

Building an Integrated Legal Help Platform on the Web

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 Illinois Legal Aid Online

Improving access to justice through technology



Who is Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO)?

- Formed in 2001
- 1st independent org in the country solely focused on using technology to make legal info freely accessible
- Chicago office, 18 staff members, 250 volunteers
- FY 2015 budget = \$1.8 million
- Funded by foundations, IOLTA, contracts, the state, Illinois lawyers, law firms, corporate & private donors
- Work with every legal aid and pro bono program in Illinois

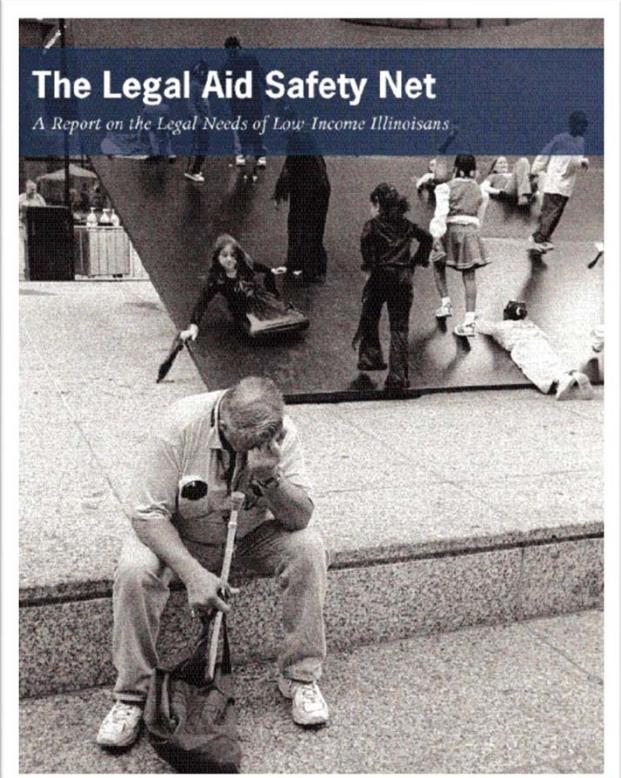
The screenshot shows the homepage of Illinois Legal Aid Online. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, Our Work, Our People, Press Room, Volunteer, Events, Search, and Donate. The Home link is highlighted in blue. To the right of the navigation is a "Privacy Policy | Contact Us" link. The main content area features a large blue circular logo on the left. To the right of the logo, text reads "5th Annual Fundraising Gala: RETHINKING LEGAL AID" in large white letters, with "April 15, 2015 • 5:30 pm Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel" and a "Buy Tickets Now" button below it. Below the logo, there are four sections with links: "Get Legal Help" (www.ilinoislegalaid.org), "Obtenga Ayuda Legal" (www.ayudalegal.org), "Legal Aid Attorneys" (www.ilinoislegaladvocate.org), and "Pro Bono Attorneys" (www.ilinoisprobono.org). Each section has a small play button icon next to its link. Below these sections are four boxes with text and icons: "Legal Information & Help for Illinois Residents" (with a link to a page about legal rights and responsibilities), "Información & Ayuda Legal Para La Comunidad de Illinois" (with a link to a page about legal services for the community), "Training & Practice Support for Legal Aid Advocates" (with a link to a page about online practice support), and "Opportunities & Training for Volunteer Attorneys" (with a link to a page about volunteer opportunities). At the bottom of the page, there's a "Connect with ILAO" section with icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Email, followed by links to "Facebook", "Twitter", "LinkedIn", "YouTube", and "Contact". A copyright notice at the very bottom states "© 2001-2015 Illinois Legal Aid Online. All Rights Reserved. Terms and Conditions of Use." and a "Log in" link.

www.IllinoisLegalAidOnline.org



Why is ILAO needed?

- Fewer than **500** legal-aid attorneys in Illinois.
- Only **16%** of low-income households receive assistance for legal problems they encounter.
- **65%** of low-income households attempt to resolve their legal problems **without a lawyer** (about **875,000** legal matters).
- Our **#1 imperative** is to use technology to increase access to the law for lower-income Illinois residents.



