

In-Person Legal Aid Is Back in San Antonio

A critical service for housing stability returns to Bexar County.

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THE DATA

15,000

Clients Served

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid served over 15,000 clients last year across 68 counties.

This figure underscores the scale of civil legal need in Texas, particularly in high-density urban areas like San Antonio. With eviction, family law, and domestic violence cases among the most in-demand, access to legal representation is not a luxury—it's a housing safeguard. The return of in-person services directly addresses the urgency of time-sensitive cases.

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Physical Presence Builds Trust

The executive director emphasized that ‘the best way to get to know a client and develop a relationship is in person.’ For low-income residents navigating complex legal systems, trust is as vital as legal strategy. In-person interactions reduce barriers to access, especially for populations with limited digital literacy or unreliable internet. This relational infrastructure is a silent but powerful component of neighborhood resilience.

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Eviction Cases Need Speed, Not Just Access

Eviction proceedings often have deadlines measured in days, not weeks. The ability to meet attorneys in person shortens response time, enabling clients to present documentation, clarify facts, and negotiate settlements more effectively. When legal aid is accessible through physical offices, it becomes a frontline defense against displacement—especially critical in Bexar County, where TRLA’s busiest location serves the largest volume of cases.



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