

LASP opened **702** cases for people experiencing **homelessness**

from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

Here's how our clients defined their housing status:

Homeless ~ 475
Living on the street ~ 5
Living in a vehicle ~ 12
Shelter ~ 103
Transitional housing ~ 28
Couch surfing ~ 79

(In 2023-24, LASP helped **506** people
who were experiencing homelessness.)

How civil legal aid helps clients experiencing homelessness

In 2024-25, LASP attorneys provided advice,
extended service & representation to resolve:

SSI/SSDI terminations
SSI/SSDI applications & appeals
accessing affordable housing
accessing public benefits
bankruptcy

debt relief
domestic violence
Veterans benefits
criminal records
birth certificates/ID

& other civil legal issues



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HOMELESS VETERAN STANDDOWN

including LASP's Veterans Advocacy Project & service providers based in Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties.

Coatesville VA Medical Center | Nov. 1, 2025



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PARDON & EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

with LASP, Rep. Joe Ciresi, Sen. Tracy Pennycuik, Montgomery County Public Defender's Office, Opportunity House, The Deviators Inc. & Big For Critters.

Pottstown | July 19, 2025



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LEGAL OUTREACH

Victoria LeCates (at left) and Melina Dixon, Staff Attorneys, are shown at LASP's monthly outreach at **Manna on Main Street**. They provided information on free civil legal services in Bucks Chester, Delaware & Montgomery counties.

Lansdale | Nov. 20, 2025

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A RENTER

Preventing eviction prevents homelessness.

LASP joined the **Chester County Partnership to End Homelessness, Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania & Chester County Dept. of Community Development** to present Know Your Rights as a Renter sessions virtually, Nov. 19 English & Nov. 20 in Spanish.

Kelly Young, Staff Attorney, presented Nov. 19 and Sandra Ortiz, Paralegal & Chester County Office Manager, presented Nov. 20.

Delco **Know Your Rights as a Renter in PA** event **Dec. 2**
in **Upper Darby**: lasp.org/events



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LEGAL OUTREACH

This summer, LASP began tabling regularly at United Way of Bucks County's **HELP Center**, to provide information about free legal services available in Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Montgomery counties.

PHOTO 1: Randi Riefner, Paralegal, & Ron Smolow, Emeritus Attorney | Aug. 12, 2025

PHOTO 2: Durene McCarty, Bristol Office Manager, & Kevin Flynn, LASP Intern and Drexel student | July 29, 2025



THE ARROWHEAD



A BEACON OF HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS IN POTTSTOWN

The Pottstown Beacon of Hope is building a permanent homeless shelter, which will bring the much-needed support that the College Drive homeless population has been lacking.

Nadia Choe, News Editor • October 31, 2025



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LASP attorneys Charles Burrows & Laurel Anderson discuss Hurricane Ida, impact criminal records on homelessness & more.

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