

# Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services

About TALS

Strengthening the Delivery of Civil Legal Help to Vulnerable Tennesseans

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## 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:

- Serving as a statewide coordination point for civil justice issues
- Educating policy makers, advocates and the public about civil legal issues
- Connecting vulnerable Tennesseans with civil legal help
- Expanding financial resources and awareness of TALS and the equal justice community

### 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.*

## **Address**

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Nashville, TN 37228

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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.

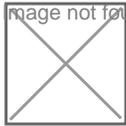
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## Access to Justice Awards

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

[Read more about the Access to Justice Awards here.](#)

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