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The fundamental mission of civil legal aid is to ensure **fairness** in our legal system by providing **access to justice**. The **economic benefits** it generates are **substantial and undeniable**.



For every \$1 invested, civil legal aid returns an average of \$7.



Every one of the 50+ studies conducted on the return on investment (ROI) of civil legal aid demonstrates that **legal aid provides a positive ROI** – something rare for publicly funded programs.



**\$17.99**

For every \$1 invested in **Louisiana** in 2022, legal aid returned \$17.99.



**\$8.40**

For every \$1 invested in **Wisconsin** in 2021, legal aid returned \$8.40.



**\$7.49**

For every \$1 invested in **Kansas** in 2023, legal aid returned \$7.49.

**Civil legal aid is a fiscally responsible investment that benefits taxpayers, families and communities.**

## How Civil Legal Aid Delivers Return on Investment:



### Loss Prevention

Protects families' **housing and financial stability** by preventing wrongful evictions, foreclosures and unfair debt collection. Helps domestic violence survivors secure protective orders, safe housing and financial support, **reducing the risk of homelessness and future violence**.



### Direct Financial Wins

Empowers **self-reliance** by ensuring American workers receive lawfully earned wages, veterans' benefits and Social Security payments, directly **increasing economic contributions**.



### Taxpayer Savings

**Lowers costs** for emergency shelters, healthcare, social services, emergency financial assistance and law enforcement by resolving legal issues early and preventing crises **before they require government intervention**.



### Boosts Local Economies

Legal aid **fuels economic growth**. Every dollar secured through legal aid circulates through **local businesses, increasing spending, job retention and overall economic stability**.

LSC is the single largest funder of civil legal aid in the country. LSC promotes equal access to justice by funding high-quality civil legal assistance for low-income Americans.

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