

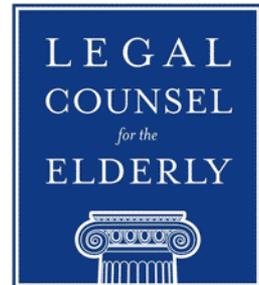


**SERVICES AVAILABLE TO DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA ELDERS**

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Legal Counsel for the Elderly: Services

Championing the dignity and rights of Washington, D.C.'s elderly by providing free legal services to those in need.

- Legal Hotline—(202) 434-2120
- Alternatives to Landlord-Tenant Court Project
- Consumer Protection Unit
- Wills and Power of Attorney/Protective Arrangements
- Public Benefits
- Pro Bono Attorneys
- Homebound Elderly Project (HOME)
- Self Help Offices (SHO)—(202) 434-2094
- Senior Medicare Patrol—(202) 434-2160
- D.C. Long-Term Care Ombudsman—(202) 434-2160

Legal Counsel for the Elderly: Eligibility

- Client Eligibility:
 - 60 years of age or older (55 for people with disabilities)
 - D.C. resident
 - Low-income (200% or less of federal poverty guidelines)
 - Don't need to be AARP member

Legal Counsel for the Elderly: Alternatives Project

A social work, legal and volunteer collaborative that addresses the root causes of eviction to help low income District seniors age in place to maximize their dignity and independence. Property managers, government agencies, and other community members refer vulnerable tenants to our project for early intervention.

Alternatives Project: Case Example

A property manager referred an elderly Vietnam Veteran to our social worker as he was in danger of getting judgment for breach of a repayment agreement he entered pro se. Our social worker assessed the gentleman and determined that he had capacity to appoint powers of attorney, and his daughter was glad to serve in that role. After creating the power of attorney his daughter ensured his rent was paid and the landlord renewed the settlement agreement versus taking a judgment.

Alternatives Project: Case Example

An elder came to LCE over a year ago with a non-payment of rent suit. His rent and income were only \$150 apart, his household income was limited after his long-time partner died, and he was being financially exploited. After a social work assessment we helped address housekeeping issues that were of concern to the landlord and linked the client with medical services. We settled the eviction action with a waiver of \$1100 rent, repairs to the unit, and \$6000 rental assistance for the client. We also helped the client get powers of attorney, who helped the client complete paperwork to become eligible for a voucher. Financial exploitation continued, however, and rent was not being paid and the case was up for a motion for judgment for breach of the settlement agreement. With consent of the client we petitioned the Probate Court for a guardian, and the landlord agreement to settle the case with a \$100 per month repayment agreement on a \$3377 balance (\$1400 lower than balance proposed by the landlord). Due to the voucher, the rent reduced from \$750 to \$211, which made the repayment agreement possible. The guardian prepared barring notices for two men who were exploiting the client.

Social Service Agency referrals

Adult Protective Services: (202) 541-3950

Department of Disability Services (DDS): (202) 730-1700: DDS' Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) is the public agency responsible for the oversight and coordination of all services and supports provided to qualified persons with intellectual disabilities in D.C. To contact DDA on evenings and weekends in an emergency, call 211 or the DDA Duty Officer at (202) 498-9077.

District of Columbia Office On Aging

500 K Street NE

Washington, DC 20002

<http://dcoa.dc.gov/>

DCOA (202) 724-5622: The Office on Aging provides funding to the following agencies to lead services for seniors in the respective wards. Known as lead agencies, seniors may contact them to begin critical services, including, but not limited to, case management, meals and transportation. Services are provided for residents age 60 and older, their families, and caregivers.

ADRC (202) 724-5626: The Aging and Disability Resource Center (serves ages 18 onward): (202) 724-5626. Will refer you to the Ward-specific service provider.

Lead DCOA Social Service Agencies

Ward 1: Terrific Inc. (202) 387-9000; 1222 T Street NW WDC 20009

**Ward 2: Terrific Inc. (202) 595-1990; 1220 L St. NW WDC Suite 800
20036**

**Asian and Pacific Islander Senior Center (202)842-4376; 417 G
Place NW WDC 20001**

**Ward 3: IONA Senior Services (202) 966-1055, 4125 Albemarle St.
NW WDC 20016**

**Ward 4: Terrific Inc. (202) 882-1824; 418 Missouri Avenue NW WDC
20011**

Lead DCOA Social Service Agencies (cont'd)

Ward 5: Seabury (202) 529-8701; 2900 Newton St. NE WDC 20018

Ward 6: Seabury (202) 397-1725; 901 A Street NE WDC 20002

Ward 7: East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, KEEN Senior Program (202) 534-4880, 3917 Minnesota Ave NE WDC, 20019

Ward 8: Family Matters of Greater Washington (202) 562-6860; 4301 9TH St. SE WDC 20032

Agencies for Mental Health Consumers

Department of Behavioral Health

64 New York Avenue, NE, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20002

Phone: (202) 673-7440

Fax: (202) 673-3433

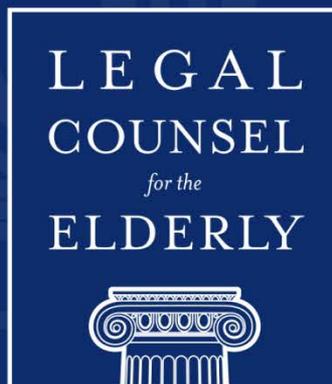
TTY: (202) 673-7500

Email: dbh@dc.gov

For a list of community based behavioral health service providers, see <http://dbh.dc.gov/node/119532>

You can speak with a mental health counselor at our 24/7 Access Helpline 1-888-793-4357 to help you select the most appropriate provider.

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