What ILAO Does

MISSION: *To increase access to justice for lower-income and vulnerable Illinois residents through the innovative use of technology to assist and educate the public and to train and support legal aid providers and pro bono attorneys.*

- **Puts the law within reach** for millions of people who have legal problems but can't afford a lawyer.
- **Lowers barriers** to the law so that people can, **on their own**, understand their legal options, make informed decisions, and when necessary represent themselves.
- Improves the **efficiency** and **effectiveness** of legal aid and pro bono services.



Websites

- **IllinoisLegalAid.org:** Legal information & self-help for IL residents
- **AyudaLegalIL.org:** Legal information & self-help for Spanish speaking IL residents
- **IllinoisLegalAdvocate.org:** Training & practice support for legal aid advocates
- **IllinoisProBono.org:** Volunteer opportunities & training for pro-bono legal professionals

The image displays four screenshots of legal websites arranged in a grid:

- Top Left:** Illinois Legal Aid ([IllinoisLegalAid.org](#)) - "Helping Illinois Residents Solve their Legal Problems". The page includes a search bar and links for Home, Legal Resources, News, Calendar, Volunteer Search, Mentor/Case Match, Help, Donate, and Privacy Policy.
- Top Right:** Illinois Pro Bono ([IllinoisProBono.org](#)) - "Training & Practice Support For Volunteer Attorneys". The page includes a search bar and links for Home, Legal Resources, News, Calendar, Volunteer Search, Mentor/Case Match, Help, Donate, and Privacy Policy.
- Bottom Left:** Illinois Legal Advocate ([IllinoisLegalAdvocate.org](#)) - "Training and Practice Support for Legal Aid Advocates". The page includes a search bar and links for Home, Legal Resources, News, Discussion Groups, Calendar, Jobs, Directory, Help, Donate, and Privacy Policy.
- Bottom Right:** Ayuda Legal Illinois ([AyudaLegalIL.org](#)) - "Ayudando a Residentes de Illinois a Resolver sus Problemas Legales". This page is in Spanish and features a large portrait of a woman on the right. It includes fields for entering a legal problem and zip code, a search button, and a link to find city zip codes. Other visible links include Videoteca, Noticias y Eventos, and Crédito Federal para los Impuestos. The footer contains links for Inicio, Buscar Articulos, Videoteca, Catálogo de Formas Automatizadas, Nuestra Organización, Contáctenos, Términos de Uso, Escoger Idioma (Spanish/English), © 2001-2012 Illinois Legal Aid Online, Todos los Derechos Reservados, and Log In.

Legal Resources for the Public

[Take our User Survey](#) - Please take a moment to fill out the User Survey to help us to improve this website.



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Begin Here

For help with a legal issue, type your problem in the box below.
Enter your zip code to get more information specific to your location.

What's your legal problem?

What's your zip code?

[Find a zip code by city](#)

Search

[How to use this site](#) [VIDEO](#)

Click to email

We can help you find the information
you're looking for...

LiveHelp ►

Video Library

Encuentra Información Legal En Español

News and Events



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11. What types of arrests are not juvenile records?

You are considered to have an adult record if:

- You were arrested after your 18th birthday (any offense);
- You were arrested after your 17th birthday for a felony (before 2014);
- You were arrested for a traffic offense, such as a DUI; or
- You were charged as an adult even before your 18th birthday.

If you have an adult record, you will need to file different court papers. See <http://www.illinoislegalaid.org/expungement> for more information.

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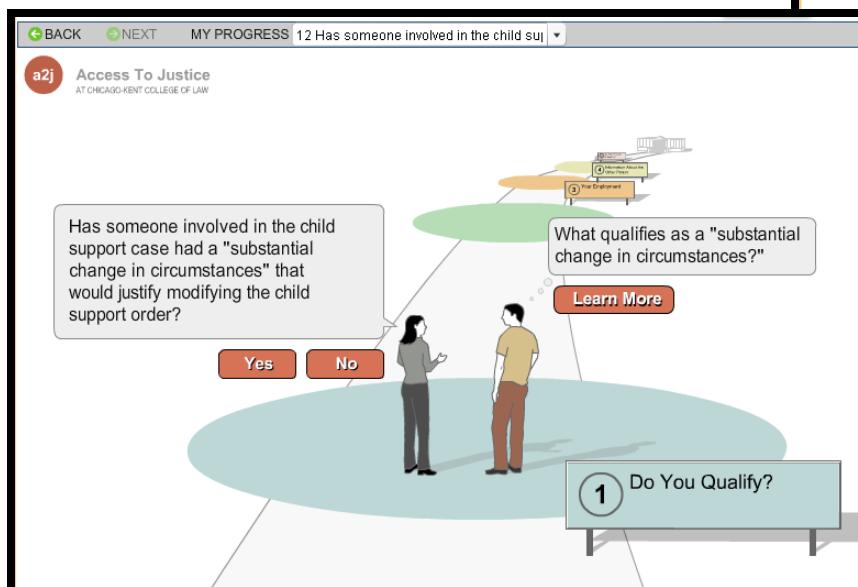
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Print This Question

