



LEGAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

2021

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, specific hours and availability may be subject to change. Call before seeking services

Name & Location	Phone Number	Days/Hours	Services Provided
Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission Veterans Memorial Bldg. 50 2 nd Ave. Bridge 7 th floor Cedar Rapids, IA 52401	General: 319-286-5036 Fax: 319-343-1109 Email: civilrights@cedar-rapids.org	Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM.	Investigates complaints of discrimination in the areas of employment, public accommodation, housing, credit and education. Provides education about discrimination. Includes issues within the city limits of Cedar Rapids and Marion. For other areas, refer to Iowa Civil Rights Commission. http://www.cedar-rapids.org/local_government/city_boards_and_commissions/civil_rights_commission.php
Catholic Charities: Immigration Legal Services 420 6 th St SE, Ste. 220 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401	319.364.7121	Monday – Thursday 8:30 AM – 5 PM Friday 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM	Catholic Charities' Immigration Legal Services (ILS) program provides affordable immigration legal services to immigrants and refugees of all faiths and backgrounds. The ILS program assists immigrants with family-based immigration applications, such as green card, citizenship, DACA, employment authorization, petitions for visa relatives, VAWA petitions, U visas, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (this is not an exhaustive list). The initial legal consultation is FREE. Please contact our office to schedule your free legal consultation. https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/immigration-legal-services
Child Support Recovery 411 3rd Street SE, Ste. 200 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401	319-398-3619 Fax: 515-564-4126 Automated: 888-229-9223	Local assistance: Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM State Child Support: Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM	Provides assistance in establishment and recovery of child support. Education on specifics of child support topics. Provides ability to use debit and credit cards on site to pay and receive child support as of Dec. 1, 2014. A person can check if payment has been received through the automated system. Serving Linn and Iowa County. Johnson County is handled by Clinton County CRS. http://www.childsupport.ia.gov
Iowa Civil Rights Commission Grimes State Office Bldg. 400 E. 14 th St. 1 st floor Des Moines, IA. 50319	515-281-4121 800-457-4416 Fax: 515-242-5840	Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM.	The Iowa Civil Rights commission is a neutral, fact-finding law enforcement agency. The mission of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission is to end discrimination within the state of Iowa. To achieve this goal, the ICRC must effectively enforce the Iowa Civil Rights Act. The Commission's primary duty is to enforce state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination in employment, public accommodations, housing, education and credit by investigating and litigating civil rights complaints. The Commission also provides conflict resolution services including mediation and conciliation for civil rights matters. In addition to its role as a law enforcement agency, the Commission works to prevent discrimination by providing training and education to the public. http://www.state.ia.us/government/CRC

For more information regarding community resources, contact United Way 2-1-1 on a landline telephone at 2-1-1, by cellphone at 319-739-4211, or 1-866-469-2211. You may also choose to search the new United Way 2-1-1 website for resources at www.211iowa.org.
 To obtain a copy of the Resource Charts, go to www.linncounty.org/communityservices or contact Linn County Community Services at 319-892-5600. For questions about the Resource Charts, contact Linn County Community Services at 319-892-5600.

