
Disaster Legal Services

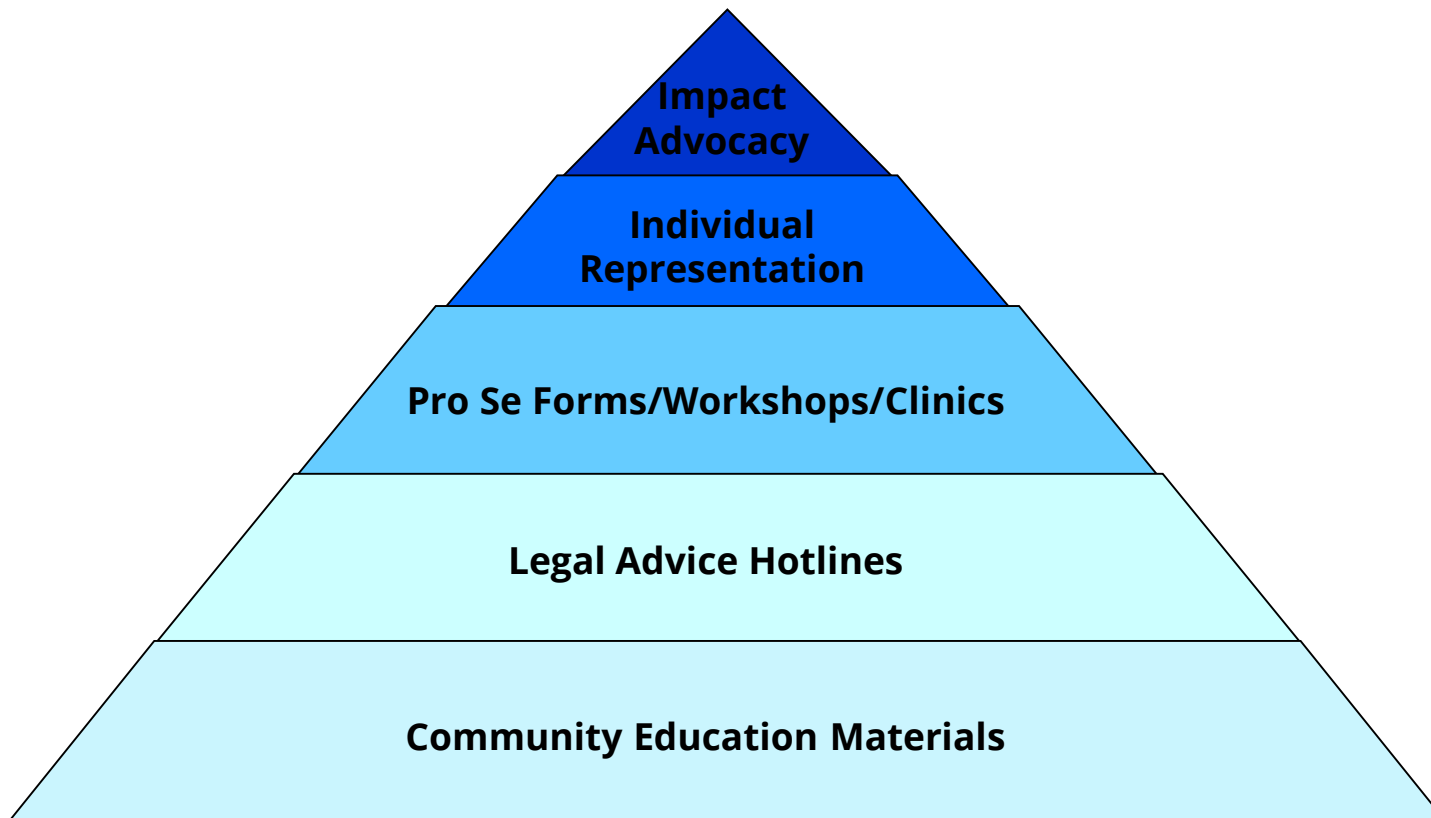
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What is Legal Services?

