2008 ANNUAL REPORT
Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (LACSN) first opened its doors when our nation was undergoing dramatic social change. Located at 515 South 5th Street in Las Vegas, the new program was sponsored by the Clark County Bar Association and functioned primarily as a pro bono referral agency to members of the bar. Funding was provided by Justice of the Peace Art Olsen, who donated all of his local wedding receipts for the month of July 1958.
ANNUAL REPORT

DEAR FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES,

It would be an understatement to say that the severe economic downturn of 2008 caught all of us by surprise. However, our 50 years of hard work and growth have prepared us for exactly this moment, when the need for our services has never been greater and our ability to serve has expanded. Because of this, we are proud to say that we do have good news to report.

Our incredible staff served 30 percent more individuals in 2008 than the previous year. More than 13,000 people came through our doors and were assisted either by attending a class, meeting with an intake advocate for advice, being placed with a pro bono attorney, or having the finest full-scale legal representation this community has to offer. Victims of domestic violence, abused children, seniors and people struggling with financial problems all came to us for help.

As we celebrated our milestone anniversary, we were compelled to consider the next 50 years and how we could even better serve Southern Nevadans in need. Toward this goal, the R&R Partners Foundation agreed to donate R&R’s research, PR and advertising expertise to help us study our “brand.”

After much deliberation, we realized that to better communicate our mission we had to change our name. Our previous name, Clark County Legal Services, created a misperception that we were a county agency and through surveying our clients, we also learned that they would have found us more easily if the term “legal aid” had been part of our name. Under R&R’s tutelage, we re-emerged as Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. This new positioning of our organization gave us the perfect opportunity to tell our story to local media outlets who, in turn, have generously helped to educate the community on the many services we provide.

Another part of this effort was the realization that we had outgrown our existing facility. To kick off our new capital campaign, we hosted a 50th anniversary celebration to highlight our legacy and educate the legal community on our efforts. We are especially grateful to Bill Boyd, CEO of Boyd Gaming, and Dick Morgan, former dean of the UNLV Boyd School of Law, for agreeing to co-chair our capital committee. Thanks to their help — and in spite of these difficult financial times — we have raised $1 million in cash and $1 million in pledges.

One of the benefits of being a nimble nonprofit law firm is that we can quickly respond to crises as they arise. By the end of the year, it was apparent that Las Vegas would become an epicenter in the national foreclosure crisis, so we sought and received a grant to begin our new Foreclosure Protection Program in 2009. We are also stepping up our Bankruptcy Facilitator Program to help Las Vegas residents through one of the most difficult economic periods in our nation’s history.

A favorite quote around the LACSN office is Martin Luther King’s statement, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” Our history, as chronicled throughout these pages, reflects this core value. Thank you for helping us to ensure that our most vulnerable residents have a voice within our legal system.

Sincerely,

Dean A. Hardy
President

Barbara E. Buckley
Executive Director

DEAR FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES,
THE LEGAL AID MOVEMENT IN AMERICA

1960s

Demands for a more equitable society finally spilled into America’s streets.

To address the unrest, President Lyndon Johnson declared a “War on Poverty” in 1964 and appointed Sargent Shriver as the first director of the Office of Economic Opportunity. Mr. Shriver helped found the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) and for the first time, federal funding was available for neighborhood legal services programs. In 1967, thanks to Mr. Shriver’s efforts, we received $20,000 from the LSC fund to hire our first full-time staff attorney.
PROJECTS
CONSUMER RIGHTS PROJECT

Our Consumer Rights Project staff answers thousands of phone calls annually and represents victims of predatory lending, real estate fraud and collection abuse. We also assist people who are having trouble making their mortgage or rent payments due to wage garnishments.

2008 Results
• 5,618 people were assisted with consumer problems through legal advice, helping them fill out forms and representing them in court
• The LACSN Consumer Hotline received 3,127 calls

Barry
LACSN had one class action certified for litigation and one pending against payday lenders. The certified class action involves clients who entered into high interest loans for $250 each and were subsequently sued for $756, which represents a 1,202 percent interest rate. We alleged that the amount sued for against our client exceeds the statutory amount prescribed by law. Furthermore, we alleged that the lender was trying to fly under the statutory radar by suing consumers for unlawful amounts in Small Claims Court, hoping that the court would just simply grant the request.

