

Santa Cruz County Law Library Agency & Resource Referral List

Agencies providing Free or Low Cost limited legal services to citizens in the Santa Cruz County Area.

AGENCY	CONTACT INFO	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Above the Line	2716 Freedom Blvd Corralitos, CA 95076 831-724-3077 www.abovetheline.org	Provides shelter and educational programs for homeless and at risk youth.	Under age 18.
Adelante	521 Main St., Ste Y Watsonville, CA 95076 831-724-2997	A community resource center referring people to appropriate agencies for health, immigration, legal or social services. Assistance with paperwork/forms and with translations. Other Languages: Spanish	No fee for services.
California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform	650 Harrison St – 2 nd Floor San Francisco, CA 94107 415-974-5171 www.canhr.org	Provides plaintiffs, litigation support and often serves as organizational plaintiff in class action suits intended to improve quality of care in nursing homes. Also aids with medi-cal, Medicare and other related public benefit claims. Lawyer referral service available.	All CANHR services are free, although there may be a small charge for publications and lawyer referral services.
California Lawyers for the Arts	Fort Mason Ctr – Bldg C-255 San Francisco, CA 94123 415-775-7200 www.calawyersforthearts.org	The Legal Referral Service of California Lawyers for the Arts [C.L.A.] operates a lawyer referral service under the authority of the State Bar of California. For \$35.00 this agency provides a 30 minute consultation with an attorney to discuss are related matters.	Pre-payment is required.
California Rural Legal Assistance - Santa Cruz Office	501 Soquel Ave – Suite D Santa Cruz, CA 95062 831-458-1089 www.crla.org santacruz@crla.org	Provides legal information, advice, and representation for the following areas of law: evictions, landlord/tenant, public benefits (medicare, medi-cal, social security claims). Other languages: Spanish, others by	Must be resident of Santa Cruz county age 54 and under. Low income near poverty level

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California Rural Legal Assistance - Watsonville Office	21 Carr St Watsonville, CA 95076 831-724-2253 www.crla.org watsonville@crla.org	Provides legal information, advice, and representation for the following areas of law: evictions, landlord/tenant, public benefits (medicare, medi-cal, social security claims). Other languages: Spanish, others by arrangement	Must be resident of Santa Cruz county age 54 and under. Low income near poverty level
Defensa Du Mujeres & Women's Crisis Support -Santa Cruz Office	1537 Pacific Ave Ste 300 Santa Cruz, CA 96065 831-425-4030 831-685-3737 (24 hour crisis line) www.wcs-ddm.org	Provides legal advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault including Legal information and referrals, Assistance in filing for domestic violence restraining orders, and Accompaniment to court hearings. Other languages: Spanish	All women and children are eligible. Legal services provided on a sliding scale.
Defensa Du Mujeres & Women's Crisis Support - Watsonville Office	220 East Lake Ave Watsonville, CA 95076 831-772-4532 831-685-3737 (24 hour crisis line) www.wcs-ddm.org	Provides legal advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault including Legal information and referrals, Assistance in filing for domestic violence restraining orders, and Accompaniment to court hearings. Other languages: Spanish	All women and children are eligible. Legal services provided on a sliding scale.
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund, Inc	2212 Sixth St Berkeley, CA 94710 510-644-2555 800-348-4232 www.dredf.org	DREDF represents select clients whose case has substantial impact either through class action or furthering disability rights. Provides referrals to other organizations.	

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	info@dredf.org	Does not provide assistance with denial of Social Security Disability benefits.	
Health Consumer Alliance	2639 La Cienaga Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90034 310-204-4900 www.healthconsumer.org hca@healthlaw.org	Helps low income obtain essential healthcare by providing information and legal services predominantly with medical eligibility and service issues. Accommodates many languages	
Lawyer Referral Service of Santa Cruz County	PO Box 1311 Santa Cruz, CA 95061 831-425-4755 www.santacruzbar.org/lrs.html sccbar@sbcglobal.net	\$40 up to 30 minute consultation with a lawyer (or may obtain a fee waiver from California Rural Legal Assistance)	Everyone qualifies
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights	131 Steuart St, Ste 400 San Francisco, CA 94105 415-543-9444 www.lccr.com info@lccr.com	Supports the rights of minority and low-income individuals by offering free legal assistance in civil matters. Handles cases with policy impact that focus on important civil rights issues. Programs include race, immigration, poverty, with a special commitment to African-Americans.	
Legal Aid Society – Employment Law Center	600 Harrison St – Suite 120 San Francisco, CA 94107 415-864-8848 www.las-elc.org	Promotes the stability of low income and disadvantaged workers by working to maintain stable working conditions and protecting the legitimate status of wage earners. Does not provide legal representation in court, but offers advice, counsel and advocacy through its Bay area workers rights clinics including a South Bay evening clinic in San Jose.	Must call or check website for income guidelines and how to make an appointment.