Interactive Documents

- Legal Services Advocates
- Hotline Staff
- Volunteers/Pro Bono



This screenshot shows a computer screen displaying a petition form titled 'Dissolution of Marriage Pleadings and Forms - cases initiated after March 11, 2010'. The window has a title bar and a menu bar with icons for Help, Print, and Save. On the left, a sidebar titled 'Interview Outline' lists sections: Attorney and case information, Petitioner information, Respondent information, Military information, Wedding and separation information, Grounds, Pregnancy and number of children, Information about children and Children. The 'Children' section is expanded. The main right panel is titled 'Petitioner information' and contains fields for the Petitioner's first name (Jane), middle name (initial), and last name (Anderson). It also includes fields for street address (1312 N. Main Street), city (Chicago), county (Cook), state (selected as Illinois), zip code (60613), telephone number ((888) 999-3333), gender (Female selected), birth date, Social Security Number (123-45-6789), and driver's license number. Navigation buttons at the bottom include 'First', 'Previous', 'Next', 'Last', and 'Finish'.

- Legal Services Clients
- Self-Represented



Videos



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What's your legal problem?

What's your zip code?

[Home](#) > [Browse Articles](#)

Law Basics: Giving Notice

Not available

Sorry, the LiveHelp Service is not available right now. Please try again later.

[LiveHelp ▶](#)

The image shows a video player interface for a video titled "Law Basics: Giving Notice". The video content displays a calendar for August. A red circle highlights the date August 20th. Below the calendar, the words "Date delivered" are written in large blue letters. The video player includes a navigation bar with icons for back, forward, and search, as well as a progress bar indicating the video is at 1:39 of 2:02 minutes. A "LiveHelp" button is visible in the top right corner of the video frame.



Interactive Learning-Based Content



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The Foreclosure Process

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Another month has passed.
Joe missed another
mortgage payment.

The bank has to send Joe
certain notices before it can
file a foreclosure. This
includes a grace period
notice.

Lender Notices
2 MONTHS

BANK NOTICE

Click Here to
[Apply for Free
Legal Help](#)



Online Access System



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Apply for Legal Aid

Begin Here

Use this tool to see if you qualify for legal aid in your area. You must answer each question.

What zip code do you live in?

Is your yearly household income
over \$100,000?

Yes No

What is your age?

What is your race?

What is your ethnicity?

What is your gender?

Which of the following apply to you?

- I am disabled
- I am a veteran or active duty military
- I am homeless
- None

I understand that information I give will be used following this site's [Privacy Policy](#), and that I have read and understand the terms of that policy. I further understand that my use of this site will be subject to the Site's [Terms of Use](#), and I agree to follow those terms.

Continue



www.AyudaLegalIL.org

Características del sitio web

- » Sistema de búsqueda potente
- » Más de 200 piezas de contenido
- » Información en 20 áreas legales
- » Videos Instructivos
- » Formas de la corte
- » Instrucciones paso a paso
- » Recomendación de organizaciones legales útiles
- » 'Click to Chat' asistencia de mensajes instantáneos

Ayuda Legal Illinois

Ayudando a Residentes de Illinois a Resolver sus Problemas Legales

Donaciones | Políticas de Privacidad
Ayuda

Inicio.

Para obtener ayuda con su problema legal, teclee su problema en el espacio debajo. Escriba su código postal para obtener más información específica a su área.

¿Cuál es su problema legal? ¿Cuál es su código postal?

