

# ABOUT LEGAL AID

As the largest public interest legal services provider in the state of Hawaii, the Legal Aid Society has long been a the forefront of legal advocacy for low-income and disadvantaged persons, regardless of age, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

With over one hundred attorneys, paralegals, and staff members located in several offices across six islands, our mission is to achieve justice through quality representation, advocacy, outreach, and education.

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# LEGAL HELP FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME\*

\*Includes any crime, whether or not law enforcement is involved



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# WHAT IS THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII VICTIMS OF CRIME PROJECT?

The purpose of the Victims of Crime Project is to provide FREE civil legal services to any person who has suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime.

## WHO CAN WE HELP?

There is no reporting requirement, so we can help whether or not you chose to report the crime to law enforcement. There is also no income limit for this particular program and you may qualify for services even if you have been denied from Legal Aid before.

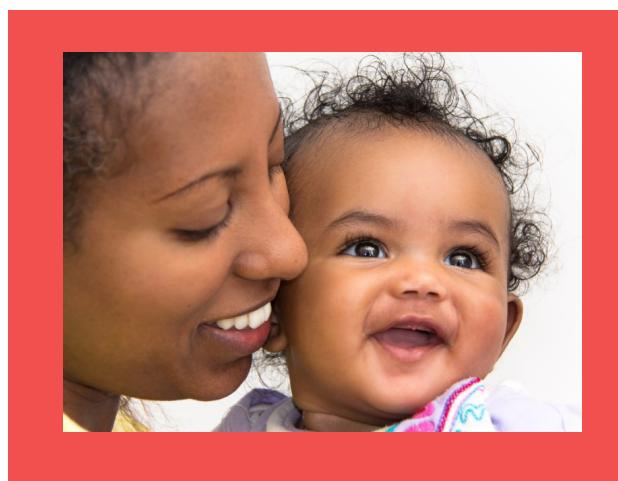
While VOCA funding is available for victims of any type of crime, the grant places special focus on the following crimes that typically involve a lot of shame, secrecy, and intimidation, and create unique needs for victims.

- Domestic Violence:
- Sexual Assault
- Human Trafficking

## WHAT WE DO

In the criminal system, victims have several rights under both state and federal law. These rights include the right to notice, restitution, protection, and more. We can help you assert your rights during and after a criminal proceeding, whether or not charges against the accused are dropped.

Outside of the criminal system, being a victim of crime can affect many aspects of your life including your employment, housing, financial situation, family composition, immigration status, and physical and mental health. VOCA funding is also available for these types of issues.



- Criminal Proceedings
  - ◊ Restitution
  - ◊ Protection of Privacy
  - ◊ Victim Impact Statements
- Immigration issues
  - ◊ Citizenship
  - ◊ Human Trafficking
  - ◊ Family Reunification
  - ◊ Youth Visas
- Protective/Restraining orders (TRO)
- Obtaining vital documents
- Family issues
  - ◊ Domestic violence/abuse
  - ◊ Custody/Visitation of children
  - ◊ Child Support
  - ◊ Divorce
  - ◊ Childcare/Guardianship/Adoption
- Financial/Consumer issues
  - ◊ Housing (landlord/tenant)
  - ◊ Debt collection
  - ◊ Foreclosures and Repossessions
  - ◊ Garnishments
  - ◊ Welfare, Food stamps, Social Security
  - ◊ Wills
  - ◊ Taxes
- Medical/ Mental health
  - ◊ Assistance obtaining coverage
  - ◊ Advance Directives/Living Wills
  - ◊ Disability Compensation
- Power of Attorney
- Community Education/Outreach