# JUSTICE FOR ALL

## IN ACTION

In 2017, 1,668 cases were filed in the Ravalli County District court. Ordinary Montanans often must navigate complex legal situations on their own.

1,668



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 Ravalli County in 2017:

346

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) handled 131 cases, helping 346 people and their family members.

**98%** of **MLSA clients** living in Ravalli 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.



719

**719** people living in Ravalli County accessed **MontanaLawHelp.org** to find free legal information and forms.

The **Aging Services Bureau** served **609** senior Montanans, including people living in Ravalli County.





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 Ravalli 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 Western Montana Bar Association and MLSA partner to provide pro bono legal services to low income clients living in Ravalli County, along with Missoula and Mineral 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.