

Dear MHA:

Thank you for all that the MHA has done for me (and others). I was helped by your team to obtain disability benefits... I am now living far more comfortably in my “own skin” not having to try to work. I am much healthier.

A huge thank you to all of you.
—A.A.

LEGAL SERVICES FROM MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES

Advocacy. Guidance. Education. Answers. For more than 60 years, Mental Health Advocates has provided all of that and more to individuals and families living with mental illness in our community.

If you are a WNY resident living with mental illness and you require legal services, contact us today.

We are here to listen. We are here to help.

OTHER MHA SERVICES

Information & Referral Service

Family Support Program

Basic Emotional Skills Training (BEST)

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Workplace Well-being

Youth Peer Advocates

Community Outreach and Education

Support Groups



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Individuals and families living with the challenges of mental illness often sustain economic and social hardships. Legal Services of Mental Health Advocates offers pro bono (free) civil legal services to help those get the representation they need.

Residents who live in Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans or Cattaraugus counties and have a mental health diagnosis are eligible for services*.



Call (716) 886-1242 to speak with the legal advocate of the day, Monday–Friday, 8:30am–4:30pm.

*no fee for our services

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SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY/ SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

- Appeal of Benefit Denial
- Continuing Disability Review
- Overpayments
- Assistance with Initial SSD/SSI Applications

HOUSING LAW

- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Evictions
- Section 8 Informal Hearing

FAMILY LAW

- Child Support Modifications
- Custody/Visitation
- Divorces

CONSUMER LAW

- Bankruptcy Advisement
- Harassment from Collectors
- Student Loan Discharges

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MATTERS

- Temporary Assistance
- Food Stamps
- Medicaid/Medicare

community partners

Legal Services has enabled thousands of people impacted by mental illness to live independently by advocating for their basic rights and linking them to appropriate community agencies for support.

MHA Legal Services currently collaborates with CLARO (Civil Legal Advice & Resource Office) and Restoration Society, Inc. Additionally, Legal Services utilizes all MHA resources and those of other members of the Care Management Coalition.

Legal services also available at these locations:



CLARO

Tuesdays,
4:00 PM–7:00 PM

45 Jewett Avenue
Suite 250
Buffalo, NY 14214



RESTORATION SOCIETY EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY

Third Tuesday
of Every Month,
11:00 AM–2:00 PM

327 Elm Street
Buffalo, NY 14202