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Iowa Concern Phone Service and online live chat offered through Iowa State University Extension Office	800-447-1985	Phones are answered 24/7.	Provides free legal information over the phone and through an online live chat feature. https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/legal.html
Iowa Judicial Branch	Resource operates online only www.iowacourts.gov		Provides access to various court forms including divorces with children, divorces without children, child support modification, name changes and others.
Iowa Legal Aid 317 7 th Ave. SE, Ste. 404 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401	319-364-6108 or 800-532-1275	In person assistance available Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Free legal services for persons who meet income and asset guidelines for non-criminal legal problems such as:
	Hotline for Older Iowans: 800-992-8161 Spanish (Español): 800-532-1275	New intakes taken by phone: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 11AM & 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM <i>Not Thursday afternoons</i>	<u>EDUCATION</u> Special education issues, expulsions from school, denial of enrollment or discrimination within the educational system. <u>CONSUMER PROBLEMS</u> Utility shut-off, debt collection issues, garnishments, etc. <u>FAMILY LAW</u> Protective orders for victims of domestic abuse, divorce and custody matters that involve domestic abuse, and other family law matters that involve domestic abuse. <u>EMPLOYMENT</u> Unemployment and employment discrimination issues. <u>HEALTH</u> Medicaid, Medicare, problems in health care facilities and health insurance issues. <u>HOUSING</u> Federally subsidized housing rights, eviction, remedying housing defects, housing discrimination and mortgage foreclosure. <u>INCOME MAINTENANCE</u> issues related to FIP, Food Stamps, General Relief, Veterans Benefits, SSI, and Unemployment benefits. <u>INCOME TAX</u> issues primarily for persons with English as a second language. <u>CONFLICT/CONTROVERSY</u> with the IRS <u>INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS</u> of persons who have mental or physical disabilities, rights of migrants and seasonal farm workers, rights of persons with HIV/AIDS) <u>ISSUES</u> for returning veterans
	COVID 19 Legal Advice Hotline: 1-800-332-0419	Online Live Chat: www.iowalegalaid.org	
	Derecho Legal Advice Hotline: 1-877-469-2259	If an emergency, new applications are accepted at any time. Interpreters provided. Apply online anytime.	
Iowa Mortgage Help Hotline	877-622-4866	Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-4 PM [closed 12-1 PM for lunch] Friday 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM Walk-in hours may vary due to COVID restrictions.	Provides a one-stop statewide service to Iowa residents facing any type of mortgage difficulties or foreclosure. Consumers are provided with case management services that coordinate housing counseling, negotiation, and legal advice and assistance. The goal is to prevent the loss of homes in difficulty or foreclosure. Iowa Mortgage Help (IMH) is a partnership between Iowa Legal Aid, and HUD-certified housing counseling agencies in Iowa. This hotline also provides credit counseling help. Those who are seeking financial assistance to pay off their mortgage should look to www.iowahousingrecovery.com . More info on the program can be found at: http://www.iowamortgagehelp.com
Iowa State Bar Association Find-A-Lawyer Service	Resource operates online only http://www.iowafindalawyer.com		Provides online service with names of attorneys in your area that handle your type of legal matter. If you should decide to meet with this attorney, there will be a fee of \$25 for the first half-hour. The fee after the first half-hour will be between you and that attorney.

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Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice c/o Lovely Lane United Methodist Church 2424 Forest Ave Ste. 101 Cedar Rapids, IA 50311	515-255-9809 Fax: 515-619-5779	Monday-Friday: 9 AM-4:30 PM Assistance available in Cedar Rapids by appointment only	Legal clinics are generally held monthly and appropriate accommodations are made for COVID. Iowa MMJ provides free and low-cost legal advice by licensed attorneys at the clinic, assists clients throughout their immigration case. Iowa MMJ advocates for fairer laws for, and better treatment of, those who seek refuge in our communities. HTTP://www.iowammj.org
Kids First Law Center 420 6th Street SE, Ste. 160 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401	319-365-5437 Fax: 319-366-3308	Call to inquire about service. Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM	Kids First provides professional mediation for parents in joint parenting sessions, helping parents find common ground and resolve issues related to custody, parenting, and visitation. Kids First is a safe, neutral site where parents can conduct exchanges for visitation times. In addition, Kids First provides legal representation of school-aged children in high-conflict custody and divorce situations. Appointment of a Kids First attorney is through the courts. Kids First also holds the required "Kids First Workshop" for children ages 6-16 of divorcing parents. The workshop helps kids understand and cope with their parent's separation and divorce. http://www.kidsfirstiowa.org
University of Iowa Legal Clinic 380 Boyd Law Building Melrose & Burlington St. Iowa City, IA 52242-1113	319-335-9030 Email: law-legal-clinic@uiowa.edu	Call for Appointment. Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 12 PM & 1 PM - 5 PM	Clinical law services in areas of employment, consumer and disability law, and domestic violence. Limited immigration law. Screening for cases they handle and available attorneys. No income criteria. http://www.law.uiowa.edu/clinic