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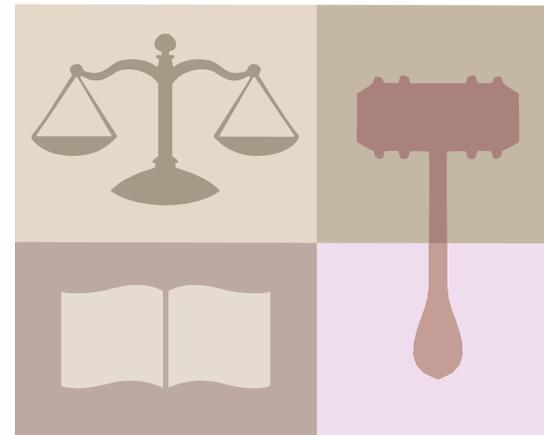
Or

The Legal Hotline for Older Iowans
800-992-8161 or 515-282-8161

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Des Moines, Iowa 50319
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Older Iowans Legal Assistance Program



WHAT IS THE OLDER IOWANS LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

The program provides legal assistance to persons 60 years of age or older in many civil (non-criminal) matters on issues of concern to older persons. A full range of legal assistance services are available, ranging from counsel and advice, brief service and representation in a case.

The program is offered through Iowa's Area Agencies on Aging and funded, in part, by the Older Americans Act to ensure legal rights of older individuals are secured and maintained. This program is also designed to assist older individuals in understanding their rights and exercising choices.

This is a confidential service.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM?

- An individual 60 years of age or older with a type of legal problem handled by the program;
- A resident of Iowa;
- Priority is given to persons in greatest economic or social need.

WHAT LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

The types of legal assistance provided vary across the state but may include: abuse concerns, Medicaid, eligibility for long term care, Medicare, tenant issues, resident's rights, Social Security, property tax credits, powers of attorney, living wills, guardianship, consumer problems, and simple wills.

IS THERE A FEE FOR THIS PROGRAM?

There is no charge for the legal assistance services provided to the older individual, however, contributions are accepted. The client is required to pay for any actual costs incurred such as court costs.

A voluntary program contribution to expand the services available is possible and appreciated. Donations help provide more legal assistance to older Iowan's in need.

