



Legal Counsel for
Youth and Children

Legal Needs Checklist

For youth and young adults ages 12-24

SAFETY

- Do you feel unsafe at home and want to talk about your options?
- Are you afraid someone is going to hurt you?
- Is someone harassing, stalking, or threatening you?
- Is Child Protective Services (CPS) involved with your family?

DEBTS, FEES, FINES

- Do you have unpaid court fines?
- Do you owe money to a hospital or doctor's office?
- Do you have tickets you can't pay?
- Are you getting calls from a collections agency?

IDENTITY

- Do you want to change your name and/or gender marker?
- Do you need to get your identifying documents?
- Do you think someone used your name or social security number without your permission?

IMMIGRATION

- Does your family have a safety plan if someone gets arrested by ICE?
- Have you ever had a removal or deportation order?
- Are you undocumented and want to know your immigration options?

HOUSING

- Did you get an eviction notice or other notice from your landlord?
- Is your landlord not repairing your home? Are the conditions unsafe?
- Is your landlord harassing you or discriminating against you?
- Do you have an eviction record or outstanding rental debt?

CUSTODY

- Do you have children and need help with getting or keeping custody?
- Are you taking care of someone else's children and want to make it official?
- Do you need help making sure someone else can take care of your children because you can't right now?
- Are you under 18 and your parents disagree with where you want to live?
- Are you under 18 and want someone other than your parents to take care of you?
- Are you under 18 and want to take care of yourself?

EDUCATION

- Do you have a disability and need support in school?
- Do you need help enrolling in or getting to school?
- Are you having trouble accessing school because of tech issues?
- Were you unfairly suspended or expelled?

CRIMINAL ISSUES

- Do you think you have a warrant?
- Do you want to seal your criminal record?
- Do you have fines from a criminal case you can't pay?
- Were you denied housing or employment due to criminal history?

HEALTH

- Do you need access to medical or mental health care?
- Is someone threatening to commit you to inpatient treatment?
- Are you under 18 and want to consent to your own health care confidentially?

BENEFITS

- Do you need help paying for your basic needs like food and medical care?
- Do you have a disability and it keeps you from being able to meet your basic needs?
- Did you apply for benefits but you think you were unfairly denied?
- Is someone taking your benefits and/or do you want to receive your benefits directly?

EMPLOYMENT

- Are you recently unemployed? Were you unfairly fired?
- Does your employer owe you money?
- Were you harassed or discriminated against at work?
- Do you have a disability that affects your work?

CAR ISSUES

- Was your car unfairly taken (towed, impounded, or repossessed)?
- Is your license suspended?
- Are you having trouble with your car that you bought recently?

Connecting Young People to LCYC

- Young people between the ages of 12 and 24 years who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness may be eligible for FREE civil legal help from LCYC. To learn more about LCYC's Youth Homelessness Program, visit: lcyowa.org/yhp.
- To make a referral for legal services, visit: lcyowa.org/needhelp.
- **Se habla español.**