The pending class action lawsuit involves clients who were sued in Justice Court for up to 10 times the amount of their original loans. We are alleging that Lucky Credit Company is operating under a business model that claims to be a line of credit and charges between $7.95 and $68.95 per day for late fees in addition to the over-the-credit-line fee. In an effective sleight of hand, however, Lucky Credit charges under the 40 percent interest rate that would trigger the protection of state statutes. On behalf of our clients, LACSN alleges that this business model is based on the assumption that the consumer will default, thus incurring exorbitant fees that drastically increase the consumer’s financial burden.

Bankruptcy Facilitator Program
A critical part of our Consumer Rights Project, the Bankruptcy Facilitator Program instructs citizens how to self-represent, provides the necessary forms to submit, and explains basic rights and protections under bankruptcy law. Sometimes, the facilitator will even step in and negotiate with debtors on behalf of our clients. Created in cooperation with our bankruptcy court judges with funding through the Federal Court Admission Fund, private practitioners and LACSN, the program has already demonstrated its necessity and effectiveness at this critical time in our economy.

2008 Results
• 262 hearings covered
• 48 people assisted
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

With domestic violence sharply on the rise in Southern Nevada, our Domestic Violence Project provides a critical lifeline to help victims obtain protection orders, secure divorce decrees and negotiate custody and support orders, all of which enables them to reclaim a life free from violence. In keeping with our mission to provide equal justice for all, we believe that no one should be victimized twice because of their inability to afford an attorney to protect their rights.

Immigrant Protection Program

Similarly, our Immigrant Protection Program provides legal counsel for immigrants who are victims of domestic violence and violent crimes. Under federal law, these victims are permitted to petition the U.S. government for permission to remain in this country.

2008 Results

- Represented 1,083 clients

Maria

A victim of extreme domestic violence, even while pregnant, Maria came to us seeking help with a divorce. After analyzing her case, we also realized she was eligible for protection under the Violence Against Women Act. She had married her abusive husband when she was 16 years old and they had two minor children together, one of whom was disabled due to beatings during her pregnancy. Her husband was an ex-felon who had served time for illegal possession of a firearm and domestic violence. The abuse she endured consisted of forced sexual intercourse, infection with chlamydia (which their first child also had at birth), slapping, and severe beatings with a stick and plastic hanger.

As is typical with domestic violence clients, Maria’s spouse continued his abuse through dragging out the legal process, fighting her on every issue and threatening to take away the children. This was never an option that the courts would agree with, but the threat itself kept her fearful throughout the proceeding. Her LACSN lawyer was at her side through every court appearance and every hearing until the judge finally handed down a final decree. Maria was awarded primary physical custody of the children, with husband obtaining only daytime visits with no overnights. After his release from federal prison, her now ex-husband obtained a very good job, allowing the judge to order about $1,250 per month in child support for our client and her children. She was able to collect on this for a period of time until he was arrested and returned to jail for an unrelated offense. She has since moved on with her life and is happy in a new relationship.
At current funding levels, our Children’s Attorneys Project (CAP) is able to represent only half of the children who were in the foster care system in 2008. With additional funding, there is so much more that we could accomplish.

Special Education Program
By federal law, all public schools must provide disabled children with the physical support and materials that they need to succeed academically. This is especially important for disabled children in the foster care program given the family hardships they have already faced. Our Special Education Program steps in on behalf of children who are struggling and need specialized tutoring or other federally required accommodations.

Surrogate Parent Initiative
This program recruits volunteers who are willing to advocate for foster children with academic, social, emotional or behavioral problems toward the goal of making school a positive experience for them. Compounding the challenges facing these children is that many live in group homes where they are raised by staff rather than foster parents, who might champion their causes.