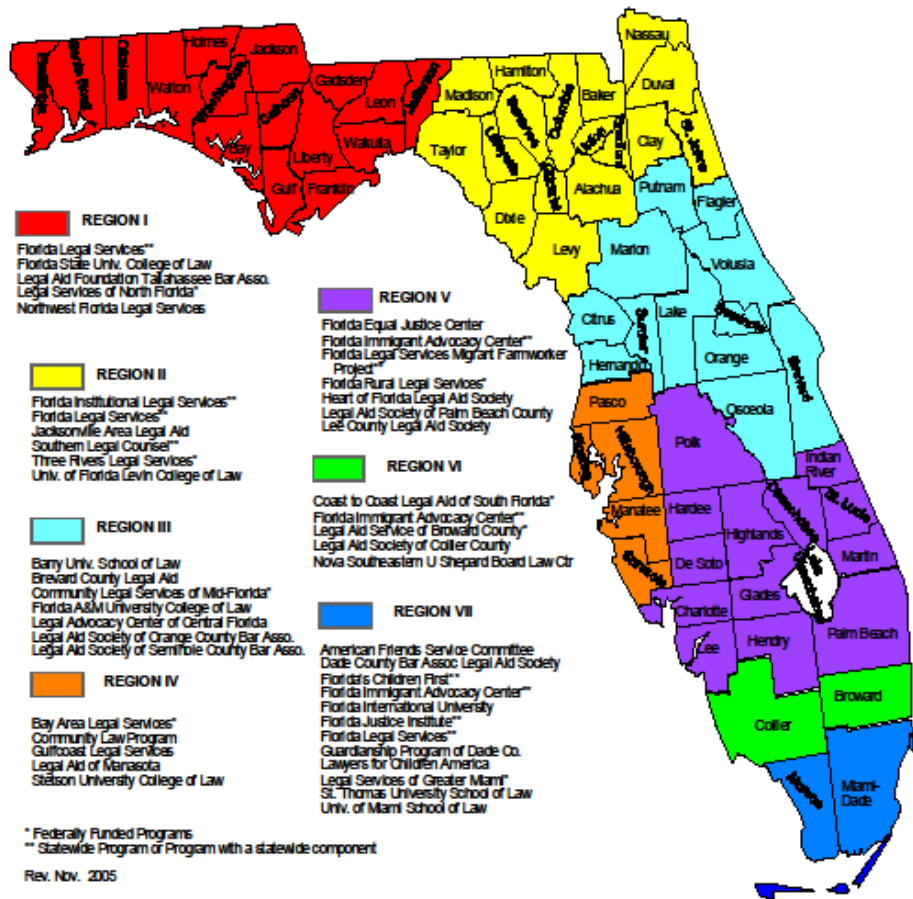
Legal Issues - Generally

- Housing
- Debt and Consumer Issues
- Education Law and Services
- Elder Law
- Public Benefits
- Family Law
- Taxes
- Civil Rights
- Employment
- And more...

Levels Of Client Service



Legal Services Delivery System



REGION I

Florida Legal Services**
 Florida State Univ. College of Law
 Legal Aid Foundation Tallahassee Bar Assn.
 Legal Services of North Florida
 Northwest Florida Legal Services

REGION II

Florida Institutional Legal Services**
 Florida Legal Services**
 Jacksonville Area Legal Aid
 Southern Legal Counsel**
 Three Rivers Legal Services**
 Univ. of Florida Levin College of Law

REGION III

Barron Univ. School of Law
 Brevard County Legal Aid
 Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida**
 Florida A&M University College of Law
 Legal Advocacy Center of Central Florida
 Legal Aid Society of Orange County Bar Assn.
 Legal Aid Society of Seminole County Bar Assn.

REGION IV

Bay Area Legal Services**
 Community Law Program
 Gulfcoast Legal Services
 Legal Aid of Minnesota
 Stetson University College of Law

REGION V

Florida Equal Justice Center
 Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center**
 Florida Legal Services Migrant Farmworker Project**
 Florida Rural Legal Services**
 Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society
 Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County
 Lee County Legal Aid Society

REGION VI

Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida*
 Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center**
 Legal Aid Service of Broward County**
 Legal Aid Society of Collier County
 Nova Southeastern U Shepard Board Law Ctr

REGION VII

American Friends Service Committee
 Dade County Bar Assoc Legal Aid Society
 Florida's Children First**
 Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center**
 Florida International University
 Florida Justice Institute**
 Florida Legal Services**
 Guardianship Program of Dade Co.
 Lawyers for Children America
 Legal Services of Greater Miami**
 St. Thomas University School of Law
 Univ. of Miami School of Law

* Federally Funded Programs
 ** Statewide Program of Program with a statewide component

Legal Issues - Post-Disaster

- Housing
- Debt and consumer issues
- Education Law and Services
- Elder Law
- Public Benefits
- Family Law
- Taxes
- Civil Rights
- Employment
- And more...

