

Michigan Migrant Legal Aid

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<u>Michigan Migrant Legal Aid – La ley a</u> <u>su lado</u>

In 1973, migrant workers and their families had no voice to stand up for their right to safe housing and working conditions or their right to earn a fair wage. They struggle to maintain basic human dignity, from lack of bathroom facilities, dangers posed by pesticides, and discrimination. Because of their poverty, their transitory lifestyle, and their language difficulties, they face barriers to civil legal services. Out of this need, the legal community in Michigan formed Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project, also known as Migrant Legal Aid, a non-profit agency. In 1973, the agency moved to a house on Mount Vernon in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The agency's services expanded inside that house. From there, the agency spent 10 years in the Minhaar Building at 49 Monroe Avenue NW in downtown Grand Rapids, and 10 years at 638 Monroe Ave NW, another rental facility. Today, having moved to a permanent location at 1104 Fuller Avenue NE, the agency offers a continuum of services as an independent non-profit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors and operated by a staff of eight. The agency also handles referrals from other non-profits, such as the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan, Farmworker Legal Services, Latin Americans United for Progress, Hispanic American Council, Legal Aid of Western Michigan, and private attorneys. English, Spanish 1104 Fuller Ave NE Grand Rapids MI



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