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# NEW ORLEANS COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE



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### About Using This Guide

Our intention with our resource guides is to increase public access in the New Orleans area to services that are free or low-cost. Most of our listings are for locations in Orleans & Jefferson Parishes. Our staff & volunteers check the information for all of the listed services for accuracy every 2-6 months. Most agencies that state they have a sliding scale require proof of income (i.e. check stubs, W2 forms, letter from person supporting you and their check stub, etc.). Usually they will require an ID and/or a utility bill to verify your address. If you have a question about costs, services or eligibility, call ahead.

## **Justice & Legal Aid**

### **Advocacy Center**

(504)522-2337 Toll free: 800-960-7705; Spanish Ext. 2001; Vietnamese Ext. 2002 [www.advocacyla.org](http://www.advocacyla.org)  
8325 Oak St., New Orleans

M-F 9-5

Legal aid advocacy services to persons living in Louisiana that are ages sixty and older, or are living with disabilities. Provides legal representation, counseling, information & referral.

Free; Call for more info

*Spanish spoken? Y, Se habla espanol, Vietnamese spoken*

### **Anti-Public Corruption**

(504)524-7000

1615 Poydras, Suite 1060, New Orleans

Program seeks to hold public officials accountable. Accepts reports of corruption, mismanagement, and unethical behavior by government. Call hotline to make reports or for more info.

Free

*Spanish spoken? N*

### **BreakOUT!**

(504) 473-2651, [www.facebook.com/youthBreakOUT](http://www.facebook.com/youthBreakOUT), [www.youthbreakout.org](http://www.youthbreakout.org)

1001 S. Broad, Ste. 217 (under Broad St. bridge), New Orleans

Drop-in hours vary, call ahead to set up a meeting time. BreakOUT! meetings Wednesdays at 6.

Youth organizing, leadership development, healing justice programs for LGBTQ youth (ages 13-24) who are impacted by the juvenile and criminal justice system; Official intake site for the office of the independent police monitor; Resource referrals for LGBTQ youth, including transgender-specific resources and support.

Free

*Spanish spoken? N*

### **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) New Orleans**

(504)522-1962

1340 Poydras #2120, New Orleans

Trains & provides volunteer court-appointed advocates for abused and neglected children in Orleans Parish who have already been removed and are in the foster care system. Accepting volunteers.

Free

*Spanish spoken? N*

### **Common Ground Free Legal Clinic**

(504)717-7324, [www.commongroundrelief.org](http://www.commongroundrelief.org)

1800 Deslonde St. (Anita Roddick Advocacy Center), New Orleans

T & W 9-3, Th & F 12-7, Sat 12-4

Provides information and assistance on the following issues: successions, divorce, wills, contractor issues, expungement of criminal records and other civil legal matters. Also provides notary services.

Free; Call for appt T-F, Drop in on Sat.

*Spanish spoken? N*

### **Community Justice Clinic**

504-861-5600 <http://www.loyno.edu/lawclinic/law-clinic-client-eligibility>

M-F 8:30-4:30

Loyola law student legal clinic providing legal services to the indigent of New Orleans.

Free; Call for appt.

*Spanish spoken? Y, Se habla espanol*

**Critical Resistance Community Legal Clinic**

504-304-3784 CRNO@criticalresistance.org www.criticalresistance.org

Assistance in clearing criminal records and free criminal legal advice. To volunteer, participate, or otherwise support the CR-NOLA Community Legal Clinic, please contact the office. Also takes complaints of police misconduct.

Free; Email or check website for info on new location

*Spanish spoken? N*

**Friends & Families of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children**

(504) 522-5437 ext 239, (504) 522-5430 fax, www.ffflic.org

1600 Oretha C. Haley Blvd, New Orleans

Advocacy and education for families & friends of children involved in or targeted by the juvenile justice system, advocacy for youth in New Orleans public schools facing expulsion or suspension. New Orleans Chapter Meetings are held monthly in the office, call for dates & times.

Call for more info

*Spanish spoken? N*

**Innocence Project New Orleans**

504-943-1902, info@ip-no.org, www.ip-no.org

3301 Chartres St., New Orleans, 70117

In Louisiana and Mississippi, the two states with the highest incarceration rates in the world, Innocence Project New Orleans frees innocent prisoners, exposes injustice and prevents wrongful convictions.

For more information on requesting assistance visit: <http://www.ip-no.org/how-we-take-cases>

If you call the office you will only receive the same information on our Web site. We only accept written applications directly from prisoners wanting help – they can write to us at 3301 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70117.

Free, only represents applicants who cannot pay; See website for info

*Spanish spoken? N*

**Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana**

504.522.5437, Fax: 504.522.5430, <http://jjpl.org/>

1600 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., New Orleans

Resources for supporting & organizing young people and transforming the juvenile justice system.

