# JUSTICE FOR ALL

#### IN ACTION

In 2017, 1,288 cases were filed in the Seventh Judicial District court, which includes McCone, Richland, Dawson, Prairie, and Wibaux Counties. Ordinary Montanans must often navigate complex legal situations on their own.

1,288



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 McCone, Richland, Dawson, Prairie, and Wibaux Counties in 2017:

83

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) handled 31 cases, helping 83 people and their family members.

**100%** of **MLSA clients** living in McCone, Richland, Dawson, Prairie, and Wibaux 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.



681

**681** people living in McCone, Richland, Dawson, Prairie, and Wibaux Counties accessed **MontanaLawHelp.org** to find free legal information and forms.

The **Aging Services Bureau** served a total of **609** senior Montanans, including people living in McCone, Richland, Dawson, Prairie, and Wibaux Counties.





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

### Montana Legal Services Association in McCone, Richland, Dawson, Prairie, and Wibaux 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 Richland County Bar Association and MLSA partner to provide pro bono legal services to low income clients living in McCone, Richland, Dawson, Prairie, and Wibaux 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 civil legal assistance to qualified clients living anywhere in the state. To apply, call 1-800-666-6899 or visit www.mtlsa.org.

The Dawson County Domestic Violence Program offers legal assistance to domestic violence survivors living in the Seventh Judicial District. For services, call 377-6477.