Buscar Encuentre el código postal de su ciudad ▾

Haga clic para chatear Un representante le ayudará a encontrar la información que busca... Live Help ▾

Videoteca Noticias Eventos Crédito Federal para los Impuestos

Artículos | Videoteca | Catálogo de Formularios | Contáctenos | Términos de Uso | Aviso Legal | Ayuda Online, Todos los Derechos Reservados. | Log In



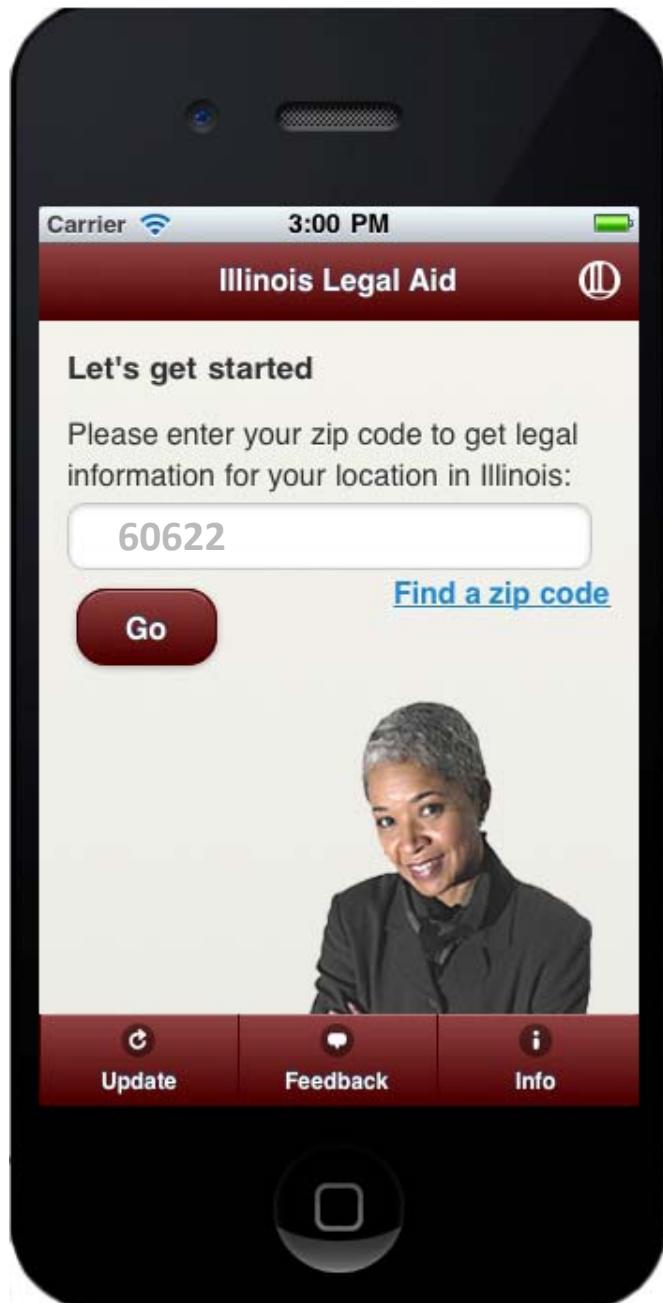
Haga clic en la "Videoteca" para ver una lista de videos instructivos y webcasts archivados en una variedad de temas legales. Los videos pueden ser útiles para personas con niveles de alfabetización mas bajos o que aprenden mejor viendo y escuchando que leyendo.

Para buscar información legal, ingrese su problema legal en el cuadro y pulse "Buscar" para obtener una lista de resultados relativos a su término de búsqueda.

Haga clic en el logo de "LiveHelp" para acceder al servicio de "Click to Chat". El servicio proporciona ayuda de navegación a usuarios de la web para ayudarles a encontrar la información legal que ellos buscan. El servicio está disponible L/Mie/V 10 am-2pm y M/J 2pm-6pm.

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AyudaLegal ofrece información legal fácil de entender, sobre asuntos de derecho civil. Está diseñado para residentes de Illinois con bajos ingresos y consiste en un sistema de búsqueda simple. El sitio web proporciona información legal de fondo así como referencias a organizaciones de ayuda legal en el área geográfica del usuario usando su código postal.



