



The Colorado Poverty Law Project

The Colorado Poverty Law Project (CPLP) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and our mission is to prevent homelessness by providing education and access to legal representation for low-income individuals facing eviction and other housing issues. It is also important to us that we support and educate the legal community on broader poverty law related issues.

Our work focuses on providing the community with “know your rights” trainings, training volunteer attorneys on poverty law issues, and connecting low-income tenants with volunteer attorneys through our Just Housing program if they are unable to obtain legal assistance from Colorado Legal Services. CPLP supports racial justice and equal treatment and access under the law across all legal systems. We focus on assisting individuals whose income is less than 200% of the Federal poverty level, which is approximately \$25,000 for an individual and \$52,000 for a family of four.

We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused housing insecurity for many low-income individuals and many may face evictions and other struggles over the upcoming months. The federally mandated eviction moratorium that halts new evictions for certain rental properties in Colorado through the CARES ACT ends on July 25, 2020. The Colorado eviction moratorium ended on June 13th. That same day, Governor Polis issued an executive order that requires landlords to provide tenants with thirty (30) days’ notice (rather than 10 days’ notice) for any default for non-payment before initiating or filing an eviction action. This executive order ends July 13, 2020. Although this provides a notice extension, it does not prevent evictions from occurring. CPLP would like to offer our organization as a resource to help those facing eviction and other housing issues as a result of the current pandemic.

Below are ways to reach us and how we may be able to assist:

- CPLP hosts a monthly legal clinic on the third Wednesday of each month from 4-6 pm at Stout Street Health Center, 2130 Stout St, Denver, CO 80205. At the clinic, CPLP’s volunteer attorneys provide a range of services to attendees, including answering on-the-spot legal questions and providing referrals. Attendees are able to bring any questions and paperwork that relates to their legal issue. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, we are currently offering this clinic using a hybrid model that allows individuals to meet in person or online, depending on their needs. Please contact us at contact@copovertylawproject.org if you are interested in attending our next legal clinic, either in person or virtually, to discuss an eviction or other housing issue.

- You may also submit CPLP's intake form for our Just Housing program at:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9mMZTtP1iuJIGgiddogVrSGg1hu_HH4
Before completing our intake process, we ask that all individuals seeking legal assistance with a civil legal issue first contact Colorado Legal Services (CLS) by either calling their local CLS office or by filling out CLS's online intake form:
https://colsoi.legalserver.org/modules/matter/extern_intake.php?pid=129&h=ad817
- If you have any questions, you may also contact CPLP at
contact@copovertylawproject.org.