

# Central Jersey Legal Services Inc.

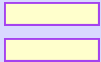


## Mercer County Division

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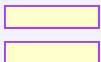
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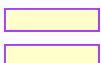
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## Legal Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence



New Jersey law offers protections for victims of domestic violence and their families. If you or someone you know is abused, Central Jersey Legal Services can help.



Central Jersey Legal Services, Inc.

Serving the civil legal needs of low income residents of Central New Jersey

# LEGAL SERVICES CAN HELP YOU STAY SAFE

**Domestic violence can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or income. Domestic violence impacts all of us- individuals, families and communities.**

If you have been abused by an intimate partner or family member, the law can be a valuable tool to help you gain control over your life and ensure your safety.

**You have the right to live free of fear and violence.**

**Central Jersey Legal Services can help.**

**We are a law firm that provides free representation in civil cases to financially eligible people who live in Mercer, Middlesex & Union Counties.**

**A CJLS attorney or paralegal can help you understand your legal rights and explain what actions you can take to protect yourself and your family. Our staff will work with you to resolve your legal problems in whatever way feels most comfortable to you.**

Central Jersey Legal Services can help you obtain a restraining order to keep your abuser away from you.

We also provide other legal services that can help you end the violence in your life and live safely and independently.



**Call or visit one of our offices to find out more about how we may be able to help.**

**CJLS staff can help you obtain a restraining order that forbids your abuser from having any contact with you.**

**A restraining order can provide you with many important protections to ensure your safety and security.**

## Possession of Home & Property

A restraining order will require your abuser to move out of a home that you share. It can require the abuser to continue to pay the rent or mortgage and utilities. A restraining order can also grant you sole possession of property such as a car.

## Child Custody

A restraining order can grant you custody of your children. The restraining order can also establish a schedule for your abuser to spend time with the children that does not allow the abuser to be alone with you.

## Financial Support for You and Your Children

A restraining order can require the abuser to pay child support and other financial support to you. It may require the abuser to pay for your medical expenses for injuries related to the domestic violence, or to pay you back for property damages or other expenses.

## Weapons

A restraining order may be used to force an abuser to surrender any weapons they own. It can also revoke their permit to own a gun.

## Counseling

A restraining order can require the abuser to attend professional counseling.

**If you are not a United States citizen, you can still obtain a restraining order. CJLS can help you.**

## Other Ways We Can Help



Living in an abusive relationship can have negative consequences for your children, impair your ability to work, jeopardize your home or credit, or leave you without income and insurance. CJLS can help you resolve many of these issues.

**The following are some examples of the types of cases we often help with:**



### FAMILY

Divorce, child custody, support, family reunification, and DYFS actions.



### HOUSING & WELFARE

Housing discrimination, eviction, rent collection, other landlord-tenant disputes, Section 8 and public housing problems, TANF, GA, Food Stamps, HEAP, Medicaid/Medicare, unemployment, State disability, and welfare overpayments collection.



### CONSUMER

Bankruptcy, credit access, foreclosure, medical bill collections, utility billing/shut offs, and unfair sales practices.



### SENIOR & DISABILITY

Wills, guardianships, advance directives, SSI/SSD denial, termination or overpayment, nursing home issues, and institutional/residential mental health issues.

**If you need legal advice and cannot afford a private attorney, call the Central Jersey Legal Services office in your County for assistance.**

