

## **AGENCY DESCRIPTION**

Through a combination of individual representation, high impact litigation, and public policy advocacy, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) combats the immediate and long-parting effects of poverty and expands access to health, opportunity and justice in Los Angeles' neighborhoods. Founded in 1965 as part of our nation's War on Poverty, NLSLA is now one of the largest and most prominent public interest law firms in California. NLSLA provides free assistance to more than 100,000 low-income residents of Los Angeles County each year. Its operating budget for 2020 will reach \$22 million, with a staff of more than 160, including 80 attorneys.

## Offices

NLSLA serves all of Los Angeles County with a special emphasis on the poverty communities of the San Fernando, San Gabriel, Pomona and Antelope Valleys, as well as the central county cities of Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena. NLSLA staff members are housed in four regional offices located in Pacoima, El Monte, Boyle Heights, and Glendale – where the program's administrative offices are also located. In addition, NLSLA advocates are co-located in courthouses in Van Nuys, Lancaster, Chatsworth, Pomona and Downtown LA; Hospitals and health centers in Sylmar, Van Nuys, North Hollywood and El Monte; and with social services providers in the Antelope Valley.

## Services

NLSLA services are built around four basic pillars of legal support for people living in poverty: Housing, Health, Economic Security and Access to Justice. Advocates specialize in areas of the law that disproportionately impact the poor, including affordable housing and eviction defense, access to public benefits, support for domestic violence victims, access to healthcare, worker and consumer rights, as well as employment and training. NLSLA is particularly known for its innovative programs and collaborative models for delivering services across the County. Among those are the NLSLA Health Consumer Center (HCC) and Medical Legal Community Partnership projects ensuring that everyone receives the health care they need; Shriver Housing – LA providing right to counsel for evictions; Self-Help Legal Access Centers assisting the un-represented with domestic violence, family law and eviction cases in nine courthouses; People Experiencing Homelessness Project (PEHP) providing legal help to the homeless in Antelope, San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys; and Disaster Legal Assistance providing support and help to low-income disaster survivors.

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