# JUSTICE FOR ALL

### IN ACTION

In 2017, 1,815 cases were filed in the Twentieth Judicial District court, which includes Sanders and Lake Counties.
Ordinary Montanans often must navigate complex legal situations on their own.

1,815



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

This number includes people who are...

Children Seniors Veterans Disabled Victims of Abuse Minimum wage workers

## In Sanders and Lake Counties in 2017:

202

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) handled 88 cases, helping 202 people and their family members.

**96%** of **MLSA** clients living in Sanders and Lake Counties 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.



1,181

**1,181** people living in Sanders and Lake Counties accessed **MontanaLawHelp.org** to find free legal information and forms.

The **Aging Services Bureau** served **609** senior Montanans, including **41** people living in Sanders and Lake Counties.





Montana's **Court Self Help Law Centers** provided **16,182** customer services statewide, helping thousands of people access free legal forms and information.

# Montana Legal Services Association in Sanders and Lake Counties



#### 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 Twentieth Judicial District Bar Association and MLSA partner to provide pro bono legal services to low income clients living in Sanders and Lake Counties.

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



#### **CIRCUIT RIDES**

MLSA attorneys regularly travel to rural communities in order to provide in-person civil legal services and to represent clients in court.

These services mean that no client has to go without legal representation because of where in the state they live.



#### **LOCAL OFFICES**

MLSA's Helena, Missoula, and Billings Offices provide 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.

Safe Harbor and Sanders County Coalition for Families provide legal services to domestic violence survivors in Sanders and Lake Counties. Call 883-3350 for Safe Harbor or 827-3218 for SCCFF.