

PLS Outcomes

Pisgah Legal Services achieved 6,215 positive outcomes for our clients in 2007. PLS attorneys provide holistic assistance to clients, often helping them with more than one issue. Many cases result in multiple outcomes. Selected outcomes achieved through PLS' representation and advice are outlined below.

PLS Prevents or Stops Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

- Obtained or enforced a civil protective order against a client's partner 598 times
- Prevented abuse of a child 48 times
- Stabilized the living situation for a child/children 384 times
- Obtained or protected a client's right to child support 240 times

PLS Prevents Homelessness

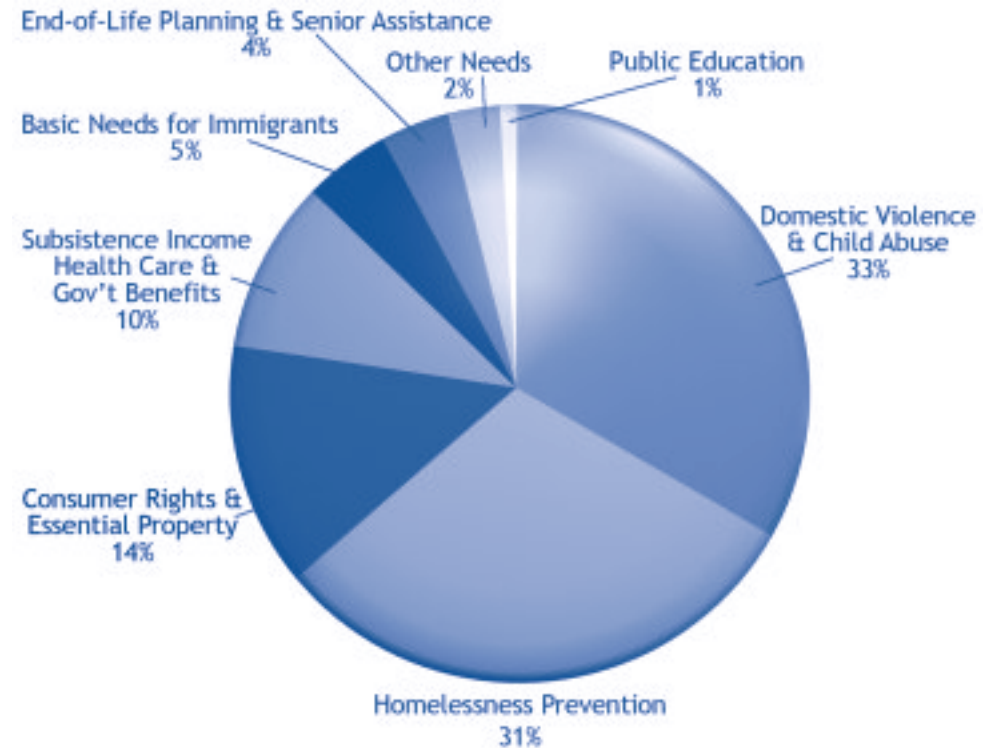
- Prevented or delayed eviction 592 times
- Prevented or delayed foreclosure 100 times
- Improved housing conditions 126 times
- Obtained or preserved eligibility for subsidized housing 449 times

PLS Protects Consumer Rights and Essential Property

- Protected essential property (e.g., home, car) 418 times
- Prevented illegal creditor harassment 174 times
- Educated client about consumer rights/responsibilities 111 times

PLS Helps Disabled Individuals Secure Health Care and Subsistence Income

- Secured Medicare or Medicaid benefits 289 times
- Obtained or preserved eligibility for subsistence income 89 times



Percentage of PLS Outcomes by Issue Area for Cases Closed in 2007

PLS Addresses Immigrant Issues to Meet Basic Needs and Reduce Poverty

- Obtained legal work authorization to secure household income 102 times
- Secured permanent legal immigration status 97 times

PLS Helps Seniors Avoid Abuse and Do End of Life Planning

- Prepared a will, living will or power of attorney 181 times
- Prevented financial or physical elder abuse (not domestic violence) 45 times