

State Unit on Aging

Legal Assistance and Elder Abuse Prevention Resources

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Older Americans Act 1965

Legal
Assistance

Elder Abuse
Prevention

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Success Stories

Client was a patient at Methodist Hospital. She did not know how long she would be in the hospital or where she would be going after her stay. She had a Health Care Power of Attorney but needed a Power of Attorney. She wanted her nephew to be her agent. An LAN attorney with our HELP unit used an Arabic translator to talk her through the durable power of attorney and executed the document.

Client owns her mobile home and pays lot rent. Her son and daughter live with her. Her daughter lost her job. They have been there thirty years. She received a 7-day notice and tried to make a partial payment, but the landlord would not accept it. Our housing unit attorney negotiated for client to be set up with Nebraska Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA). ERA covered everything client owed and more. She remained in her home and avoided eviction.

Client, a 62-year-old Veteran, owns a mobile home and pays lot rent. He was two months behind on lot rent. His landlord gave him 24 hours to pay, or he would proceed with an eviction. Our attorney contacted the Veterans Administration. The VA paid 3 months of lot rent. Client said he did not need further assistance and he was very appreciative.

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Legal Aid of Nebraska

Anne Marcotte



DHHS-SUA
funding provided
through the Area
Agencies on
Aging

ElderACCESSLINE® (60+): 1-800-527-7249

All Senior Nebraskans 60+ are eligible
Monday–Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(closed from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.)
Fridays: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Legal Issues

Advanced directives/Living wills

Collections

Homestead exemption

Earned benefits, SSI

Medicare/Medicaid

Consumer protection

And more...

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Legal Risk Detector

- Web-based legal health “check-up” and referral tool.
- Screens for common legal issues and with the option to refer to Legal Aid of Nebraska.
- 60 + years old.
- Piloted with 2 Area Agencies on Aging in September 2022.
- During the pilot, Legal Aid of Nebraska received approximately 195 referrals total, with 63 indicating a legal issue, and was able to aid in some form to 35.
- The most common issues identified during the pilot were consumer matters, housing, and assistance with advance directives.
- Funding provided by DHHS.



Nebraska Elder Legal Risk Detector

Screening tool to detect potential legal issues for elders including housing, debt, financial exploitation, health care and abuse.

A collaboration of [DHHS](#), [LAON](#), and [PBN](#)

[Begin Interview](#)

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***If you are interested in using the legal risk detector with your clients/population, reach out to Anita

2025 Legal Assistance Stats



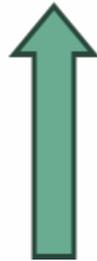
of people served
4216



384,810.82
Total Expenditures



of cases
4695



of Units 14,279



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Elder Rights Coalition

- Meets Quarterly
- Discusses Elder issues
- Collaborates on:
 - Elder Justice Training
 - Elder Issues-Prevention, Education and awareness
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
 - June 15, 2026
 - State Unit on Aging with Adult Protective Services Information Table at State Office Building.
 - Area Agencies on Aging hold various activities throughout the week.
 - We collaborate with other DHHS Divisions/offices to bring awareness.

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Annual

Live Streamed

Free CEUs/CLEs for:
Nursing, Attorneys, Mental Health, and Social
Workers

Topics:
Scams, Benefits, Elder issues, Legal topics, e.g.,
Guardianship, legislation...

Sponsored

Elder Justice Training

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