

# COMMUNITY LEGAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE  
OF LEGAL SERVICES IN  
OUR COMMUNITY!



Summit Legal Aid and Neighborhood Legal Services are conducting a comprehensive legal needs assessment in our shared 14-county region, and we need your help. We are committed to ensuring that our services reflect the real needs of our communities. Conducting a needs assessment is a critical step in understanding the most pressing civil legal challenges faced by residents in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

## Why We're Doing This

A Community Legal Needs Assessment helps us:

- Identify the most urgent legal issues facing local residents, such as housing, family law, employment, and access to public benefits
- Understand barriers that people face in seeking legal help
- Learn from the experiences and insights of community partners and residents
- Shape our case priorities and strategic planning goals for the coming years

## Why We Need You

We can't do this alone. Local agencies are on the front lines and see the legal struggles that our communities face.

Your input is vital to help us:

- Reach underserved populations
- Gain deeper insights into community-specific challenges
- Build partnerships that improve access to justice

## How We'll Use the Information

The data we collect will guide us on:

- Which types of cases we prioritize
- How we design and deliver services
- Our long-term strategic planning & outreach efforts

## How You Can Help

- Take our partner survey to share your valuable insights as a resource provider
- Share our surveys with the community
- Help share our content on social media

**Together, we can build a stronger, equitable community!**



Partner  
Survey



Partner  
Resources



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