



EVICTIION DEFENSE PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Legal Action of Wisconsin's Eviction Defense Project?

The Eviction Defense Project (the "EDP") is a court-based **FREE** civil legal aid provider that seeks to reduce housing instability for low income Milwaukee County families, especially those with children. The EDP can be found in the Milwaukee County Courthouse:

Eviction Defense Project
901 N. 9th St., Room 406

Hours: Mondays, Thursdays, and certain Wednesdays and Fridays 12:00pm-3:00pm
Phone (Information Only): 414.278.7722

Please note that EDP hours, days of operation, and location are subject to change. The most up to date information will be available on Legal Action's webpage (www.legalaction.org) and the EDP phone line.

The EDP is made possible through a collaboration between Legal Action of Wisconsin, Legal Services Corporation, the Milwaukee Justice Center, Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic, the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Community Advocates, Quarles & Brady LLP, volunteer attorneys, and the support of the Circuit Court and the Clerk of Courts.

What Services Does the EDP Provide?

Through its volunteer attorneys, the EDP provides limited scope brief legal services to tenants facing eviction. EDP volunteer attorneys are able to provide advice and counsel to help prepare clients for their return date, negotiate with the landlord or landlord's attorney to reach settlement when appropriate, and provide in-court representation to clients in contested eviction proceedings. Please note that these services are limited to the day that the services are provided.

How Do I Obtain Assistance from the EDP?

Tenants must visit the EDP in person to register for Project assistance. During intake, the EDP will determine whether you are eligible for Project services and copies will also be made of any relevant documents in your possession. Please bring all relevant documents with you to the EDP (e.g., summons/complaint, lease, receipts, notices, etc.). Upon completion of intake, clients will be asked to return to the waiting area where they will be called once a volunteer attorney becomes available.





Am I Eligible for Civil Legal Aid from the EDP?

You may be eligible for EDP assistance if you are a tenant facing an eviction action in Milwaukee County (1st cause). The EDP must run a conflict and screen to ensure that it is able to agree to the representation. Potential clients must also satisfy certain income eligibility requirements in order to qualify for assistance.

Do I Need to Work with the EDP to Contest an Eviction?

No. The EDP is a pro bono legal assistance program, but it is neither a required nor state-sponsored program. Tenant participation is completely voluntary.

What Does the EDP Cost?

Nothing. The EDP provides pro bono (free) civil legal aid to clients that qualify.

Does Working with the EDP Guarantee that I Will Not Be Evicted?

The EDP cannot make any assurances as to the outcome of your legal proceedings. The results of each case will be fact and law specific.

Does the Landlord Need to Have a Lawyer for Me to Work with the EDP?

No. The EDP will represent tenants in eviction actions regardless of whether the landlord is represented.

Where Can I Find Additional Information Regarding the EDP?

Please visit Legal Action's webpage at <http://www.legalaction.org/services/volunteer-lawyers-project/eviction-defense-project>.