

Prairie State Legal Services — Equal Access to Justice

What is Prairie State Legal Services?

Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. is a nonprofit law firm that provides civil legal aid at no charge for eligible persons. Prairie State has 12 offices serving 36 counties throughout Northern and Central Illinois, except Cook County.

Who is eligible?

Generally, persons must have low income and limited assets to be eligible for services, but special funding from the Older Americans Act enables Prairie State to expand the services available to persons age 60 and older without regard to income or assets. Prairie State cannot help everyone, so legal services are focused on helping older adults resolve legal problems affecting access to basic health care, income, housing, and safety.

Brindamos ayuda legal gratuita a clientes elegibles en cualquier idioma.

Udostępniamy bezpłatną pomoc prawną dla kwalifikujących się klientów w dowolnym języku.

我们为合格客户提供任何语言的免费法律援助。

Kami ay nagbibigay ng libreng tulong sa karapat-dapat na kliyente sa anumang wika.

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We provide free legal help to eligible clients in any language.

What types of cases can Prairie State handle?

Prairie State helps older adults with civil legal matters such as:

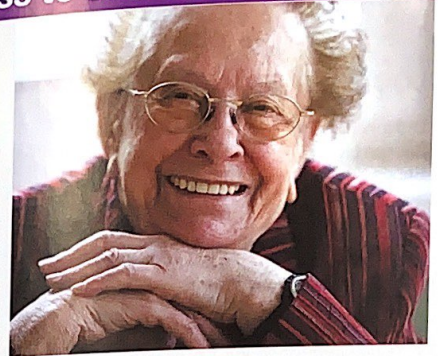
- Denials or reductions in needed health care including Medicare, Medicaid, and home care services
- Public benefits, such as TANF, Food Stamps (SNAP), and Social Security/SSI
- Domestic violence and elder abuse
- Nursing home or supported living facility involuntary discharges
- Debt problems and utility shut-offs
- Evictions, denials of housing, and mortgage foreclosures
- Legal advice and brief services may be available in other situations including consumer and tax problems, powers of attorney, guardianships, and many other eligible cases.

Persons aged 55 and older who are raising children due to the inability or unwillingness of the parent to care for their children may be eligible for legal services. Call your local office of Prairie State.

Prairie State DOES NOT handle criminal cases, traffic cases, personal injury cases, complex estate planning, or probate cases.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Prairie State does not discriminate in admission to programs or activities in compliance with appropriate State and Federal statutes. If you feel you have been discriminated against, you have a right to file a complaint with the Illinois Department on Aging. For more information, call the Senior Helpline: 1-800-252-8966 (voice and TTY).



How to apply for services

Call our Legal Assistance for Older Adults toll free number (888-965-7757) or call the office serving your county of residence. Your application will be taken by telephone, including information such as your address, telephone number, date of birth, income and assets*, and information about your legal problem.

Funding Statement

Legal Services for Older Adults is provided via funding from a variety of sources including local United Ways; Legal Services Corporation; Illinois Equal Justice Foundation; McHenry, Kendall, and DeKalb Counties Senior Citizens Tax Levy; The Retirement Research Foundation; and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA).

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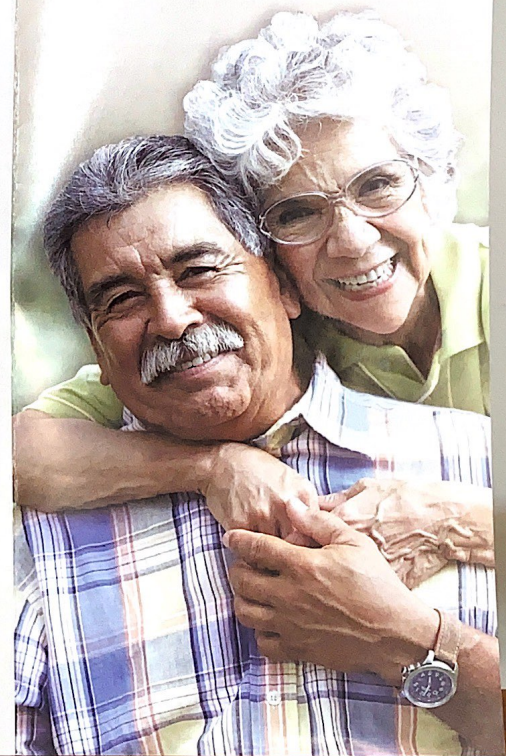


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Legal Assistance for Older Adults

(Adults aged 60 and older)



LOCAL OFFICES

Bloomington

Serving Livingston, McLean and Woodford Counties
Phone 309-827-5021 • Toll Free 800-874-2536

Galesburg

*Serving Henderson, Knox, McDonough
and Warren Counties*
Phone 309-343-2141 • Toll Free 800-331-0617

Joliet

Serving Grundy and Will Counties
Phone 815-727-5123 • Toll Free 877-315-4472

Kankakee

Serving Iroquois and Kankakee Counties
Phone 815-935-2750 • Toll Free 800-346-2864

McHenry

Serving McHenry County
Phone 815-344-9113 • Toll Free 800-942-3940

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Serving Bureau, La Salle and Putnam Counties
Phone 815-434-5903 • Toll Free 800-892-7888

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303 N. Main Street, Suite 600
Rockford, IL 61101
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**Call our Legal Assistance for
Older Adults toll free number
at 888-965-7757(PSLS)**

**For more information, visit our
website at www.pslegal.org.**

