

GREAT START COLLABORATIVE AND LEGAL SERVICES

Legal issues related to different
custody/guardian/kinship care arrangements
... and much more

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State Outcomes

Children born healthy

Children healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade

Children developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry

Children prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade



Lawyers Can Help By

Fighting for access to medical services

Establishing and defending rights of caregivers

Asserting rights of the developmentally disabled

Initiating class action suits



U.S. Supreme Court sides with Michigan girl and her service dog

Detroit Free Press, Feb. 22, 2017

[Fry v. Napoleon Community Schools](#)

UNANIMOUS DECISION FOR STACY FRY

MAJORITY OPINION BY ELENA KAGAN

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act's requirement that plaintiffs exhaust administrative remedies before suing under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act only applies to individuals seeking relief for the denial of a free and appropriate public education.

Kennedy

Ginsburg

Alito

Kagan



Roberts

Thomas

Breyer

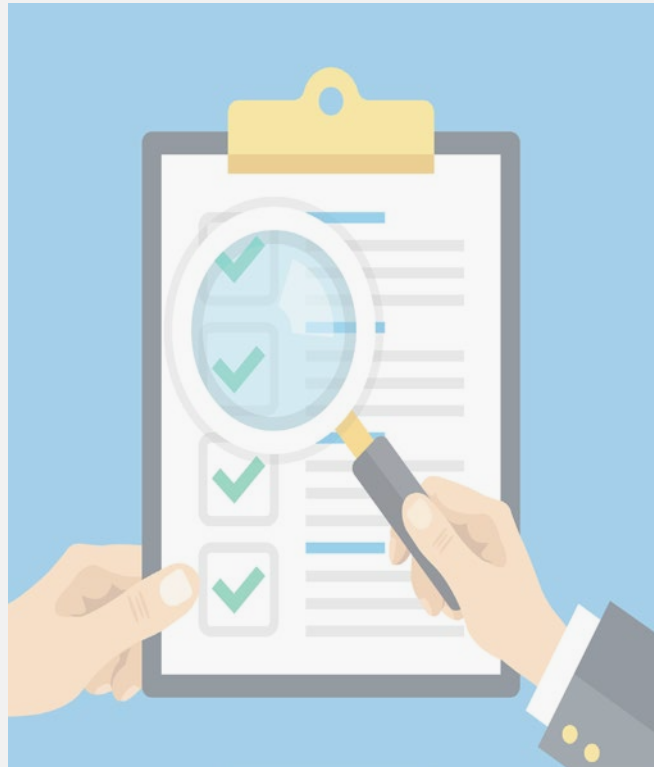
Sotomayor

Ingham Goals

- Prenatal health care services are easy for families to access.
- Parenting supports and services are reaching families who need them and are easy to access.
- Promote a shared understanding of school readiness.
- Teachers have an understanding of fundamental skills for early literacy that lead to 3rd grade reading proficiency.

Ingham Strategy

Develop and use document that identifies service and caregiver eligibility



Potential Legal Partnerships

- State Bar of Michigan Children's Law Section
- Ingham County Bar Association Family Law Section
- Medico-legal clinic partnerships between MSU College of Law and Sparrow or McLaren hospitals



WHAT LEGAL RESOURCES EXIST RIGHT NOW?

