

Partnerships in Law and Aging Program

A collaborative project of the Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging
and the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging

Grantees 2005-2006

This year, the Partnerships in Law and Aging Program offered two funding levels. Eight projects were funded under **Original Awards: Community Identified Need**, and two were funded under **Special Initiatives: Legal Assistance to Elder Abuse Victims**.

Original Awards: Community Identified Need

Twelve month, \$7,500 grants to develop partnerships to promote elder rights and improve elder access to the legal system. Need to be addressed is identified by the applicant.

Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., Miami, Florida

Land Loss Prevention Project

Address trend of low-income African Americans losing title to real property due to intestate succession (heir property) through preventive education on need to develop estate plans, plus free legal assistance in drafting wills and related planning documents.

Partners: South Miami-Kendall Bar Association

Legal Aid Justice Center, Charlottesville, Virginia

Pressure Ulcer Reduction Initiative

Educational seminars on quality of care including pressure ulcer reduction, for long-term care facility staff, family members of residents, and legal and medical professionals, plus follow-up and legal assistance as needed.

Partners: Long Term Care Ombudsman; University of Virginia expert.

Idaho Legal Aid Services, Boise, Idaho

Idaho Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Community Presentations

Statewide community education for grandparents raising grandchildren on kinship care legal issues, plus access to community and legal resources.

Partners: Idaho Commission on Aging, Volunteer Lawyer Program, AARP, University of Idaho College of Law, Idaho KinCare Coalition, Aging Services of North Idaho, Treasure Valley Grandparents as Parents, CCOA KinCare Program, Eastern Idaho Special Services AAA VI, Ada County Probate Court Guardianship, Southwest AAA III, Southeast AAA V, Community Action Partnership, Sisson and Sisson (law firm).

Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware

Manufactured Housing Homeowners Reduced-Fee Attorney Panel

Educate low-income elderly manufactured housing owners about tenant rights, and develop reduced fee legal panel to assist tenants with eviction or other tenant issues.

Partners: Legal Services Corporation of Delaware; Delaware Manufactured Homeowners Association, Delaware Volunteer Legal Services.

Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, San Jose, California

Senior Housing Outreach and Advocacy Project

Increase senior recognition of discrimination, audit senior housing for fair housing compliance, advocate for reform where non-compliance, provide free legal assistance.

Partners: AARP state office, Project Sentinel (fair housing organization).

Georgia Legal Services Program Savannah Regional Office, Savannah, Georgia

Hospice Pro Bono Project

Recruit and train pro bono attorneys to assist elderly terminally ill individuals facing end-of-life decisions with wills, advance directives, estates and more.

Partners: Hospice of Savannah, Volunteer Lawyer Project, Savannah Bar Association.

MFY Legal Services, Inc., New York, New York

Aging in Place: Ask the Attorney Project

Help Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) residents remain in their homes and maintain independence by educating them on key legal issues and training NORC social service staff to better address resident legal needs.

Partners: Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center; Morningside Retirement and Health Services, Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center; Ravenswood R.I.S.E., Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program Self Help Community Services.

Legal Assistance for Seniors, Oakland, California

Domestic Violence Against Women of New Immigrant Senior Populations

Outreach and services including legal services to older women in Chinese and South Asian communities who are or who believe they may become domestic violence victims.

Partners: Family Bridges; Maitri; Shelter Against Violent Environments (SAVE).

Special Initiative: Legal Assistance to Elder Abuse Victims

Eighteen month, \$15,000 grants to develop partnerships to recruit, train and support volunteer lawyers, including elder law practitioners, to represent elder abuse victims.

SeniorLAW Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Lawyering Together to Keep Elders S.A.F.E. (Stop Abuse & Financial Exploitation)

Combine energies of experienced elder rights advocates and public interest attorneys, private practitioners, law students and infrastructures of law firms and law schools to serve victims of elder abuse and create next generation of pro bono elder advocates.

Partners: Villanova University School of Law; Schnader Harris Segal & Lewis law firm.

Colorado Bar Association, Denver, Colorado

Colorado Network to End Financial Exploitation of the Elderly

Create network of professionals to develop multidisciplinary, multifaceted prevention and intervention strategies and protocols to reduce financial exploitation of elderly by family and associates.

Partners: AARP Elder Watch, Legal Center (long term care ombudsman and the legal services developer), University of Denver Elder Law Institute, Benefit Payee Services.

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