

How Can a Lawyer Help?

A Lawyer Can...

- Listen to your concerns and help you figure out what you want.
- Help you understand how the law applies to your situation and help you make an informed plan.
- Help you decide if you want to report a violation of your rights in a criminal, civil or academic proceeding.
- Negotiate on your behalf to get the support and services that you need to overcome an assault or to ensure that your privacy is protected.
- Represent you in court and/or out of court to accomplish your goals.

The Legal Project

The Legal Project is a non-profit law firm dedicated to making the law more accessible and understandable for those in need. For more than twenty one years we have represented individuals in an array of civil matters emphasizing the major issues in life such as: family, housing, education, immigration and safety.



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LEGAL SERVICES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

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What is Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking includes both Labor and Sex Trafficking. Human Trafficking is when someone uses force, fraud, or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, or obtain a person for labor services or a commercial sexual act. For a person under 18, force, fraud, or coercion is not required for Sex Trafficking.

Indicators of Human Trafficking include:

- Working long and unusual hours
- Paid little or not at all
- · Not free to come and go
- · Owes a large debt to employer
- Not in control of identification documents (e.g. passport, license)
- · Not allowed to speak for themselves

How Can a Lawyer Help Me?

The Legal Project offers free and confidential consultations with an attorney who will listen to you and help you learn about what avenues the law gives you. We can answer legal questions and offer representation in certain areas. We can provide a wide range of services for issues such as:

- · Orders of Protection
- Immigration
- Family Law issues such as Custody, Support and Divorce
- Reporting to Law Enforcement
- Victim's Rights in Prosecutions
- Employment and Wages
- Public Benefits
- and more

Our program does not provide crisis services to survivors. If you need to talk to someone immediately regarding human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1 (888) 373-7888. You can also reach out to one of these local hotlines.

Albany County

- Albany County Crime Victims & Sexual Violence Center (518) 447-7716*

- Equinox, Inc. (518) 432-7865*

- In Our Own Voices (518) 432-4341

Rensselear County

- Sexual Assault and Crime Victims Assistance Program (518) 271-3257*

- Unity House (518) 272-2370*

Saratoga County

Wellspring Inc.
(518) 584-8188*

Schenectady County

Victim Advocacy Services of Planned
 Parenthood Mohawk Hudson*

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- YWCA of NorthEastern New York* (518) 374-3386

*Hotline avilable 24 hours/day 7 days/week