

About TALS



What is TALS?

The Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services (TALS) is a statewide nonprofit organization committed to:

- Empowering its constituencies, especially those in need
- Providing visionary and effective leadership
- Serving the public interest by improving access to civil legal assistance
- Promoting and modeling diversity and inclusiveness
- Advocating for justice for those in need
- Advancing collaboration and building consensus among providers of legal services for the common good

Our Vision

Equal Access to Justice in Tennessee

Our Mission

TALS strengthens the delivery of civil legal help to vulnerable Tennesseans. We do this by:

- Simplifying the search for civil legal help
- Being a leading and unifying voice
- Establishing a center for innovation, training, and expertise

Who We Serve

Facts about Tennesseans with low-income who are served by legal aid services:

- 6 out of 10 households who experienced at least one civil legal problem took some action to resolve the problem.
- Problems with medical bills or health insurance was the most frequently reported problem in 2014
- Affording a place live was the most frequently reported civil legal problem for respondents under 30 years old
- 60% of people reported having access to the internet

[Report from the Statewide Comprehensive Legal Needs Survey for 2014, UT SWORPS.](#)

Board of Directors

The TALS' board of directors comprises a broad spectrum of individuals throughout the legal community. The board has included representatives from various Tennessee bar associations, the Tennessee Bar Foundation, federally-funded legal aid organizations, other public interest organizations, law schools, legal clinics, and the private bar.

[Click here to see the TALS Board of Directors](#)

Staff

The TALS staff provides coordination, support, advocacy, training opportunities, communications, resource development and other services to implement the mission and priorities of the alliance. See staff contact information below.

[Click here to meet the TALS staff.](#)

Location

TALS' Office is located in the metro-center area of Nashville, Tennessee. Our office does not provide legal representation, so we do not see clients on-site. All others may call to make an appointment during office hours.

Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Due to our small staff size, please [make an appointment directly with the staff member](#) with whom you wish to meet.

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Historical Overview

TALS continues to be a leader in the access the justice community. TALS drives change and improvement in legal services delivery by leveraging partnerships – new and old.

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Access to Justice Awards

Each year at the annual [Equal Justice University](#) conference, TALS presents three awards to individuals from Tennessee's equal justice community.

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