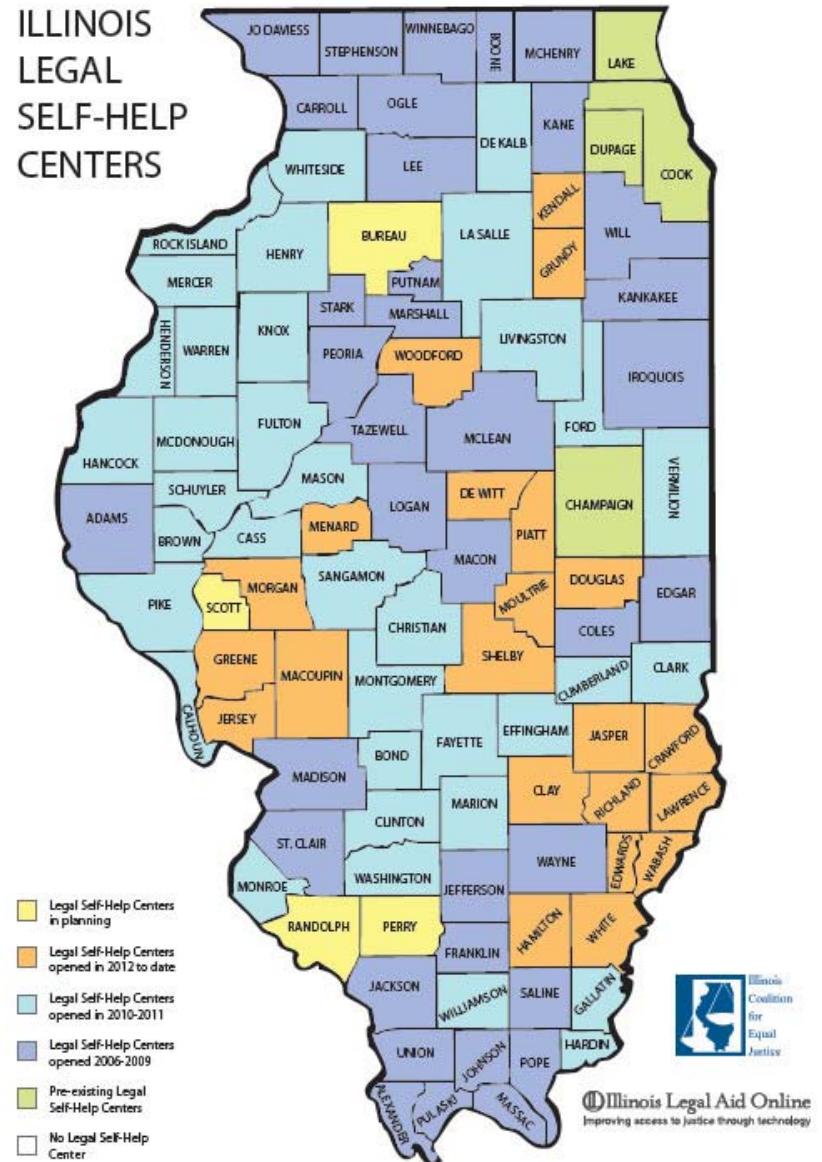
Illinois Legal Aid App

The screenshot shows the "Results" screen of the app. At the top, there's a red header bar with a "Back" button, the word "Results", and the "IL" logo. Below the header, the section title "Helpful Organizations" is shown. Three organization entries are listed in a card-style format: "CARPLS" with a right-pointing arrow, "Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago - General Office" with a right-pointing arrow, and "Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service" with a right-pointing arrow. Below this section is another titled "Legal Guides" which contains a single entry: "Getting a Divorce in Illinois" with a right-pointing arrow. At the bottom is a red footer bar with three buttons: "Home" (with a house icon), "Feedback" (with a speech bubble icon), and "Info" (with an info icon).



Legal Self-Help Centers

- Began opening in 2006
- All of Illinois's 102 counties have centers
 - Internet based
 - 80+ are in public libraries
 - 26 are at courthouses



Results

- The most cost effective provider of legal assistance in Illinois, serving over **2 million visitors** at a cost of **\$.54/visit** in 2014.
- 65 people a day use “LiveHelp” to chat online with an operator who assists them in finding the answers to their legal problems.
- Computer based legal self-help centers in all **102 IL counties**.
- Recognized national leader – other states seek to replicate
- Award winning services
- Simplifying legal processes



Innovations in the Works

- Automated standardized court forms for the public
- E-learning courses for legal aid and pro bono lawyers
- Interactive simulations for the public
- Landlord-tenant video game
- Online “Ask a Question” service utilizing pro bono lawyers
- Complete website redesign – TBD March 2016

