Daniel’s story
Life-Saving Medical Treatment

Daniel was a preteen when he was diagnosed with a rare medical condition. Nevada Medicaid denied him coverage for a medical procedure because they deemed it experimental. Legal Aid took the case to appeal the denial of medical services. Staff attorney learned from the doctors that the medical treatment is not considered experimental in the field. It was merely offered by a limited number of hospitals. Legal Aid appealed the denial, scheduled the administrative hearing, and paid substantial fees for two doctors to travel to Nevada and testify at Daniel’s hearing. The doctors’ testimony made all the difference and the Administrative Law Judge overturned the denial. Daniel was able to get treatment, including three surgeries and a transplant. Daniel is alive and well today. Without treatment, he likely would have died after a few years spent in terrible pain.

Legal Aid attorneys can literally say they saved a life that day – achieving an enormous, life-altering outcome for Daniel and his family.

Return on Investment of Legal Aid is High

Starting with $18 million in combined funding from court filing fees, Federal and state grants, Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA), and events and donations, Legal Aid generates $128 million in economic impact – a seven to one return.

Services delivered through Legal Aid can generate economic impacts that generate $25 million in income from Federal sources such as Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance payments and Medicare and Medicaid revenue. Nevada awards over $1 billion in financial support to families in need, saving significant dollars for Nevada and local communities.

Successful case closures through Medicare, Medicaid, veterans’ benefits and child support are generated, totaling $15 million. Successful cases win cases for Nevadans that generate $25 million in income from Federal sources such as Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance payments in meritorious cases, saving significant dollars for Nevada and local communities.

Legal Aid generates valuable outcomes, including the avoidance of costs associated with legal aid services like advanced directives which eliminate unwanted medical treatment, saving $18 million. Foreclosure and eviction prevention which avoid government spending and emergency housing save $16 million. Preventing domestic violence saves $25 million in law enforcement and medical treatments save $4 million.

Legal Aid attorneys help people who needed help, not just told me what next.

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Maria’s story
From At-Risk to Protected

Maria and her children are safe. Guidance from Legal Aid speeds court dockets, benefiting all court customers.

I wanted to thank Legal Aid for connecting me with great legal help when my significant other assaulted our children. This has been a long journey for me and I am not sure how things would have ended without help. I have a very difficult time when it comes to seeking legal assistance and overwhelmed by the whole process. I was told a free Legal Aid Lawyer session that ‘would need our help to get the order of protection for my children’. I knew I needed an attorney. Not having any contact information and not knowing who to call, I contacted Legal Aid. A friendly and knowledgeable, strong, detail oriented, who would hear my request and actually do something to help me, not just tell me what next. Legal Aid heard my plea and saw that I needed help. Not having any experience in family law, I needed someone who was knowledgeable, strong, detail oriented; who would hear my voice, my concerns and be willing to help me, not just tell me what next.

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Maria, Legal Aid client

Two of the biggest, unseen financial and social impacts of Legal Aid are keeping employees on the job and kids in school.

* Source: The Resource for Great Programs, U.S. Department of Commerce

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Legal Aid helped 35,000 Nevadans struggling to make ends meet by...

✓ Saving a family home from foreclosure due to a job layoff or medical catastrophe
✓ Protecting a woman and child against domestic violence
✓ Offering an abused or neglected child a voice in their future
✓ Defending against consumer fraud or the financial abuse of a senior
✓ Assisting a loving adult with a minor guardianship or adopting a child
✓ Winning hard-earned benefits for a veteran

Legal Aid solves problems and saves money by...

✓ Obtaining Federal income for qualifying residents who otherwise are likely to lose their case and need to rely on State or local taxpayer-subsidized services
✓ Reducing domestic violence emergency law enforcement and medical costs
✓ Avoiding foreclosure costs to local governments and stabilizing neighborhood values
✓ Preventing eviction and the costs of emergency shelter
✓ Providing advanced directives avoiding unwanted medical treatments
✓ Increasing local spending through qualified income subsidies

Legal Aid is how JUSTICE FOR ALL gets delivered regardless of ability to pay

✓ The reality is that 76% of all civil legal needs of struggling Nevadans go unmet
✓ Many lose in court, not because they did something wrong, but simply because they didn’t get the legal help they needed
✓ 84% of voters believe it is important for democracy to ensure everyone has access to the civil justice system
✓ You can support the cause of Legal Aid assistance...

$7 ROI
(Return on Investment)

For every dollar spent on Legal Aid

Access to justice means everybody has an equal opportunity to seek a fair remedy

With more resources we can protect more Nevadans in need.

Help Legal Aid tear down the Justice Barrier...

Share what you learned with colleagues, friends and family
Encourage the law firm you work with to take civil pro bono cases
Vote for officials and measures you believe will help
Partner with legal aid, sponsor an event, or make a donation

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