## Guide to Free Legal Help in Lithgow

	Legal Issue	Services
	Fines  o Having trouble paying your fines? o Is your license suspended due to unpaid fines?	<ul><li>Community Legal Centre</li><li>Legal Aid WDO Service</li><li>Aboriginal Legal Service</li></ul>
ij	<ul> <li>Violence, Injuries &amp; Accidents</li> <li>Feeling unsafe at home or elsewhere?</li> <li>Have you been a victim of violence, physical assault, or sexual assault?</li> <li>Need advice about victims support or compensation?</li> <li>Has an ADVO been made to protect you?</li> <li>Has an ADVO been made against you?</li> <li>Have you been injured in an accident?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community Legal Centre</li> <li>Legal Aid NSW</li> <li>Youth Law Australia</li> <li>Women's Legal Service</li> <li>Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre</li> </ul>
OB	Family  Separating and don't know what to do?  Need help to see your kids or grandkids?  Trouble getting or paying child support?  Has DCJ contacted you?	<ul> <li>Community Legal Centre</li> <li>Legal Aid NSW</li> <li>Aboriginal Legal Service</li> <li>Women's Legal Service</li> <li>Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre</li> </ul>
000	Money  o Having trouble paying your bills? o Being hassled by a debt collector? o Having trouble paying your mortgage?	<ul> <li>Community Legal Centre</li> <li>Legal Aid NSW</li> <li>Financial Rights Legal</li> <li>Centre</li> <li>Financial Counsellor</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Goods &amp; Services</li> <li>Signed a contract you can't afford?</li> <li>Does someone owe you money?</li> <li>Unhappy with goods or services you purchased?</li> <li>Crashed your car and not insured?</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Community Legal Centre</li><li>Legal Aid NSW</li><li>Youth Law Australia</li></ul>
	Crime  On the police want to talk to you? Have to go to court? Worried about your bail conditions? Lost you license and need it back?	<ul><li>Legal Aid NSW</li><li>Community Legal Centre</li><li>Aboriginal Legal Service</li></ul>
	Housing & Renting  Have you received an eviction notice?  Can't get housing because something happened in a previous tenancy?  On a TICA blacklist?  Disagree with a decision by your landlord?	<ul><li>Tenants Advice and Advocacy Services</li><li>Legal Aid NSW</li></ul>
	Disasters      Were you impacted by bushfire, flood or storms?      Having trouble with your insurer?      Need help with a disaster payment?      Need help with temporary accommodation?      Rental property damaged in the disaster?      Need help replacing important documents?	<ul><li>Community Legal Centre</li><li>Legal Aid NSW</li></ul>

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	<ul> <li>Young People, School &amp; Education</li> <li>Can I leave home before I turn 18?</li> <li>Suspended or expelled from school?</li> <li>Having trouble getting your own Medicare or ID card, birth certificate, or changing your name?</li> <li>In out-of-home-care and need help?</li> <li>Want to talk to someone about police?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community Legal Centre</li> <li>Legal Aid NSW</li> <li>Aboriginal Legal Service</li> <li>Youth Law Australia</li> </ul>
	Older People & Future Planning      Feeling unsafe where you live?     Money or property gone missing?     Worried about your current living arrangements?     Worried about your Power of Attorney?     Need assistance after someone has passed away?	<ul><li>Community Legal Centre</li><li>Legal Aid NSW</li><li>Senior Rights Service</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Military Veterans</li> <li>Having trouble with the Department of Veteran's Affairs?</li> <li>Need help to appeal a decision or make a claim?</li> </ul>	o Legal Aid NSW
CE)	Disability  o In trouble with police? o In police custody? o Going to court and have a cognitive impairment? o Have you experienced discrimination?	<ul> <li>Legal Aid NSW</li> <li>Aboriginal Legal Service</li> <li>Justice Advocacy Service</li> <li>Australian Centre for Disability Law</li> </ul>
NDIS	<ul><li>NDIS</li><li>Trouble with the NDIS?</li><li>Having issues with your plan or a service provider?</li></ul>	<ul><li>Community Legal Centre</li><li>Legal Aid NSW</li><li>Australian Centre for Disability Law</li></ul>
~~	<ul> <li>Centrelink</li> <li>Unhappy with a Centrelink decision?</li> <li>Do you owe Centrelink money?</li> <li>Unsure if you are receiving the right payment?</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Community Legal Centre</li><li>Legal Aid NSW</li><li>Welfare Rights Legal Centre</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Immigration</li> <li>Is your partner threatening to cancel your visa?</li> <li>Worried about your visa?</li> <li>Want to apply for citizenship?</li> <li>Want to sponsor a family member?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Legal Aid NSW</li> <li>Immigration Advice and</li> <li>Rights Centre</li> <li>Refugee Advice and</li> <li>Casework Service</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Employment</li> <li>Hassles at work?</li> <li>Not getting the correct pay?</li> <li>Need help with a working with children check?</li> <li>Have you been discriminated against at work?</li> <li>Stopped work because you are sick or injured?</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Community Legal Centre</li><li>Legal Aid NSW</li><li>Youth Law Australia</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Mental Health &amp; Guardianship</li> <li>Need help with a Tribunal application?</li> <li>Unhappy with your Guardianship or Financial Manager?</li> </ul>	Community Legal Centre     Legal Aid NSW
) (4)	<ul> <li>Unfair Treatment</li> <li>Have you been discriminated against, harassed or treated unfairly?</li> </ul>	Community Legal Centre     Legal Aid NSW
	<ul> <li>Government</li> <li>Got a complaint about a government department?</li> <li>Want to talk to someone about police?</li> <li>Need help getting identification?</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Community Legal Centre</li><li>Legal Aid NSW</li><li>Aboriginal Legal Service</li></ul>

