

ABOUT WLC

The Watsonville Law Center (WLC) provides free legal services to low-income individuals. Serving a predominantly agricultural community, WLC provides services through its five projects, Agricultural Workers' Access to Health, Barriers to Employment, Economic Justice, Language Access to the Court, and the Consumer Protection Project. WLC delivers services primarily through advice clinics and direct representation and 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 helps victims of consumer fraud 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 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, identity theft and consumer privacy, criminal record clearance, and child custody and visitation. We also provide free referral to other resources in the community for other legal issues.

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 staff and 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
- Foreclosure Clinic
- Child Custody and Visitation Clinic

All legal advice clinics are by appointment only. Please call (831) 722-2845 to request an appointment.

WLC PROJECTS

ECONOMIC JUSTICE PROJECT

The Economic Justice Project (EJP) works with its partners, La Manzanita Community Resources, the Santa Cruz Community Credit Union and COPA, to help strengthen low-income families and improve their economic prospects over time. EJP's goal is to help participants resolve pending legal problems that contribute to financial instability such as wage claims, medical debt, consumer fraud, and unlawful debt collection. EJP also provides support and education to help participants take control of their financial and consumer decisions.

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 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. This project also assists consumers with identity theft and consumer privacy issues.

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 low-wage workers who have 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 group of government and non-profit agencies committed to eliminating barriers faced by low-wage immigrant workers in the workers' compensation system.

BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

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

LANGUAGE ACCESS TO THE COURT

Language Access to the Court (LAC) is a joint project with the Santa Cruz County Superior Court, provided through the Court's Self Help Center. LAC provides Spanish-speaking self-litigants in-language legal information and assistance with court forms and pleadings. LAC does NOT provide legal advice or representation.