



Northwest Justice Project Native American Unit

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TOLL FREE: 1-888-201-1012

CLEAR: 1-888-201-1014

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, please call our CLEAR intake line at 1-888-201-1014 using your preferred TTY or Video relay service.

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Contacting the Native CLEAR Hotline

Low-income Native Americans in need of legal assistance may contact NJP's Native CLEAR hotline:

1-888-201-1014

(press 5 to speak to Brooke Pinkham)

CLEAR Senior

If you are an elder 60 or over, regardless of your income, you can call CLEAR Senior at 1-888-387-7111.

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Free Legal Services for Native Americans



Serving the Legal Needs of
Washington State's Native
American Communities

The Northwest Justice Project's Native American Advocacy Program



Northwest Justice Project (NJP)

NJP provides free civil (non-criminal) legal services to people who cannot afford a lawyer.

Native American Advocacy

NJP has three possible resources to help low-income or Senior Citizen Native American clients:

- The CLEAR and CLEAR Senior hotlines;
- Field offices located near Indian reservations throughout Washington; and
- The Native American Unit.

How do I get help from NJP?

Most clients seeking legal assistance begin by calling "CLEAR." CLEAR stands for the Coordinated Legal Education, Advice and Referral system. CLEAR is a toll-free telephone service hotline available to low-income people and Seniors to obtain free legal assistance with civil problems.

CLEAR advocates help clients define the legal problem, determine possible courses of action, and identify whether additional legal resources are available. After clients contact NJP, they may be assisted by an NJP field office, the Native American Unit, a local volunteer lawyer program or another legal services organization. The CLEAR line is open Monday through Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.. The phone number for CLEAR is **1-888-201-1014**.

CLEAR Native American Specialist

CLEAR has a Native American Specialist who provides legal assistance to Native American clients. If you are Native American and would like to speak with the CLEAR Native American Specialist, contact CLEAR as described above and then press 5 to speak with Brooke Pinkham, the Native American Specialist. *If Brooke is not available, you can speak with any CLEAR advocate about your legal issue.*

Elders

If you are a Senior Citizen 60 or over, regardless of your income, you can call CLEAR Senior at: **1-888-387-7111**.

NJP Field Offices

NJP has 17 offices in Washington providing legal aid to those who reside or have a legal issue in their service area. The types of cases handled by each NJP office vary, but most may help with cases in the following areas of law:

- *Consumer*
- *Education*
- *Indian Wills*
- *Public Benefits*
- *Housing*
- *Health Care*
- *Family and Domestic Violence*

Native American Unit (NAU)

NJP has a Native American Unit with two attorneys. The attorneys offer limited legal assistance in tribal, federal and state court matters. The NAU handles cases in the following areas of law:

- *Education Discrimination*
- *Indian Health Care*
- *Indian Child Welfare Act*
- *Trust Land and Resources*
- *Indian Estates and Probate*

Self-Help

NJP and other legal service organizations have written materials that provide information and tools so that people can represent themselves in court or solve legal problems on their own. Publications including materials on issues unique to Indian communities can be accessed online at **www.washingtonlawhelp.org**.*

*Click on the "Native American Issues" link or contact NJP directly.