

# Contact Us

## Legal Services of Long Island Mental Health Law Project

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- Access to Health Care (Medicaid/ Medicare issues and Supplemental Needs Trusts)
- Family Court Matters (Child Support, Custody and Visitation)
- Divorce

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## Our Mission

Legal Services of Long Island is committed to helping people in need vindicate their rights under the law. We provide free legal services in thousands of civil cases each year, as well as legal support to community advocates to ensure that people with low incomes and disabilities have equal access to the civil justice system on Long Island.

## INTRODUCTION

The Mental Health Law Project is designed to provide legal assistance in civil matters to persons who are severely and persistently mentally ill. This project focuses primarily on issues relating to basic necessities of life.



## Eligibility

Clients must be at least 18 years of age and functionally disabled by a severe and persistent mental illness. Behavioral problems resulting from intellectual disability, head injury, stroke, epilepsy or other organic dysfunction do not qualify.

Clients must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Receives SSI or SSD based upon a psychiatric diagnosis of severe mental illness
2. Has been an inpatient a psychiatric hospital at least twice within the past 2 years
3. Has been seen in an emergency room for psychiatric problems at least three times within the past 18 months, however, only one visit is countable in each 3 month period
4. Has been an inpatient in a psychiatric hospital for six consecutive months at any time in his or her life.
5. Has been residing in a community residence or supported housing for the mentally ill for six consecutive months (does not apply for Social Security cases).

