

# LEGAL AID IN DISTRICT 7 HELPED

## ENSURING SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR A MOTHER AND HER CHILDREN



Athena Gough, a mother of two girls, was abused by her husband for years. She met her husband in college and, at first, everything was fine. However, it did not take long for him to begin acting out, and then the abuse steadily escalated until Athena's husband attacked her mother and was arrested.

Athena secured a civil protection order against her husband, but he continued to try and contact her. Fearing for her own and her daughters' safety, Athena contacted legal aid for help. Legal aid provided the full range of legal services Athena needed to make a complete break from her husband. Athena's husband contested their divorce, so legal aid worked for more than two years to finalize the divorce. In addition, legal aid ensured that Athena's abusive husband cannot have unsupervised access to her children.

Because of legal aid, Athena and her daughters now have safety and security. Athena has doubled her income and has even joined legal aid's board of directors.

## IN 2018, LSC PROVIDED

**\$13 M**  **OF THE** **\$51.5M**

STATEWIDE LEGAL AID BUDGET

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**7,895**  
**CONSTITUENTS**

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**983**  
**SENIORS**

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**3,171**  
**CHILDREN**

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**354**  
**VETERANS**

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**704**  
**DV SURVIVORS**

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