FLS Response to Hurricanes Irma & Michael

Florida Legal Services

Florida Legal Services is a statewide public interest law firm working to advance economic, social, and racial justice. We advocate for poor, vulnerable, and hard to reach people through impact litigation, legislative and administrative advocacy, education, and strategic partnerships.



Pre-disaster Services



Nasa.gov image of Hurricane Irma approaching Florida

Post-Disaster Services

- Operated a statewide disaster hotline - live calls providing legal assistance & connecting people with their local legal aid programs for extended representation
- Conducted trainings for legal service and pro bono attorneys to respond to legal needs
- Conducted know your rights trainings and outreach in impacted communities
- Filed a lawsuit to expand access to the DSNAP Program



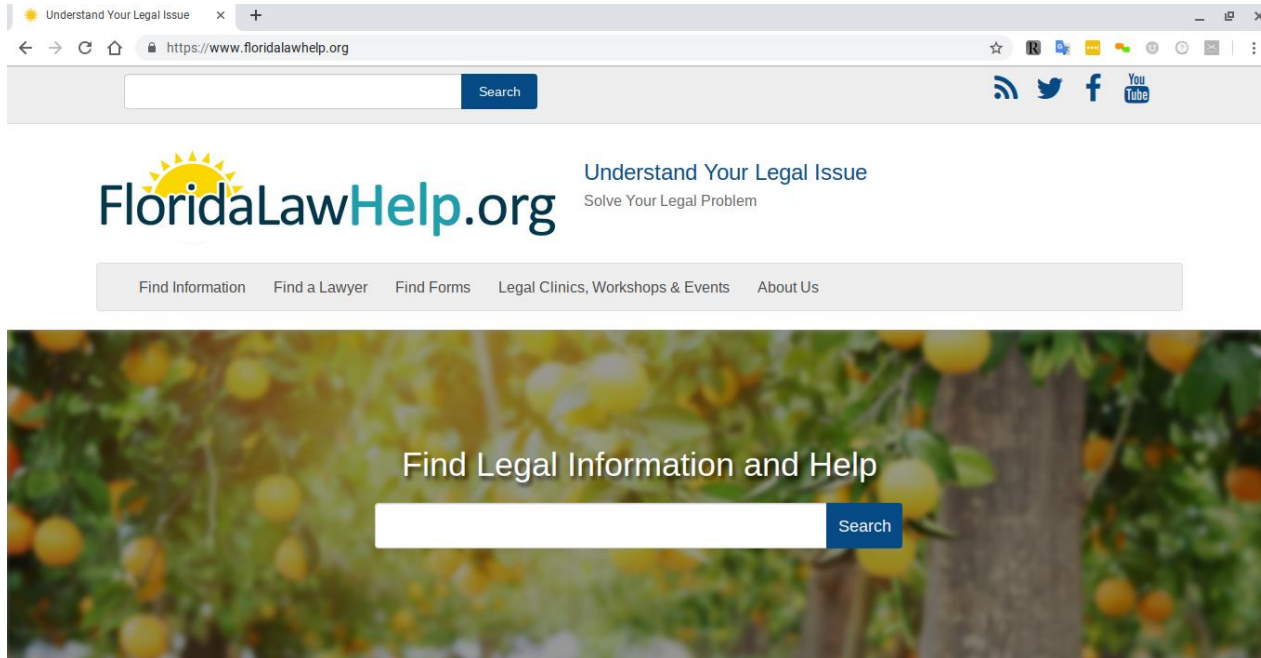
Long-Term Recovery

- Continue operating a statewide disaster and disaster recovery hotline
- Monitoring CDBG-DR/Rebuild Florida implementation
- Policy Advocacy at the state and federal level



Statewide Resources

Resources




The image shows a screenshot of a web browser displaying the FloridaLawHelp.org website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.floralawhelp.org>. The website header features the FloridaLawHelp.org logo, which includes a sun icon, and the text "Understand Your Legal Issue" and "Solve Your Legal Problem". Below the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: "Find Information", "Find a Lawyer", "Find Forms", "Legal Clinics, Workshops & Events", and "About Us". A search bar is located in the top right corner of the browser window, and a larger search bar is centered on the page with the text "Find Legal Information and Help" above it. The background of the page is a blurred image of an orange tree.

