Colorado Legal Services opens over 800 cases in November 2023

Alamosa office now at a new location

Dec. 29, 2023 (DENVER) – Colorado Legal Services <u>opened 851</u> cases to provide legal help to low-income Coloradans in November and reports it opened more than 10,000 cases in 2023 so far. Colorado Legal Services is Colorado's statewide legal aid nonprofit.

"During the holiday season, many of us have a heightened awareness of the challenges our unhoused and low-income neighbors are facing," said Matt Baca, executive director of Colorado Legal Services. "Representation in civil matters in court is critical to keeping people in their homes, and eviction notices don't stop during the holidays. We are committed to helping the season remain joyful for community members who need our help."

Colorado Legal Services also announced this month that its Alamosa office has moved and is open to welcome walk-in applicants at a new location at 715 Main Street in downtown Alamosa. Learn more about Colorado Legal Services offices, which stretch from La Junta in eastern Colorado to Durango and Grand Junction on the western slope, up to Fort Collins and Greeley in northern Colorado, on its website, coloradolegalservices.org.

The top concerns from Coloradans in November were housing (396), family and safety (193), and consumer (86) matters. Housing matters could include defending against evictions; negotiating rent agreements with landlords to help people stay in their homes; helping tenants learn their rights regarding security deposits and conditions impacting the habitability of their homes; and directing clients to rental assistance and community resources. Family and safety matters include representation of domestic violence survivors in divorce, custody, and protection order matters.

About us

Colorado Legal Services is Colorado's statewide nonprofit legal aid program providing civil legal assistance—which does not include criminal or traffic matters—to low-income individuals and older Coloradans throughout the state. Its 13 offices provide free legal assistance in a broad variety of legal areas, including eviction defense, consumer protection, services to survivors of serious crime and human trafficking, representation for domestic violence survivors, and many others.

Almost 1.4 million Coloradans qualify financially for CLS's services. CLS's current staff of 85 attorneys and 48 paralegals is supplemented by a robust private attorney involvement program. Learn more at www.coloradolegalservices.org.

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