# JUSTICE FOR ALL

### IN ACTION

In 2017, 961 cases were filed in the Twelfth Judicial District court, which includes Liberty, Hill, and Chouteau Counties. Ordinary Montanans often must navigate complex legal situations on their own. 961



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 Liberty, Hill, and Chouteau Counties in 2017:

168

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) handled 70 cases, helping 168 people and their family members.

**99%** of **MLSA clients** living in Liberty, Hill, and Chouteau 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.



659

**659** people living in Liberty, Hill, and Chouteau 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 Liberty, Hill, and Chouteau 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 Liberty, Hill, and Chouteau 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 Twelfth Judicial District Bar Association and MLSA partner to provide pro bono legal services to low income clients living in Liberty, Hill, and Chouteau 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. An MLSA Domestic Violence Attorney travels to the Rocky Boy's Reservation every other Tuesday.

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.

MLSA and the Bullhook Community Health Center partner to provide free legal information, advice, and representation to qualified patients. Interested patients should talk to their healthcare provider.