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# LAWMO - Legal Aid & Domestic Violence Protection



Some people are surprised when they learn that domestic violence survivors aren't guaranteed a lawyer. **Abusers facing criminal charges have a right to an attorney. Survivors seeking protective orders or full custody of children don't.** (Theirs are civil matters.)

Every day, our hardworking family law advocates strive to help our clients achieve safety and self-determination. **Last year, Legal Aid served 1,980 survivors.**

**Beyond securing protective orders, our advocates help give survivors of abuse a second chance by providing the resources for them to leave their abusers** and forge new, safe, and stable lives for themselves and their children.

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