



APPOINTMENTS

Appointments are necessary. Call the Law Services office closest to you.

Nassau County

Hempstead Office

1 Helen Keller Way - 5th Floor
Hempstead, NY 11550-3903 ...**(516) 292-8100**
FAX Number**(516) 292-6629**
Volunteer Lawyers Project**(516) 292-8299**
FAX Number**(516) 292-2618**

Suffolk County

Islandia Office

(serves Suffolk West of Route 112)
1757 Veterans Highway - Suite 50
Islandia, NY 11749-1535.....**(631) 232-2400**
FAX Number**(631) 232-2489**

Riverhead

(serves East of Route 112)
400 West Main Street, Suite 301
Riverhead, NY 11901-2840.....**(631) 369-1112**
FAX Number.....**(631) 369-1612**

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The Education and Disability Rights Project works exclusively with individuals who have disabilities, their families, and support networks. We understand the challenges you face.

We know how crucial legal assistance is for persons who are struggling with issues relating to their disability.

Early legal intervention is often the most effective way to resolve an issue before it becomes complicated. If you have a question regarding your legal rights, call Nassau Suffolk Law Services.

Our services are free of charge. Call us. We can help!

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Suffolk **(631) 232-2400**



Education and Disability Rights Project



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to Create a Just World***



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NASSAU SUFFOLK LAW SERVICES COMMITTEE, INC. or “LAW SERVICES”

is a non-profit, community based poverty law program that provides legal assistance in civil (non criminal) matters to low income, disabled, and disadvantaged persons throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Our goal is to provide quality legal services in a manner that respects the individual’s dignity and helps ensure that each person is afforded the full protection and benefits of the law.

Established in 1966, Law Services was one of the first Legal Services Corporation programs in New York State.

The program is committed to helping disadvantaged persons vindicate their rights under the law. It provides free legal services in thousands of cases every year as well as community education and legal support to hundreds of community based and religious organizations that work with the poor and persons with disabilities.

The staff is comprised of attorneys, paralegals, social workers and support staff. The social work component is a unique feature of the program and is based on the recognition that some of our clients may need special support and services to manage and deal effectively with the legal system.

Many staff members are outstanding experts in their field and have been recognized at a state and national level for the quality and critical importance of their work.

THE EDUCATION AND DISABILITY RIGHTS PROJECT

is one of our specialized programs that serves persons with disabilities.

WHAT WE DO . . .

- Protect the educational rights of children with disabilities by ensuring the provision of disability related services consistent with state and federal law.
- Assist individuals with disabilities in the negotiation, and where appropriate, appeal of adverse eligibility decisions pertaining to disability related services/programs such as the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), programs funded by the Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).
- Provide short term advice and/or technical assistance to individuals with disabilities.
- Advocate for effective life transitions and supports for individuals with disabilities.
- Address issues that impact homeless students.



TRAINING

We conduct community trainings and engage in outreach efforts to help promote self advocacy skills, and to educate individuals, families and community agencies regarding the rights of persons with disabilities.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is based on the federal poverty level. Most persons receiving need-based benefits such as public assistance, SSI, Medicaid or food stamps are eligible. Immigration status is a consideration as well.

The Education and Disability Rights Project assists individuals who have a physical and/or mental impairment that *substantially* limits one or more major life activities (e.g. learning, self care, living independently.)

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Appointments can be made with the Education and Disability Rights Project by contacting Law Services in Nassau or Suffolk Counties.

FEE

Law Services charges **no fee** for its services.