2008 Results
- 1,381 children were represented
- 30 new surrogate volunteers trained
- 58 additional families assisted

Tabitha
At the age of 6, Tabitha and her two younger siblings, ages 4 and 1, came into Child Protective Services (CPS) custody when their mother died suddenly. The mother had met a man over the Internet, married him two weeks after meeting him in person, was admitted to the hospital the same day she married this man, and died eight days later. The children were then placed together in a foster home, as they had no family member placements available to them. Their maternal grandmother was contacted by CPS and was not aware that she even had grandchildren and referred to the children as her “alleged” grandchildren. The natural fathers’ whereabouts were unknown.

Fortunately, the children had “fictive kin” grandparents who desired to have the children placed with them. Meanwhile, the new stepfather decided he wanted the children placed with him and filed for guardianship. The CAP attorney was able to determine that the true desire of the children was to be placed with the fictive grandparents. We successfully argued that the children had been through a great deal of turmoil and grief and immediately needed the familiarity, stability and love of their fictive grandparents. The court agreed and the children were placed with their fictive grandparents the same day. The court also ordered the stepfather to have no contact with the children pending further order.
SOCIAL SECURITY PROJECT

The Social Security Administration (SSA) was formed to provide a safety net for disabled workers, among others, who have paid into the system. Clients contact our Social Security Project when they have been wrongfully denied disability benefits by the federal government. Without these benefits, these citizens have no other means of financial support and typically end up on welfare or homeless.

2008 Results
• 73 hearings were held on behalf of clients with a 77 percent success rate

June
This 43-year-old African-American woman devoted her life to teaching in the Clark County School District. She began suffering "stroke-like episodes" while at school and was noted to have increasing problems with her memory, increasing confusion, dizziness and physical limitations with her hands. Because of these growing health concerns, she was forced to cease teaching. She applied for and received a disability pension from Clark County and began receiving benefits. However, when she applied for Social Security Disability benefits, which she desperately needed, she was denied.

June came to LACSN for assistance and we represented her at a hearing in front of an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration. During the course of the hearing, the effects of June's illness were readily apparent. She frequently lost track of her answers and needed to have questions repeated, rambled at length on issues unrelated to her case and became increasingly frustrated at her inability to communicate. Following the hearing, June was granted Social Security Disability benefits and Medicare, which will enable her to breathe easier financially.

As a result of the increasing effects that her illness is having on her thought processes, she was forced to move in with her disabled father and now relies on him to assist with her finances and to accompany her whenever she leaves their home.

PRO BONO PROJECT

Community service is a critical aspect of law practice and we are fortunate to have strong partnerships with many Southern Nevada lawyers. Volunteer attorneys who work with our Pro Bono Project take on cases that we would have to turn away due to sheer volume or because we don’t handle a particular area of law. Last year, more than 11,300 hours were donated. At $300/hour, this translates to more than $3.39 million donated to the cause of equal justice for all.

2008 Results
• 491 cases placed with 292 attorneys
• 1,135 clients were being assisted by pro bono attorneys

Ask-A-Lawyer
Every Thursday afternoon, the District Court Family Law Self-Help Center provides access to LACSN lawyers and volunteer attorneys so unrepresented litigants can literally ask a lawyer their questions. This clinic helps people obtain answers to specific questions regarding family law matters. The program has become so successful that people line up early in the morning just to have 15 minutes with an attorney. It also brings new cases to our doorstep that may fit our income guidelines.

2008 Results
• 1,328 people served
• 281 shifts covered by 54 pro bono attorneys who donated 843 hours
Social Activism Takes Root

1970s

When the state of Nevada removed thousands of people’s welfare benefits without notice or proper hearings, local mother Ruby Duncan fought back. She approached LACSN for help and we filed a class action lawsuit charging violation of federal law and due process. LACSN and the Clark County Welfare Rights Organization mounted protests including the famous “300 Mothers March” on Caesars Palace on March 6, 1971. Activists César Chavez and Jane Fonda attended and the national media descended on Las Vegas. The court ultimately ruled that the state had “run roughshod over the constitutional rights” of recipients. All benefits were reinstated to eligible recipients and retroactive payments were ordered.
CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD

Steve Hiltz’s career spans 31 years of advocating for children’s rights. He joined LACSN in 1999 as the first directing attorney for the Children’s Attorneys Project and also helped to create the Pro Bono Attorney program for abused and neglected children. Additionally, Hiltz was instrumental in the creation of important laws that have passed the Nevada Legislature pertaining to children in foster care, including basic due process rights for children locked in psychiatric facilities and the protection of siblings’ rights to remain together within the foster care system.

