

# TARA VEAZEY

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Eastern Montana Self-Help Law Project

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2003 Global Fellow



## BIG BOLD IDEA

Enable low-income residents of Eastern Montana to assert their rights by providing them with technology, legal aid, and volunteers.

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

The large size of eastern Montana, combined with its high poverty rate and low population density, has made delivery of legal services to the area increasingly difficult. As a result, low-income residents of the region are denied virtually any meaningful access to the civil justice system. MontanaLawHelp.org is a project of the Montana Legal Services Association, funded in part by the national Legal Services Corporation. The Montana Legal Services Association, the State Bar of Montana, and the Montana Supreme Court Equal Justice Task Force work together to find, create, and organize the information on MontanaLawHelp.org. The project supports residents of Montana by combining technology with volunteer attorneys and paralegals, as well as community volunteers, to empower people with the legal education, advice, and self-help materials they need to competently and confidently represent themselves in civil proceedings.

## PERSONAL BIO

Tara Veazey studied law at Yale University, and in 2004 she was awarded a grant from the Initiative for Public Interest Law at Yale to develop the Eastern Montana Self-Help Law Project. She now works in Montana as the director of this project, which grew out of the Montana Legal Service Association (MLSA).

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### Organization/Fellow Location

Helena, United States

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### Impact Location

North America

United States

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### Organization Structure

Nonprofit