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| **Intent:**  *Families can get free legal help to address housing concerns, appeal denial of benefits, or resolve other barriers to reunification or overall well-being.* |

**Service Description:**

Free legal advice and/or possible representation regarding:

* Sub-standard living conditions, evictions, and other landlord-tenant issues.
* Denial of public benefits such as financial assistance, food stamps, medical assistance, disability payments, unemployment benefits, and more.
* Child custody, guardianship, divorce, paternity, and child support.
* Basic documents such as wills, advance health care directives, and powers of attorney.

**Who Qualifies:**

Families involved with CFSA or the Healthy Families/Thriving Communities Collaboratives

**Provider/Period of Service:**

Neighborhood Legal Services; April 2015-April 2016

**Referral Process:**

* Social worker completes and submits the online [Neighborhood Legal Services Referral Form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bGdYnPulm_zICt87hwRSzXECQfKFEKaRNRW8DM_oInk/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link).
* CFSA Community Services forwards referral to Neighborhood Legal Services.
* Neighborhood Legal Services screens referrals and contacts both social worker and family about next steps.

**For More Information:**

Referrals from CFSA—Danita Bailey, executive assistant, CFSA Community Services, [danita.bailey2@dc.gov](mailto:danita.bailey2@dc.gov), 202-724-7350

Referrals from Healthy Families/Thriving Communities Collaboratives—Jerra Mitchell, paralegal, Neighborhood Legal Services, [JMitchell@nlsp.org](mailto:JMitchell@nlsp.org), 202-678-2001