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<p>Legal Services for Prisoners with Children</p>	<p>1540 Market St Suite 490 San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 255-7036 www.prisonerswithchildren.org info@prisonerswithchildren.org</p>	<p>Advocates for the human rights and empowerment of incarcerated parents, children, family members and people at risk for incarceration. They respond to requests for information, trainings, technical assistance, litigation, community activism and the development of more advocates. Their focus is on women prisoners and their families.</p> <p>Does not provide legal representation in court.</p>	
<p>Live Oak Family Resource Center</p>	<p>1438 Capitola Road Santa Cruz, CA 95062 831-476-7284 www.communitybridges.org/liveoak.htm</p>	<p>Provides many helpful resources for families including education (childbirth classes, playgroups, etc), community development, home visiting (counseling, etc), and information and referrals.</p> <p>Does not provide legal representation in court.</p> <p>Other languages: Spanish</p>	<p>Services are free or on a sliding scale basis.</p>
<p>Mountain Community Resources</p>	<p>(mail) PO Box 105 Ben Lomond, CA 95005 831-335-6600</p> <p>6134 Highway 9 Felton CA 95018</p>	<p>Provides many helpful resources for families including education (childbirth classes, playgroups, etc), community development, home visiting (counseling, etc), and information and referrals.</p> <p>Does not provide legal representation in court.</p>	

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National Center for Lesbian Rights	870 Market Street, Ste 370 San Francisco, CA 94102 415-392-6257 800-528-6257 www.nclrights.org	Provides online assistance and maintains legal helpline for legal questions related to sexual orientation or gender identity. Maintains publications and materials on its website relating to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender client issues.	
Public Advocates Inc.	131 Steuart St, Ste 300 San Francisco, CA 94105 415-431-7430 www.publicadvocates.org	Partners with low income communities of color to challenge systemic causes of poverty and discrimination and to strengthen the voices of the poor, people of color, and immigrants in public policy.	
Santa Cruz County Department of Child Support Services	420 May Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 94105 831-454-3700 www.cdss.co.santa-cruz.ca.us	Services include: establishing paternity, locating parents, establishing court orders for child support/medical support, modifying existing court orders, and collection of support payments. Does not provide legal representation in court. Other languages: Spanish	
Santa Cruz County Family Court Services Program	Watsonville Courthouse 1 Second Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 familylawinfo@santacruzcourt.org	Family Court Services (FCS) provide mediation services to separating parents to resolve disagreements about the care of their children. May also offer parenting classes. Does not provide legal representation in court.	Anyone with a Santa Cruz county case number and parenting issues. Mediation services limited to 3 hours per year at no charge.

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<p>Santa Cruz County Family Law Facilitator</p>	<p>1 Second Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 (downtown), Room 301 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (in the courthouse). http://www.santacruzcourt.org/Self%20Help/index.htm</p>	<p>Family Law Facilitator assists with child support, spousal support, partner support, health insurance, parentage, some custody and divorce assistance. Does not provide legal representation in court. Assistance available on a drop in basis Watsonville M-R 8:30-11:30,1:30-4:00 Santa Cruz T,R 8:30-11:30,1:30-4:00 -Closed third Tues afternoon (even months) -Closed third Thurs afternoon (odd months)</p>	<p>No cost for services. May be charged for copies or publications.</p>
<p>Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau</p>	<p>141 Monte Vista Ave. Watsonville, CA. 95076 Phone: (831) 724-1356 or (831) 688-0748 http://www.sccfb.com sccfb@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>Members are eligible for legal services with local law firm. Keeps members informed of current issues in local agriculture and the industry. Other languages: Spanish</p>	<p>Membership. Free services limited to one-half hour per quarter.</p>
<p>Santa Cruz County Immigration Project</p>	<p>406 Main St, Ste 217 Watsonville, CA 95076 831-724-5667 sccip@cabinc.org</p>	<p>Provides immigration legal services including naturalization, appeals, waivers, information & referral and community education & advocacy for persons legalizing under IRCA & related immigration programs.</p>	