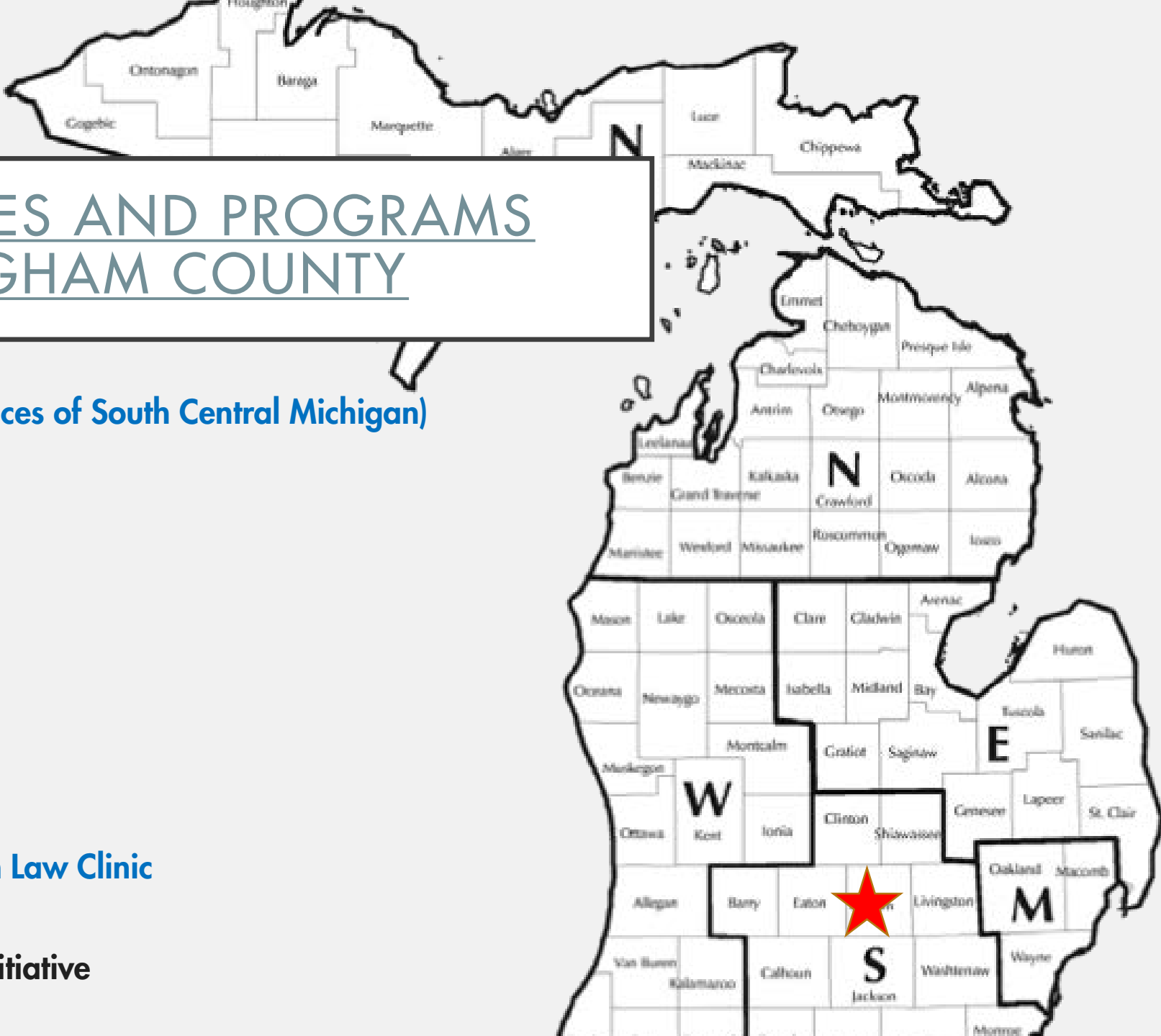
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LEGAL AID

- Provides free civil legal assistance to low-income persons: annual income below 125% of federal poverty guidelines (\$25,525 for a family of three) – ability to go up to 200%;
- Provides full range of legal assistance – self-help centers, advice, negotiation, and full representation; and
- Helps families, children, veterans, seniors, individuals who are ill or disabled, and victims of domestic violence.

NEED OUTSTRIPS LEGAL AID RESOURCES

- There are approximately 2 million low-income individuals in Michigan who qualify for civil legal aid.
- Legal aid offices are not able to help everyone who qualifies and needs help.
- Priority areas include homeless prevention, stabilization of families harmed by domestic violence, benefits for individuals with disabilities, and protection for older adults.
- There are many compelling stories of the need for legal aid.



LEGAL AID OFFICES AND PROGRAMS SERVING INGHAM COUNTY

Michigan Advocacy Program (Legal Services of South Central Michigan)

ACLU of Michigan (education)

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center

Michigan Legal Help

MSU Chance at Childhood Clinic

MSU Housing Clinic

MSU Immigration Clinic

MSU Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

Michigan Indian Legal Services

St. Vincent Catholic Charities Immigration Law Clinic

U of M Child Welfare Appellate Clinic

U of M Law School Pediatric Advocacy Initiative

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PRO BONO

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 - Pro bono lawyer panels provide services to the low-income clients of the [Patent Project](#), [Tax Program](#), and [QDRO Program](#).
 - [Malpractice insurance](#) for pro bono provides free coverage to pro bono attorneys.
 - [MI Free Legal Answers](#), a pro bono website using technology to close the justice gap (currently serving Genesee County).

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Legal Aid Resources

If you cannot afford to hire an attorney and qualify for legal aid, information on this website will help you find the legal aid office nearest your home. Contact information for legal aid, law-related organizations, community services, and dispute resolution programs that offer services in your area can be found using the easy search tool.

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Legal Information Resources

General legal information and FAQs on a variety of topics provided by Michigan lawyers as a public service. The information provided is not an exhaustive resource. As changes frequently occur in the law, self-represented persons may wish to do additional research or use the State Bar free online directory to schedule a lawyer consultation.

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- Michigan Free Legal Answers- <https://mi.freelegalanswers.org/>