

Legal Services Program Facts

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to matter

their financial need.

Legal Services are provided under the Older American Act for civil legal services at no charge for those individuals who are 60 or older. With eviction cases on the rise, of the 2/3rds of people who try to represent themselves only 4% will win their case. If you have an attorney that win rate goes up to 98%.

Legal Services are focused on older adults to resolve civil legal problems affecting access to basic health care, government income, consumer issues, Family Law issues, housing and safety.

Priorities based on funding for assistance:

- *Access to health care related benefits*
-Fight loss or denials such as Medicare, Medicaid, and home health care services
5.69% of services
- *Needs based government assistance and income*
-Fight loss or denials for Public Benefits such as TANF, Food stamps (SNAP), and Social Security or SSI
9.22% of services
- *Housing*
-Evictions, denials of housing and mortgage foreclosures.
-Involuntary discharges from Nursing Homes or Supportive Living facilities
21.55 % of services
- *Consumer Issues*
-Including debt problems & utility shut-offs
25.26% of services
- *Safety issues and personal rights*
-Domestic violence & elder abuse
1.25% of services
- *Family Law*
-Guardianships, powers of attorneys, and wills.
37.11 % of services

Listing of Local Offices provided on back or call 888-965-7757 for the Older Adults Legal Assistance toll free line.



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