

2008 Partnerships in Law and Aging Grantees

Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE), New York, NY “SAGE's Legal Services for GLBT Elders Project”

This project will benefit lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) seniors in New York City and nationwide through new initiatives that will: (a) enhance awareness among LGBT seniors about the legal issues that impact them uniquely or disproportionately by offering new programs in partnership with NYC legal organizations with expertise in LGBT aging concerns; and (b) enhancing access by LGBT seniors to legal services by expanding SAGE's pro bono legal clinic, which is now significantly understaffed, underpublicized, and under-resourced.

Partners: New York Legal Assistance Group; Tom Sciacca, Legal Clinic Attorney; National Center for Lesbian Rights

Access to Justice Foundation, Lexington, KY “Improving Guardianship in Kentucky”

This project will develop and disseminate consumer and professional education materials on guardianship / conservatorship of adults in Kentucky and use those materials to organize and present Kentucky's first comprehensive, statewide conference on guardianship.

Partners: Kentucky Guardianship Association; University of Kentucky Graduate Center on Gerontology; Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

New Mexico Legal Aid, Inc., Albuquerque, NM “Access Express/Respuestos Rápidos”

Web-based information for the public and training for remote public libraries and rural private lawyers will make them resources for isolated elders statewide.

Partners: New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library

Legal Aid of Napa Valley, Napa, CA “The Pro Bono Initiative: Community-Wide Lawyering for Seniors”

The Pro Bono Initiative is a new and innovative pilot project that combines the expertise of Legal Aid attorneys with that of private practitioners to collaboratively work to increase the number of Napa County seniors receiving essential direct legal representation and legal education free of charge.

Partners: Napa County Bar Association; Napa County Women Lawyers; Dickenson Peatman & Fogarty

Rappahannock Legal Services, Culpeper, VA “Community Elder Law Education”

Using an existing regional partnership supporting seniors we will increase the availability and capacity of legal services for vulnerable seniors in the Rappahannock Rapidan area of central Virginia through attorney training, increased access to direct legal services, and creation of a Senior Consumer Guide regarding legal services.

Partners: Rappahannock Legal Services, Aging Together, Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services

Board/Area Agency on Aging

**Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan - Elder Law & Advocacy Center, Redford, MI
“Elder Law & Advocacy Center/Law School Free Legal Aid Clinic—Established to Protect and Enhance Legal Rights of Older Persons”**

Wayne State University Law School/Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan's partnership creates a new full-service walk-in-ready legal clinic targeting older adults in Detroit. Efficiency and effectiveness of services offered by the clinic will be enhanced through implementation of self-help educational clinics and ongoing development of technological resources.

Partners: Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan; Wayne State University Law School ; Elder Law & Advocacy Center/Law School Free Legal Aid Clinic