

ABOUT WLC

The Watsonville Law Center (WLC) provides free legal services to low-income individuals. Serving a predominantly agricultural community, WLC focuses on addressing issues related to worker rights, consumer protection and barriers to employment. WLC delivers services primarily through advice clinics, one-on-one consultations, and occasionally through direct representation. Through its four projects, the Agricultural Workers' Access to Health Project (AWAHP), the Barriers to Employment Project, the Economic Justice Project, and the Consumer Protection Project, WLC has assisted thousands of community members.



WLC promotes fair employment practices, helps injured workers access medical treatment and needed benefits, facilitates welfare recipients to reenter the work force and assists victims of consumer fraud to obtain just compensation. WLC often collaborates with other community organizations to most effectively leverage the impact of its services.

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ACCESS

The Watsonville Law Center is committed to ensuring its services are accessible to all eligible community members regardless of language or disability. All of our services are available in both English and Spanish and our facilities are wheelchair accessible. Other language and physical accommodations can be provided upon request.



WATSONVILLE LAW CENTER

Providing low-income individuals equal access to the law by assisting them to understand, exercise and enforce their rights.

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SERVICES

The Watsonville Law Center provides free legal services to low-income individuals. We provide advice regarding workers' compensation, wage claims, consumer fraud, debt and credit issues, criminal record clearance, child custody and visitation, and access to small claims court. For other legal issues, we refer individuals to other resources in the community.

To ask for a clinic appointment or obtain referral information, please call the Watsonville Law Center.
(831) 722-2845
Monday through Friday
9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

ADVICE CLINICS

WLC provides advice and assistance to low-income individuals through legal advice clinics. Clients are interviewed by staff and volunteers and receive advice from volunteer attorneys expert in the subject matter of the clinic.

WLC Legal Advice Clinics:

- Workers' Compensation Clinic
- Wage Claim Clinic
- Consumer Protection Clinic
- Debt, Credit, and Identity Theft Clinic
- Record Clearance and License Reinstatement Clinic
- Small Claims Court Clinic
- Child Custody and Visitation Clinic

All legal advice clinics are by appointment only. If you wish to attend a legal advice clinic, please call (831) 722-2845 to request an appointment.

WLC PROJECTS

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

The Economic Justice Project (EJP) works with its partners, La Manzana Community Resources and the Santa Cruz Community Credit Union, to help strengthen low-income families and improve their economic prospects over time. Initiated in 2004, EJP's goal is to help participants resolve pending legal problems that contribute to financial instability (e.g. wage claims, medical debt, consumer fraud, unlawful debt collection) and to provide support and education to help participants become wise and savvy consumers in the future.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Consumer Protection Project provides education, advocacy and representation to victims of consumer fraud. This Project focuses on consumer issues related to auto purchases, loans, towing, and repairs; as well as immigration consultant and other professional services fraud, telecom fraud including cell phone, long distance, and calling cards, consumer credit contracts, unlawful debt collection and credit reporting practices, identity theft, and other consumer scams.

All of our services are available in English and Spanish.

For more information about our services and projects please visit our website www.watsonvillelawcenter.org or call our office (831) 722-2845.

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS' ACCESS TO HEALTH

The Agricultural Workers' Access to Health Project provides outreach, education and legal and medical services to agricultural and other low-wage workers who have experienced a work injury or illness. WLC and its project partners, California Rural Legal Assistance and Salud Para La Gente, help individuals access medical treatment and other important benefits under workers' compensation. AWHP also leads The Workers' Compensation Enforcement Collaborative, a statewide collaborative of government and non-profit agencies committed to eliminating barriers faced by agricultural and other low-wage immigrant workers in the workers' compensation system. The overall goal of the collaborative is to improve workers' access to workers' compensation benefits through reporting, enforcement and the development of statewide policies.

BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

The Barriers to Employment Project provides legal assistance to CalWORKs (welfare to work) participants regarding legal matters that pose barriers to obtaining gainful employment. Services address issues such as obtaining employment-related licenses and certifications, driver's license reinstatement, custody and visitation, credit and debt problems, and clearing criminal records.