled 540 cases, helping 1,291 people and their family members.

97% of MLSA clients living in Yellowstone County increased their knowledge of the legal system, their legal rights, and how to solve their legal problems as a result of receiving civil legal aid.



# 5,691

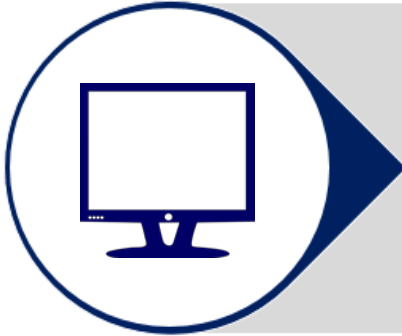
5,691 people living in Yellowstone County accessed [MontanaLawHelp.org](http://MontanaLawHelp.org) to find free legal information and forms.

The Aging Services Bureau served a total of 609 senior Montanans, including 97 people living in Yellowstone County.



Montana's Court Self Help Law Centers provided 16,182 customer services statewide, helping thousands of people access free legal forms and information. The Billings Self Help Law Center provided 4,487 customer services in Yellowstone County.

## Civil Legal Aid in Yellowstone County



### ONLINE CIVIL LEGAL RESOURCES

**www.MontanaLawHelp.org** provides free civil legal information and legal forms to anyone who needs it. There is no income requirement.

**AskKarla.org** gives users the opportunity to ask basic legal questions and receive legal advice from volunteer pro bono attorneys. Users must meet income requirements.



### PRO BONO SERVICES

The **Yellowstone Area Bar Association** and **MLSA** partner to provide pro bono legal services to low income clients living in Yellowstone County.

**MLSA's Phone Advice Program** connects pro bono attorneys with clients living anywhere in the state, including in Yellowstone County. To receive pro bono services, clients should apply to MLSA.



### FREE LEGAL CLINICS

**MLSA supports Legal Clinics** that connect clients with pro bono attorneys on a regular basis in many towns and communities.

MLSA's Billings Office supports a Family Law Legal Clinic with the Yellowstone Area Bar Association twice a month.

To take part in a clinic, clients should apply to MLSA.



### MONTANA LEGAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION

MLSA's **Billings Office** provides free legal information, advice, and representation to qualified clients anywhere in the state. To apply, call 1-800-666-6899 or visit [www.mtlsa.org](http://www.mtlsa.org).

**MLSA attorneys also conduct regular circuit rides** to rural communities in order to provide in-person civil legal services and routinely travel throughout the state to represent clients in court.



### LOCAL SERVICES

The **Billings YWCA** offers free civil legal advice and advocacy for survivors of domestic violence, assault, and stalking. Survivors can call 406-254-4472 to access these services.

**Yellowstone County Self-Help Law Center** helps users find legal information and forms to address their legal problems on their own. Located at 216 9<sup>th</sup> St, Billings, MT 59101.