

## **2006-07 PARTNERSHIP IN LAW AND AGING AWARDS**

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

We are pleased to announce the 2006-07 Partnerships in Law and Aging Program awards. The program is co-sponsored by the ABA Commission on Law and Aging and the Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging, with support from the Marie Walsh Sharpe Endowment of the ABA Fund for Justice and Education. This year, there was additional support from FJC, a Foundation of Donor Advised Funds.

This year the program made 10 awards of \$7,500 grants to encourage development of collaborative, law-related projects that promote elder rights and improve elder access to the justice system. The 12-month grants address needs identified by the applicants.

This is the eighth year for the Partnerships in Law and Aging Program. The Request for Proposals for the next funding cycle will be available in December 2006. It will be announced on Commission and other listservs, and on the Commission website at <http://www.abanet.org/aging>.

- 1. LAKESHORE LEGAL AID, CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI** Project partners will conduct culturally competent and linguistically accessible outreach and community legal education, and provide direct advocacy for limited English proficiency, undocumented and under-documented senior victims of abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault.  
Partners: Safe Horizons
- 2. ELDERSERVE, INC, LOUISVILLE, KY.** Project partners will collaborate to allow homebound and medically fragile seniors to take out emergency protective orders from their homes via speakerphone and fax connections to the judge, avoiding the necessity of personal courtroom appearances.  
Partners: Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk; Adult Protective Services; Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- 3. EQUIP FOR EQUALITY, CHICAGO, IL.** Project will develop self-advocacy and disability rights fact sheets and other materials for seniors with disabilities, reach out to Chicago-area agencies serving seniors, conduct a minimum of seven seminars for seniors on disability rights and advocacy strategies, and promote increased provision of legal advocacy services to seniors with disabilities.  
Partners: Illinois Department on Aging

- 4. COMMUNITY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT CENTER, INC. CAMBRIDGE, MA.** Project will help elders and their families prevent and resolve conflict through mediation – including outreach and skill-building workshops for service providers; establishment of a referral network; and provision of mediation services.  
Partners: Greater Boston Legal Services/Somerville Legal Services Office; Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services; Central Boston Elder Services
- 5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF WESTERN NY (MONROE COUNTY), GENEVA, NY.** Joint Medical-Legal Conference on Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment Project will conduct a medical –legal conference focused on a new advance directive, MOLST, being piloted in two counties, and will train leaders in the health care and legal communities who, in turn, will educate providers in the broader health care community in hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities.  
Partners: Excellus BlueCross BlueShield; Monroe County Bar Association; Monroe County Medical Society
- 6. MONTANA LEGAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION, MT.** Project will create automated templates of common legal forms and interactive questionnaire for use by low income Montana seniors.  
Partners: Montana State Bar, Elderly Assistance Committee
- 7. TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID, INC., WESTLACO, TX.** Project will raise awareness, understanding, and access to the legal rights and remedies that protect elders through both targeted education and outreach directly to audiences of elders and by building expanded networks among elder-serving organizations.  
Partners: Family Eldercare; ADAPT; Austin Resource Center for Independent Living
- 8. PACE WOMEN’S JUSTICE CENTER, WHITE PLAINS NY.** Partners will create a telephone hotline to assist grandparents and older caregivers with various governmental systems in order to receive the benefits and support they need to care for the children in their care.  
Partners: Grantparent’s Coalition; Family Services Society of Yonkers
- 9. NORTHWESTERN LEGAL SERVICES, ERIE, PA.** Project will create a community legal education and outreach initiative on issues confronting older residents in Erie County, PA. Through development of a series of free workshops on topics such as advance directives, retirement benefits, nursing homes, and consumer fraud targeting the elderly; and production of television programs on civil legal topics confronting older individuals for broadcast on the local community access television station.  
Partners: Greater Erie Community Action Committee

**10. MFY LEGAL SERVICES, NY.** Project will train neighborhood based social service staff to educate low-income seniors on avoiding debt, identity theft and financial schemes so they can live with dignity and autonomy.  
Partners: Project Home

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