In 2008, Steve won the prestigious national Child Advocacy Award for representing abused and neglected children in Southern Nevada. Established in 1990, the Child Advocacy Award is presented annually by the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (YLD) in conjunction with the Center on Children and the Law to honor a judge or lawyer for the unheralded service that child advocates bring to children and the legal profession.

The award recognized the tremendous impact that Steve’s work has had in the lives of children affected by crime, neglect and abuse. He has been a strong advocate to those who seek custody or adoption, including one well-known local client, Britney Begeron, who was left partially paralyzed after being attacked by drug addicts as a result of an illicit drug deal involving her mother. In an effort to find Britney a secure family environment that was suited to her special needs, Hiltz repeatedly fought the court’s decision to maintain her mother’s parental rights and finally won Britney the right to choose where she would live.

LOCAL HEROES AWARD

DOREEN SPEARS HARTWELL OF LIONEL,SAWYER & COLLINS WINS BANK OF AMERICA LOCAL HEROES AWARD

Doreen Spears Hartwell’s law career spans just a decade but her list of accomplishments, her dedication to access to justice for low-income residents, and the hundreds of pro bono hours she has donated to LACSN have already made an enormous impact on our community. As a shareholder with Lionel, Sawyer & Collins, Doreen specializes in commercial litigation, employment law, real estate liability and trust/probate litigation, yet she has taken on family law cases for LACSN at an amazing pace.

Since being admitted to the Nevada State Bar in 2000, Doreen has handled at least one new pro bono case every year and currently has four open cases through the Pro Bono Project. She has taken a special interest in abused and neglected children, domestic violence victims and other family law issues such as divorce, custody and guardianship. From helping an elderly woman save her home to assisting a child victim in getting adopted into a loving family, Doreen’s passion for justice and willingness to use her skills to benefit those in need makes her one of LACSN’s most valued volunteers.

When LACSN added a pro bono component to the Children’s Attorneys Project, Doreen was one of the first lawyers to step up to the challenge. She fights mightily for her young, vulnerable clients and makes an enormous difference in their lives as a fierce advocate for their rights. Over the years, she has been a loyal participant in our Partners in Pro Bono Mentorship Program with the UNLV Boyd School of Law, which matches volunteer attorneys with law students to work on pro bono cases.

In 2008, Doreen added Bank of America’s Local Heroes Award to her list of accolades, which have included 2008 Attorney of the Year, National Bar Association (Las Vegas Chapter); 2005 Judge Sally Loehrer Pro Bono Service Award; and the 2001 Myrna Williams Children’s Pro Bono Award. She donated her $5,000 award to LACSN.
2008 AWARDS

2008 Award Winners

The Lied Awards are given in honor of the Lied Foundation, which helped us to retire our building’s mortgage in 2003 through a challenge grant. The grant was based on the number of pro bono hours lawyers donated on a yearly basis to clients of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. We salute the attorneys who have helped in this effort and in our ongoing commitment to providing equal access to justice for all.

Lied Award for Most Hours for Law Firm: Lionel, Sawyer & Collins
Lied Award for Most Cases for Law Firm: Goldsmith & Guymon
Lied Award for Most Hours for Attorney: Conti J. Moore
Lied Award for Most Cases for Attorney: Shelley D. Krohn

Pro Bono Attorneys of the Year:
The Attorneys of Hanratty Roberts Law Group: Kari Hanratty, Amanda Roberts and Jason Stoffel