Advocacy for youth in prisons and detention (including LGBT youth in the juvenile justice system), and youth in New Orleans public schools facing expulsion, suspension and school arrest.

Call for info

*Spanish spoken? Y*

**Juvenile Regional Services**

(504) 207-4JRS (4577), Fax: (504) 267-4789, <http://jrsla.org/home/>

1820 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 205, New Orleans

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court public defenders. Services include Trial Representation, Dispositional Planning, Appellate Representation, Social Work, Employment Referrals, Advocacy, Service Referrals.

Call for info

*Spanish spoken? N*

**Louisiana Civil Justice Center**

(800) 310-7029

M-Th 10-5

Legal service hotline, referrals, counseling on civil cases. Applications must be filled out over the phone to determine eligibility.

Free

*Spanish spoken? Y, Se habla español*

**Orleans Public Defenders**

(504)821-8101

2601 Tulane Ave, Ste. 700, New Orleans, 70119

Provides legal representation to indigent defendants accused of committing crimes in the Orleans Parish.

Call for info

*Spanish spoken? N*

**Patient Advocate Foundation**

800-532-5274; [www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)

M-Th 8-8, F 8:30-7 EST

Assistance to patients with specific issues they are facing with their insurer, employer and/or creditor regarding insurance, job retention and/or debt crisis matters relative to their diagnosis of life threatening, chronic or debilitating diseases. Mediation on behalf of patient. Case management, assistance with transportation, housing and other costs.

Free

*Spanish spoken? Y, upon request*

**Pro Bono Project Program**

(504)581-4043

615 Baronne Street, Suite 203, New Orleans

M-F 8:30-4:30

Civil legal services for indigent persons in the greater NO area.

Free for those who qualify; Call for appt

*Spanish spoken? Y, by appt.*

**Safe Streets Strong Communities**

(504) 522-3949, [www.safestreetsnola.org](http://www.safestreetsnola.org)

1600 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd, New Orleans

Mission is to transform the New Orleans Criminal Justice System into one that creates safe streets and strong communities for everyone, regardless of race or economic status.

Free; Call for mtg days and times.

*Spanish spoken? N*

**Southeast Louisiana Legal Services**

504-529-1000 (Orleans, St. Bernard and Eastbank Jefferson Parishes; 504-340-1381 (Westbank Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Charles Parishes); [www.slls.org](http://www.slls.org)

M-F 8:30-5

Legal aid in civil matters (no criminal) for low income people, including domestic violence, divorce (no community partitions), custody, housing/landlord-tenant, employment/unemployment, food stamps, SSI, Medicaid, successions, title clearing, tax sales, foreclosure counseling and defense, other homeownership problems, IRS tax disputes, oil spill issues, bankruptcy, consumer debt/fraud. Free if qualified and case is accepted. Call for appointments or outreach sites. Evictions should come in without appointment ASAP.

Free; Call for appt. *Spanish spoken? Y, Se habla espanol; also Vietnamese, Chinese, and other languages.*

**Southern Poverty Law Center - Immigrant Justice Project**

(800)591-3656, 404-521-6700; [www.splcenter.org/legal/ijp.jsp](http://www.splcenter.org/legal/ijp.jsp)

M-Th 9-8; F 9-6; Leave a message 24 Hours a Day

Manages migrant-worker cases, dealing with wages, health and safety, sexual harrasment.

Free; Call for consultation

*Spanish spoken? Y, Se habla espanol, also interpreters for Portuguese, Hindi*

**Southern Poverty Law Center - School-to-Prison Reform Project**

(504) 486-8982, [www.spicenter.org](http://www.spicenter.org)

1055 St.Charles Ave, Ste 505, New Orleans, 70130

M-F 9-5; Leave a message 24 Hours a Day

Provides legal and advocacy services to at risk youth on education related matters.

Free; Call for consultation

*Spanish spoken? Y, can arrange for interpreters for other languages*

**Tulane Law School Clinic**

(504)865-5153

6329 Freret St. Suite 130, New Orleans

M-F 8:30-5

Department of the Tulane Law School. Provides civil & criminal legal services to indigent people when appointed by a judge/court.

Free

*Spanish spoken? N*

**Youth Empowerment Project**

504-522-1316, [www.youthempowermentproject.org](http://www.youthempowermentproject.org)

1604 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., New Orleans

M-F 9-5

Advocacy, intensive aftercare, and case management services to New Orleans youth involved in the juvenile justice system. Mainly taking court referrals, call or see website for further resources. GED & literacy program also (NOPLAY).

Free

*Spanish spoken? N*