Understand Your Legal Issue x +

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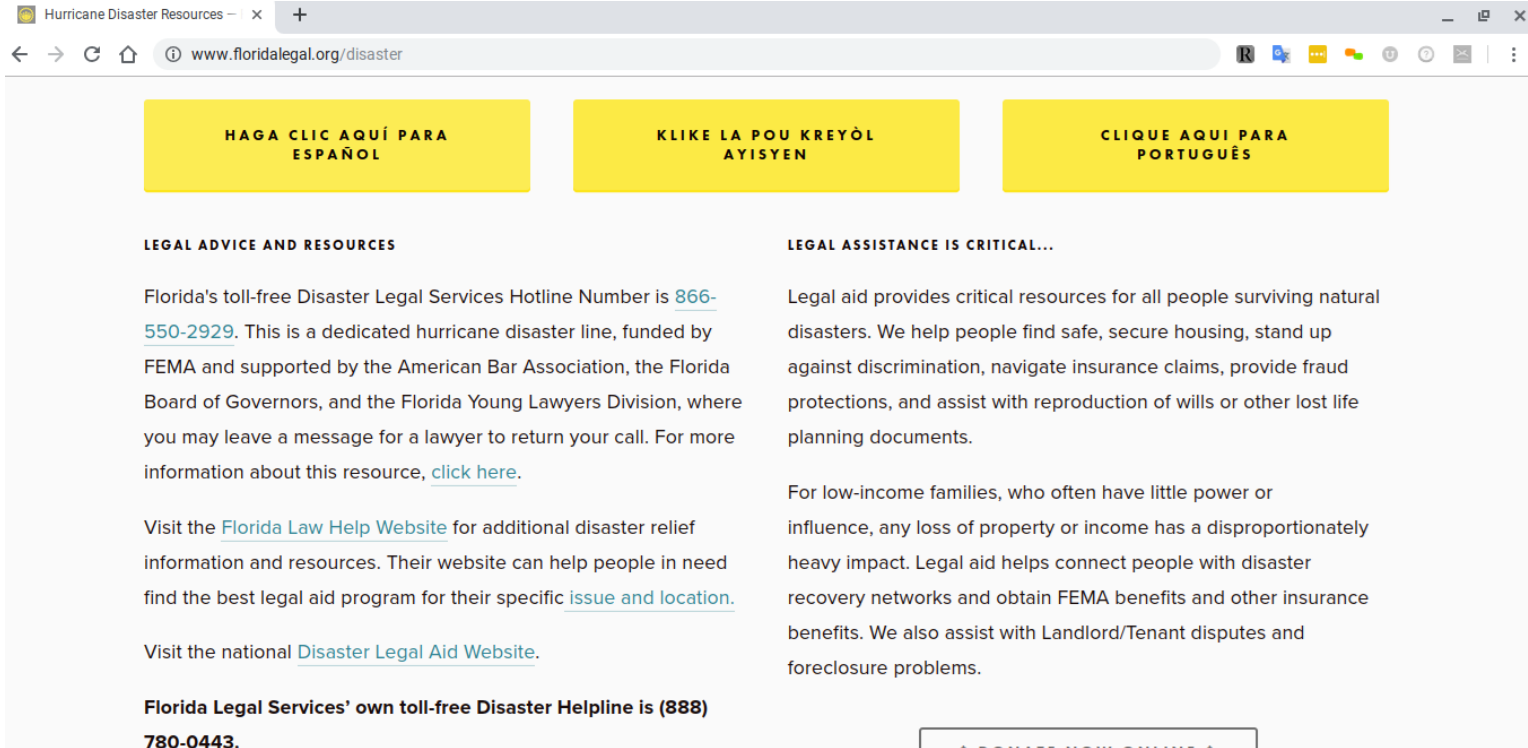
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Resources (cont.)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.floridalegal.org/disaster. The page features three yellow buttons for language selection: "HAGA CLIC AQUÍ PARA ESPAÑOL", "KLIKE LA POU KREYÒL AYISYEN", and "CLIQUE AQUI PARA PORTUGUÊS". Below these are two columns of text. The left column, titled "LEGAL ADVICE AND RESOURCES", provides information about a toll-free disaster legal services hotline (866-550-2929) and links to the Florida Law Help Website and the national Disaster Legal Aid Website. The right column, titled "LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS CRITICAL...", explains the importance of legal aid for disaster survivors, particularly for low-income families, and lists the types of assistance provided, such as finding safe housing, navigating insurance claims, and obtaining FEMA benefits.