Outstanding Sole Practitioner Award: Susan M. Sakio
Law Firm Rising Star Award: Lewis and Roca
Up & Coming Pro Bono Award: Breeden & Herbe
Judge Sally Loehrer Pro Bono Service Award: Marquis & Aurbach
Louis Wiener Service Award: Natalie Smoot
Myrna Williams Children’s Pro Bono Award: Erin Flynn
Justice Nancy Becker Pro Bono Award of Judicial Excellence: Judge T. Arthur Ritchie, Jr.
Ask-A-Lawyer Community Commitment Award: William M. Kapalka
Public Interest Law Students of Distinction: Randall Forman, James Griffin & Ofelia Monje
Pro Bono Award of Excellence: R&R Partners
Betsy Ward, Director of Corporate Communications for R&R Partners, accepts the Pro Bono Award of Excellence from Barbara Buckley and Lynn Etkins.

Thomas Ryan, Managing Partner at Lewis & Roca, accepts the Law Firm Rising Star Award from Justice James Hardesty.

Judge Art Ritchie accepts the Justice Nancy Becker Pro Bono Award of Judicial Excellence from the Honorable Nancy Becker.

Pro Bono Project Director Kimberly Abbott thanks everyone for their support of LACSN.

Adam Breeden, a partner with Breeden & Herbe, accepts the Up & Coming Pro Bono Award from Justice James Hardesty.

Pro Bono Attorneys of the Year: Kari Hanratty, Jason Stoffel and Amanda Roberts of Hanratty Roberts Law Group.

William Kapalka accepts the Ask-A-Lawyer Community Commitment Award from Justice Michael Douglas and Barbara Buckley.

Law students James Griffin, Ofelia Monje and Randall Forman all accept the Public Interest Law Student of Distinction Award from Justice James Hardesty.
Conti Moore and Terry Coffing accept the Judge Sally Loehr Pro Bono Service Award on behalf of their firm, Marquis & Aurbach, from the Honorable Nancy Becker and Barbara Buckley.

Justice Michael Douglas gives Cam Ferenbach of Lionel, Sawyer & Collins the Lied Award for Most Hours for a Law Firm.

Justice Michael Douglas and Barbara Buckley give Dara Goldsmith of Goldsmith & Guymon the Lied Award for Most Cases for a Law Firm. Shelley Krohn, recipient of Lied Award for Most Cases for an Attorney was not in attendance. Partner, Dara Goldsmith accepted on her behalf.

Conti Moore, an attorney with Marquis & Aurbach, accepts the Lied Award for Most Hours for an Attorney from Justice Michael Douglas and Barbara Buckley.
2008 AWARDS

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Joseph F. Dempsey
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Kate Lowenhar-Fischer
Shelley Lubritz
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for Crockett & Myers
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Joel Henriod
Mohamed Iqbal
Andrea Jundt
Wendy A. Kazel
Kelly Kichline
Ron G. Kirschenheiter
Carla Kok
David H. Krieger
R. Douglas Kurzziel
Bryce C. Loveland
Maricar Magaña
Kari Molnar
Timothy R. Mulliner
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Mary D. Perry
Anne E. Pieroni

Xavier B. Planta
R. Christopher Reade
Molly Rosenblum
Russell M. Rowe
Joel Z. Schwarz
Natalie Smoot
Erika Pike Turner
Karen C. Winckler
Jenica D. Yurcic

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LEGAL ACTIVISM FINDS ITS PLACE
1980s

In 1981, LACSN joined with Nevada Indian Rural Legal Services to form a statewide program. Task forces were formed in public benefits, housing and Indian law and the group became actively engaged with the state Legislature. LACSN assisted in such landmark victories as increasing benefits in the Aid to Dependent Children program; winning major revisions to the Landlord/Tenant Act; authorizing pro se temporary restraining orders in domestic violence cases; establishing uniform standards and judicial review for county medically indigent programs; and creation of the Low Income Housing Trust Fund, which assists qualifying residents of Clark County with their rent payments.
50TH ANNIVERSARY
Light-speed growth and change have occurred in the Las Vegas Valley over the last five decades, and while this has meant great prosperity for some, 11 percent of our population lives below the federal government’s poverty threshold and 13 percent more are classified as working poor.

