



## Iowa Legal Aid’s Services to Veterans

Iowa Legal Aid assists veterans and their families with VA compensation and pension claims, overpayments, discharge upgrades and issues involving the VA medical center.

Iowa Legal Aid provides a full-range of civil legal aid to veterans, including family law issues (divorce,

child support, custody), homelessness prevention, stopping unlawful garnishments and repossessions, and assisting with Medicaid issues. Iowa Legal Aid does not provide legal assistance in criminal matters.

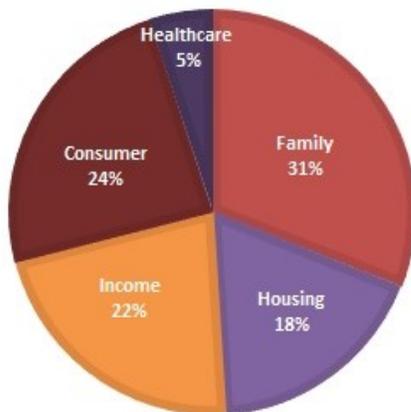
### IOWA LEGAL AID’S IMPACT ON IOWA’S VETERANS

“Fred” was a disabled veteran who received VA compensation for his service-connected disabilities. Fred developed some serious health problems that forced him to stop working. As a result, Fred was unable to stay current on his mortgage payments.

A foreclosure action was filed against him. Fred turned to Iowa Legal Aid for help with saving his home. Iowa Legal Aid represented Fred in the foreclosure action, and negotiated a home loan modification that reduced the interest rate on his mortgage from 6.0% to 2.0%. With the lower interest rate, Fred was able to make his monthly payments.

The foreclosure action was dismissed, and Fred was no longer in danger of becoming homeless.

**CASES CLOSED BY IOWA LEGAL AID'S VETERANS PROJECT**



- Family Law:** Child Support, Divorce, Custody
- Housing:** Foreclosure, Landlord/tenant issues
- Income:** VA benefits, Social Security Disability
- Consumer Law:** Debt collection, bankruptcy, contracts
- Healthcare:** Medicaid/Medicare denials

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In 2010, the Department of Veterans Affairs implemented the Supportive Services for Veteran's Families (SSVF) Program. The program offers grants to eligible entities that provide supportive services to veterans and families that are very low-income and are either homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Participating organizations provide rental, utility, case management, legal and other assistance to veterans and families.

Iowa Legal Aid serves veterans in each of Iowa's 99 counties through its statewide unified intake system and relationships the organization has with a broad range of community providers, including homeless shelters, community health organizations, hospitals, and county Veterans Affairs offices. Additionally, Iowa Legal Aid partners with the following agencies to provide legal assistance to veterans through the Veterans Administration's SSVF Program:

- ◇ Primary Health Care of Des Moines
- ◇ Family Alliance for Veterans of America (FAVA) of Forest City
- ◇ Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) of Cedar Rapids
- ◇ Humility of Mary Program in Davenport

Iowa Legal Aid has VA accredited staff attorneys, practicing statewide.

**NOTE: A Veteran is anyone who has served in the military. Eligibility for this project is not contingent upon a service member's deployment to any war or conflict.**

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