About Us

Greater Boston Legal
Services' expert attorneys
and paralegals provide
free legal assistance in
civil (non-criminal) matters
to eligible families and
individuals living in poverty
in the Greater Boston area,
helping people access the
basic necessities of life,
including shelter, healthcare,
cash and food benefits, and
safety from abuse.



Throughout our legal practice, GBLS protects the rights of people with disabilities, immigrants, and people with limited English proficiency.

To find out if GBLS can help you, call our intake line at (617) 371-1234 Monday through Friday, 9:30AM-12:30PM.

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Who We Help & What We Do

GBLS helps with legal problems like the examples that follow. To find out whether GBLS can help you, call our intake line at (617) 371-1234.

People With Housing Problems

Prevent unfair evictions and loss of housing subsidies; preserve affordable housing for lowincome tenants; help families access Emergency Assistance (EA) shelter

People Who Need Healthcare or Disability Benefits

Medicare and MassHealth advocacy; help people who have been denied SSI/SSDI; advocate for children with disabilities and mental health needs; protect nursing home residents

Low-Wage Workers

Appeal Unemployment Insurance (UI) denials; fight wage theft; access paid family & medical leave; sick leave; apply for U & T visas & deferred action for immigrant survivors of workplace crimes and labor trafficking

Consumers

Help people who have money trouble, including credit card and other debt, foreclosures, bankruptcies, and having money unfairly taken from their paycheck

Survivors of Domestic Violence

Help survivors of domestic violence to escape abusive relationships and start new lives with their children

Elders

Help elders access health care and life-saving medical treatments; help elders who live in income-based housing stay in their homes

Public School Students

Help students facing school suspension and expulsion hearings, and other school safety issues like bullying, hostile school environments and discrimination; and engage in special education advocacy

Services limited to students who live in Arlington, Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Winchester & Woburn, and attend a public, charter, or Metco school

Immigrants

Seek humanitarian immigration relief for asylum seekers, victims of crime, survivors of domestic violence, unaccompanied children, and other immigrants seeking protection

People Applying for Government Benefits

Ensure access to Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) TAFDC and EAEDC cash benefits and SNAP food benefits, and childcare benefits

Low-Income Taxpayers

Resolve tax issues including problems with tax credits and other refunds, audits, tax-related ID theft, inability to pay taxes owed, tax debts arising from an abusive spouse, worker misclassification, help with IRS/DOR notices, getting Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN), and represent in Tax Court

People With Criminal Records

Seal and expunge criminal records and engage in criminal and juvenile legal reform through GBLS' CORI & Re-entry Project

Asian Outreach Center

Provide legal assistance, resources, and advocacy on behalf of Asian immigrants and community groups for immigration issues, workers' rights, benefits, and housing displacement

AND MORE! CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION: (617) 371-1234

Where Our Clients Live



GBLS helps people who live in these towns and cities:

Acton*	Harvard*	Randolph
Arlington	Hingham	Reading*
Bedford*	Holbrook	Revere
Belmont	Hull	Scituate
Boston	Lexington*	Somerville
Boxborough*	Lincoln*	Stoneham
Braintree	Littleton*	Stow*
Brookline	Malden	Wakefield
Burlington*	Maynard*	Waltham
Cambridge	Medford	Watertown
Canton	Melrose	Weymouth
Carlisle*	Milton	Wilmington*
Chelsea	Newton	Winchester
Cohasset	North Reading*	Winthrop
Concord*	Norwell	Woburn
Everett	Quincy	

^{*} Services for Elders (over 60 years of age) only.