

EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Since its founding in 1989, Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) has become a major player on the Eastside and throughout King County in the human services network:



SOME FACTS

- Eastside attorneys, paralegals and community members have contributed in excess of **20,000** volunteer hours, serving over **50,000** clients since ELAP began.
- Conservatively estimating, **\$4 million** in pro bono services has been provided for civil legal aid through ELAP.
- In 2008 ELAP served over **1100** clients and expects to serve well over this number in 2009 as legal aid needs are increasing.

SOME RESULTS IN 2008 AND 2009

- **11 women** in 2008 living in long term homeless shelters moved into their own housing due to credit clearing work done by ELAP volunteer attorneys. **7** more women currently in shelters are in the process of credit clearing.
- **112 Clients** in 2008 were assisted by ELAP staff and volunteer attorneys in cases of domestic violence, including aiding clients in obtaining Protection Orders and/or parenting plans, including custody and child support issues.
- **522 Clients** to date in 2009 have been assisted by ELAP volunteer attorneys through advice clinics and workshops. **163 clients** have been assisted by ELAP through direct representation, the Wills Project and other brief services.

WHAT SUPPORT FOR ELAP CAN DO:

- Through **volunteerism**, increase **civil legal aid to low-income residents** of East and Northeast King County in advice clinics, self-help divorce workshops, brief services and lectures.
- Through **volunteering with our domestic violence project** serving low-income residents all over King County, to provide legal aid so that abused women can become survivors, not victims.
- Through **donations**:
 - * \$25.00 gift provides one hour of translation services for two non-English speaking clients at an advice clinic.
 - * \$50.00 provides pleadings preparation for two clients working on a self-help dissolution.
 - * \$100.00 provides four hours of staff time to assist a victim of domestic violence obtain a Protection Order.

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