# Service Contact Details

Service	Area	Contact Details				
Face to Face Advice						
Lithgow Courthouse <b>every Wednesday Legal Aid</b> lawyers attend to provide advice	Mort Street & Bridge Street Lithgow	For an appointment phone 6352 7300				
Lithgow Courthouse every Thursday from 9am to 11am Community Legal Centre Solicitors provide advice on family law and AVO matters	Mort Street & Bridge Street Lithgow	Primarily for AVO matters listed on this day – drop-in no appointment needed				
Comm	unity Legal Servic	es				
Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre	Central Tablelands & Blue Mountains	(02) 4704 0207 or 1300 363 967 https://ctbmclc.org.au/intake-form				
Women's Legal Service Community workers can contact reception on 02 874567900 or email at reception@wlsnsw.org.au with the client's information for an appointment to talk to a solicitor on the phone.	NSW	Family Law: (02) 8745 6988 or 1800 801 501 Domestic Violence: 1800 810 784 or 02 8745 6999 First Nations Women: 1800 639 784 or 02 8745 6977				
Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre	NSW	(02) 9569 3847 or 1800 686 587				
Welfare Rights Legal Centre	NSW	(02) 9211 5300				
Immigration Advice and Rights Centre	NSW	(02) 8234 0700				
Refugee Advice and Casework Service	NSW	(02) 8355 7227				
Youth Law Australia (people 25 and under)	NSW	1800 950 570 or <u>https://yla.org.au</u>				
Financial Rights Legal Centre	NSW	1800 844 949				
Senior Rights Service	NSW	(02) 9281 3600				
Australian Centre for Disability Law	NSW	1800 800 708 or (02) 7229 0061				
Legal Aid NSW Services						
Legal Aid NSW – Orange Office	NSW	(02) 6362 8022 or 1300 888 529				
Aboriginal Legal Services						
Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT	NSW	1800 733 233 (child protection) 1800 765 767 (police charges and court)				

## Service Contact Details

Tenancy Services					
Verto - South West Tenant's Advice Service	Bathurst, Lithgow	1300 483 786			

#### **Financial Counselling Services**

Financial Counsellors provide information, advice and advocacy around most debt issues, including mortgages, small business debts, overdue bills, unpaid fines, utility debts and bankruptcy.

They can help people to work out their financial priorities and the best option to address their financial concerns.

Financial counsellors can also refer people to receive help from specialist legal services, emergency relief and government departments.

Lifeline Central West	Bathurst, Lithgow	1300 798 258
Verto – Financial Counselling	Bathurst, Lithgow	1300 483 786
GambleAware - CatholicCare	Lithgow	(02) 8843 2500

### The Justice Advocacy Service

The Justice Advocacy Service supports people with a cognitive impairment who come into contact with the criminal justice system to exercise their rights and participate fully in the process.

The Justice Advocacy Service can help people with a cognitive impairment who are the victim of a crime, who witness a crime, or who are suspected of committing a crime.

Available 24/7 on 1300 665 908