

2008 Accomplishments: Improving Lives

Pisgah Legal Services helped clients achieve thousands of positive outcomes in their lives in 2008. PLS attorneys provide holistic assistance to clients, helping most with more than one issue. Below is an outline of selected issues PLS addressed through legal advice and representation.

PLS Prevents or Stops Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

- Obtained or enforced a civil protective order against a client's partner 704 times
- Prevented abuse of a child 38 times
- Obtained or maintained custody of child for a client 474 times
- Obtained or protected a client's right to child support 175 times

PLS Prevents Homelessness

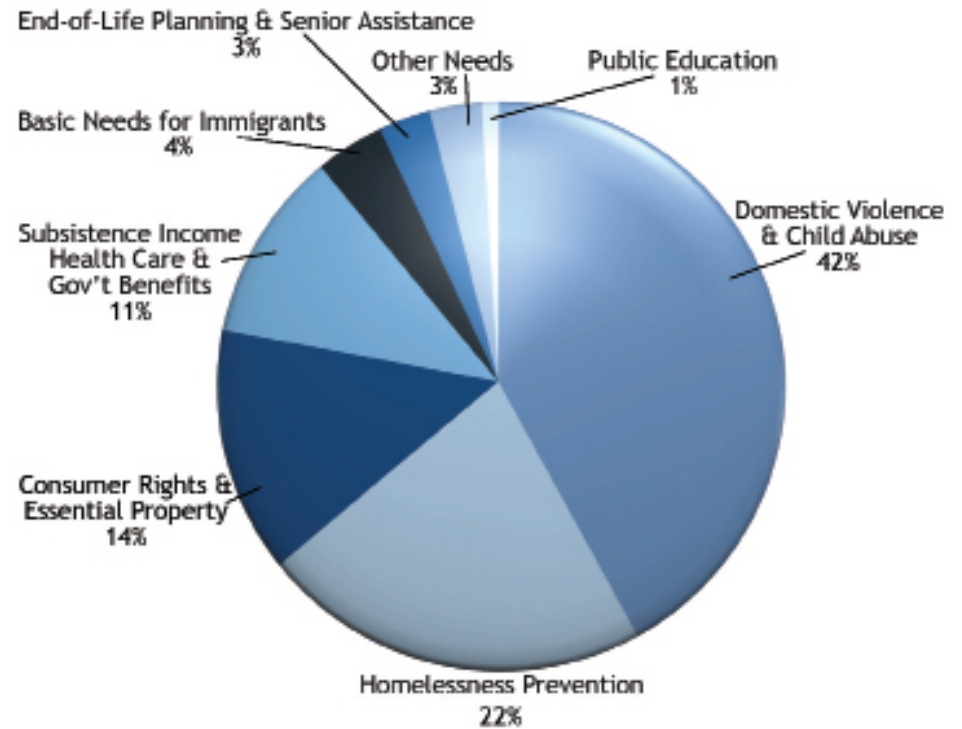
- Prevented or delayed eviction 490 times
- Prevented or delayed foreclosure 103 times
- Improved housing conditions 107 times
- Obtained/preserved eligibility for subsidized housing 369 times

PLS Protects Consumer Rights and Essential Property

- Protected essential property (e.g., home, car) 442 times
- Prevented illegal creditor harassment 154 times
- Helped client manage limited resources 161 times
- Educated client about consumer rights/responsibilities 111 times

PLS Helps Disabled Individuals Secure Health Care and Subsistence Income

- Secured Medicare or Medicaid benefits 287 times
- Obtained/preserved eligibility for subsistence income 114 times



Percentage of PLS Outcomes by Issue Area for Cases Closed in 2008

PLS Helps Seniors Avoid Abuse and Do End of Life Planning

- Prepared a will, living will or power of attorney 84 times
- Prevented financial or physical elder abuse (not domestic violence) 26 times

PLS Addresses Immigrant Issues to Meet Basic Needs and Reduce Poverty

- Obtained legal work authorization to secure household income 64 times
- Secured permanent legal immigration status 97 times