



Benefits Law Center

BLC serves people who are **disabled** and below **200%** of the federal poverty level



12,100 There are over 12,100 people in King County who are homeless



1,473 BLC helped over 1,400 people in 2019



\$2,366 On average, BLC spends \$2,366 to help one person navigate the Social Security system to achieve economic independence



3,600-8,500 Although we helped almost 1,500 people last year, we estimate that there are between 3,600 and 8,500 people in King County that need our help each year

Benefits Law Center provides Social Security advocacy for People with Disabilities who are Homeless or Low Income



Total number of attorneys in 2019
5



Annual Budget
\$913,081



Total Economic Return to the Local Economy in 2019
\$713,134



Back Pay Secured for King County Residents in 2019:
\$315,960

Social Security Advocacy Project

The Social Security Advocacy Project (SSAP) helps clients when Social Security threatens to improperly reduce or terminate their benefits. SSAP assists clients in cases that are unlikely to generate attorney fees and who face other barriers -- such as homelessness and mental illness, among others -- which make it very difficult to obtain attorney representation.

Disabled Homeless Advocacy Project

The Disabled Homeless Advocacy Project (DHAP) was created in 2006 to address the well-documented need for SSDI/SSI representation for homeless individuals. DHAP delivers aid at sites accessible to homeless people, and in the community on WA State's first Mobile Legal Unit, the Justice Bus.

The Justice Bus

Barriers like transportation, communication, mental and physical health problems, and the need to prioritize tasks required for every day survival make it so some of our clients are not able to make it to our doors. This is why we created the Justice Bus, WA state's first Mobile Legal Unit. The Justice Bus allows us to bring our legal advocacy to places where clients are already receiving the services they need.

By becoming approved for benefits, our clients also gain access to Medicaid or Medicare



Our advocacy turns into consistent monthly income -- usually \$783 a month or more



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