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<p>Santa Cruz County Self Help Center</p>	<p>1 Second Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 (downtown), Room 301 831-786-7200</p> <p>701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (drop in assistance- the courthouse). (forms and info -law library – room 070) 831-420-2200</p> <p>http://www.santacruzcourt.org/Self%20Help/index.htm</p> <p>www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/. (CA state legal forms)</p> <p>selfhelp.information@santacruzcourt.org</p>	<p>The Self Help Center helps people who need legal information but do not have lawyers. The Center can give you information, court forms, and help you understand your legal options.</p> <p>Besides Family Law, assistance is available for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guardianship of the person, • Name change, • Civil harassment restraining orders, • Landlord tenant. • Community and legal referrals • Conservatorship • Elder Abuse Prevention. • Watsonville Location Only: Public computers and self help legal resource library to research other areas of the law. <p>Calls returned in 72 hours. Emails returned weekly.</p> <p>Assistance available on a drop in basis Watsonville M-R 8:30-11:30,1:30-4:00</p>	<p>No cost for services. May be charged for copies or publications.</p>
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		<p>Santa Cruz T,R 8:30-11:30,1:30-4:00 Closed third Tues afternoon (even months) Closed third Thurs afternoon (odd months)</p> <p>Conservatorship, Elder Abuse prevention drop in assistance available-</p> <p>Santa Cruz Court: Monday only 8:30-12:30 in the Law Library located at 701 Ocean Street room 070</p> <p>Watsonville Court: Thursday only 8:30-1:30 in the Self Help Center located at 1 Second Street</p>	
<p>Santa Cruz County Small Claims Legal Advisor</p>	<p>http://www.santacruzcourt.org/Small%20Claims/SmallClaimsAdvisor.htm (831) 786-7370 Leave a Message Any Time Live Call-in Service Tuesdays 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m</p> <p>selfhelp.information@santacruzcourt.org (you must include your phone number in any email)</p>	<p>The Small Claims Advisor provides legal information, assistance preparing court forms, and procedural advice to self-represented litigants</p> <p>Limited walk-in hours available after phone consultation. Calls and emails returned within one week.</p>	
<p>Senior Citizen's Legal Services - Santa Cruz Office</p>	<p>501 Soquel Avenue, Suite F Santa Cruz 95062 426-8824</p>	<p>Free legal advice and representation for seniors. Social Security, SSI, Medi-Cal, Medicare, housing, consumer, elder abuse and other types of cases. Will go to homebound seniors if necessary.</p>	<p>Santa Cruz county resident. 55 and over</p>

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Senior Citizen's Legal Services - Watsonville Office	114 E Fifth St Watsonville CA 95076 728-4711	Free legal advice and representation for seniors. Social Security, SSI, Medi-Cal, Medicare, housing, consumer, elder abuse and other types of cases. Will go to homebound seniors if necessary.	Santa Cruz county resident. 55 and over
Senior Legal Hotline – Legal Services of Northern California	444 North Third St Suite 312 Sacramento, CA 95811 (916) 551-2140 (800) 222-1753 www.seniorlegalhotline.org	Free legal advice and brief services by phone or internet on any legal subject. Conducts educational efforts and advises on how to best find attorney services.	California resident 60 and over
Walnut Avenue Women's Center	175 Walnut Ave Santa Cruz CA 95060 831-426-3062 www.wawc.org info@wawc.org	Provides assistance with restraining orders, family law matters, court accompaniment, and legal referrals. Operates 24 hour domestic violence hotline, provides drop in support, education, referrals Other languages: Spanish	
The Watsonville Law Center	521 Main St Ste H Watsonville, CA 95076 831-722-2845 www.watsonvillelawcenter.org	Provides free legal services to low-income individuals. Serving a predominantly agricultural community, WLC focuses on addressing issues related to worker rights, consumer protection and barriers to employment.	Low income