As the population has increased, we have seen a dramatic increase in the need for our services, which has been further exacerbated by the economic crisis. Although we have been able to obtain several government grants to hire additional attorneys, we now are bursting at the seams in our current building.

With the challenge to grow before us, we secured a parcel of land directly adjacent to our downtown headquarters and announced a capital fundraising campaign toward the goal of a larger campus. This effort was rolled out, along with our new name and logo, at our 50th anniversary celebration, which was held at the Springs Preserve in September. As a special highlight to the evening, we honored the founder of the legal aid movement in America, Sargent Shriver, with his son, Mark Kennedy Shriver, serving as our guest speaker. The Southern Nevada community responded with great enthusiasm for this milestone with some 500 people in attendance and more than $175,000 raised toward our capital campaign.
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EXPLOSIVE GROWTH

1990s

Barbara Buckley, who had joined LACSN in 1989, became executive director of the organization in 1996. During Ms. Buckley’s tenure, the demand for LACSN services spiked dramatically as Las Vegas became the fastest growing city in the U.S. Critical new programs were established that tackled such issues as Social Security; consumer fraud; special education needs; Americans with disabilities; and the creation of the Children’s Attorneys Project, which gives children in our foster-care system access to their own attorney.
PARTNERSHIPS
REFERRAL NETWORK
LEGAL AID CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA REFERRAL NETWORK

We receive thousands of walk-in requests for our services every year, but the majority of our clients come to us through a wide network of referral sources. Below is a list of the many groups with whom we work:

Safe Nest  
S.A.F.E. House  
Nevada Legal Services  
Senior Citizens Law Project  
County Social Workers  
Parents  
School Staff  
Courts  
Private Attorneys  
Shade Tree  
Clark County Social Services

Nevadans for Equal Access  
Constable’s Office  
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Consumer Credit Counseling Services  
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CLIENT INCOME GUIDELINES

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<th>MAX. YEARLY INCOME *</th>
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<td>7 Persons</td>
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*Based on 55 percent of area median income

Prospective clients also should not have more than $5,000 in net assets other than a home, one motor vehicle and/or work-related equipment.
Community Legal Education Project

We are very grateful for our 10-year partnership with the William S. Boyd School of Law. Most first- and second-year law students volunteer at our office by teaching legal information classes to the general public under the supervision of a staff attorney. The law students gain valuable real-world legal experience and we gain much needed additional staffing to meet the ever-growing demand. We conduct classes in bankruptcy, small claims, divorce, guardianship and paternity/custody.

2008 Results
• 3,910 attendees
• Total attendees since its inception in 1999: 26,488

Partners in Pro Bono

Second- and third-year law students from the UNLV Boyd School of Law are given the opportunity to work on a pro bono case with a private attorney through our Partners in Pro Bono Program. Those participating are matched with volunteer attorneys in the community on a case involving family law, domestic violence, bankruptcy or consumer fraud.

2008 Results
• 26 students participated in this program representing 26 clients
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With the help of a $300,000 city grant, LACSN purchased a building at 800 S. 8th Street. The doors opened on March 14, 2000, and by 2004, we had retired our mortgage with a pro bono challenge grant from the Lied Foundation. As part of our goal to make access to justice easier for low-income clients, LACSN acquired the Pro Bono Project, providing clients with a one-stop location to receive the help they need. In 2001, the Domestic Violence Project was established to assist victims with protection orders and all aspects of domestic violence family law.

THE MODERN ERA

2000s
FINANCIALS
## 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Income

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*Allocated for new land/facility expansion
SO WE MUST GROW

Facts

- In Clark County, 11% of residents live below federal poverty guidelines.
- An additional 13% of the population is classified as working poor.
- In 2008, nearly 500,000 residents of Clark County were eligible for our services.
- By 2021, it is projected that more than 720,000 Clark County residents will be eligible for our services.
- According to the 2008 Civil Legal Needs Assessment study, conducted by the Nevada State Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, 80% of low-income Clark County residents have legal needs that are not being met.
- Our ultimate goal is to ensure that 100% of low-income residents have their rights protected through access to legal aid.
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