Hurricane Disaster Resources

www.floridalegal.org/disaster

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LEGAL ADVICE AND RESOURCES

Florida's toll-free Disaster Legal Services Hotline Number is [866-550-2929](tel:866-550-2929). This is a dedicated hurricane disaster line, funded by FEMA and supported by the American Bar Association, the Florida Board of Governors, and the Florida Young Lawyers Division, where you may leave a message for a lawyer to return your call. For more information about this resource, [click here](#).

Visit the [Florida Law Help Website](#) for additional disaster relief information and resources. Their website can help people in need find the best legal aid program for their specific [issue and location](#).

Visit the national [Disaster Legal Aid Website](#).

Florida Legal Services' own toll-free Disaster Helpline is (888) 780-0443.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS CRITICAL...

Legal aid provides critical resources for all people surviving natural disasters. We help people find safe, secure housing, stand up against discrimination, navigate insurance claims, provide fraud protections, and assist with reproduction of wills or other lost life planning documents.

For low-income families, who often have little power or influence, any loss of property or income has a disproportionately heavy impact. Legal aid helps connect people with disaster recovery networks and obtain FEMA benefits and other insurance benefits. We also assist with Landlord/Tenant disputes and foreclosure problems.

[DONATE NOW ONLINE](#)

Resources (cont.)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the National Disaster Legal Aid Resource Center. The browser address bar displays the URL <https://www.disasterlegalaid.org>. The website features a dark navigation bar with a search bar and a 'GO' button. The main header includes the text 'National Disaster Legal Aid RESOURCE CENTER' and a 'powered by probono net' logo. A navigation menu lists 'Home', 'News & Alerts', 'Advocacy Center', 'Disaster Preparedness', and 'About Us'. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains three large, colorful buttons: 'Do You Need Legal Help?' (orange), 'Are You a Legal Aid Professional?' (teal), and 'Are You an Attorney Who Can Help?' (green). The middle column features a news article titled 'Lone Star Legal Aid and Pro Bono Net Launch the National Disaster Legal Aid Advocacy Center', dated May 10, 2018. The right column is a sidebar titled 'ACTIVE DISASTER QUICK LINKS' with sections for 'IOWA SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING 2019' and 'NEBRASKA SEVERE WINTER STORM, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND FLOODING 2019'. Each section includes a phone icon, a document icon, and a 'more info' link.

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National Disaster Legal Aid RESOURCE CENTER

Do You Need Legal Help?

Are You a Legal Aid Professional?

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Lone Star Legal Aid and Pro Bono Net Launch the National Disaster Legal Aid Advocacy Center

In 2018, Pro Bono Net and Lone Star Legal Aid developed this practice area for DisasterLegalAid.org to help address a nationwide need to network public interest legal advocates working on disaster legal aid and other

Disaster Legal Services News

[Before the flood: How to plan and design proactive buyout programs that work, May 10](#)

[Local lawyers helping Texans prepare for hurricane season, May 4](#)

ACTIVE DISASTER QUICK LINKS

IOWA SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING 2019

- Iowa severe storms and flooding Hotline: 1-833-885-9876
- Iowa severe storms and flooding

[more info](#)

NEBRASKA SEVERE WINTER STORM, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND FLOODING 2019

- Nebraska Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding Hotline: 1-833-885-9876
- Nebraska Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding English Release
- Nebraska Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding Spanish Release

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