

PLS Secures \$26.9 Million in Benefits to Clients

In 2007, Pisgah Legal Services secured **more than \$26.9 million in quantifiable benefits** to help low-income clients meet basic needs. PLS staff and volunteer attorneys closed 3,075 closed cases that helped children 7,275 times and adults 7,785 times. PLS improved the lives of **more than 9,000 WNC residents in 2007**.

Benefits to Clients	Estimated Value
<p>Disability Income Benefits</p> <p>PLS helped individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities obtain subsistence income benefits (Supplemental Security Income).</p>	\$1,894,517
<p>Medicaid Benefits for Individuals with Disabilities</p> <p>PLS helped individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities obtain Medicaid so they can access health care and prescription medications.</p>	\$16,728,397
<p>Other Monetary Benefits for Clients</p> <p>PLS helped clients secure housing subsidies, compensation for tenants living in unsafe housing conditions, child support payments for victims of domestic violence, unemployment compensation and home equity preserved from foreclosure.</p>	\$5,461,215
<p>Helped Clients Free Up Funds for Essential Expenses</p> <p>PLS helped clients prioritize payment of essential expenses and avoid payment of illegal charges.</p>	\$1,251,182
<p>Pro-Bono Legal Services for Clients</p> <p>The Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer Program's network of more than 300 volunteer attorneys provides pro bono services to PLS clients.</p>	\$436,650
<p>Federal Funds for housing and services for low-income people</p>	\$1,182,952
<p>Total <u>Quantifiable</u> Benefits to Clients</p>	\$26,954,913
<p>PLS Annual Budget - 2007</p>	\$2,020,780