

Provider List - Legal Assistance Providers - Cumberland & York Counties

ATTENTION: Please refer to the special program note under Legal Services for the Elderly before contacting other providers, as it may save you money.

** Legal Services for the Elderly **

Contact:	Phones:	(207) 621-0742 [Business Fax], (800) 750-5353 [Toll-Free]*, (207) 621-0087 [Business]
Last Updated: 02/04/2020 11:43:20AM		
Last Reviewed: 02/04/2020		
Address: [Business]* 5 Wabon Street Augusta, ME 04330 (Kennebec county)	Web Site:	mainelse.org
Eligibility:		
Notes: Special Program Note: If you seek legal assistance from Legal Services for the Elderly (LSE), a statewide nonprofit that provides free and confidential legal assistance to Maine residents 60 years of age and older, you will get to speak with an attorney over the phone free of charge. You may even be able to meet with an attorney to talk about your legal problem. If LSE is not able to assist you with your legal problem, you will receive a referral to a private attorney. LSE maintains a statewide panel of referral attorneys, including attorneys who are willing to accept reduced fees from lower income seniors. If LSE is not able to assist you, and you qualify, LSE may be able to provide you with a reduced fee referral.		
LSE helps with civil (not criminal) legal matters regarding health care, health insurance, Medicare (including Part D), MaineCare (Medicaid), Social Security and other public benefits, pension and retirement benefits, powers of attorney, consumer matters including creditor and bankruptcy problems, physical and financial abuse, guardianship defense and other issues.		
Please call the Helpline. LSE cannot provide legal assistance or information via email.		
Helpline in Maine: 1 (800) 750-5353 (for legal assistance or information) Helpline out of state: 207-623-1797 Administrative Office: (207) 621-0087 (for general information & inquiries) Medicare Part D Appeals Unit: 1 (877) 774-7772 (for help with Medicare Part D plans & prescription drugs)		

Abigail King Diggins, Esq

Contact:	Phones:	(207) 772-2800 [Business]*, (207) 772-2822 [Business Fax], (866) 772-2800 [Toll free in state]
Last Updated: 01/22/2020 12:03:50PM		
Last Reviewed: 01/22/2020		
Address: [Business] Four Canal Plaza Post Office Box 7950 Portland, ME 04112 (Cumberland county)	Web Site:	www.leblancyoung.com
Eligibility:		
Notes: Abigail King Diggin's practice focuses on estate planning, estate and trust administration, adoptions, and guardianships. No eligibility requirements.		
Hours: by appointment; Please call for appointment. Member of the Elder Law Section of the Maine State Bar Association		

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Barbara Carlin, Esq

Contact: [Business]*
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Last Reviewed: 02/12/2020

Phones: (207) 775-2882 [Business]*,
 (207) 775-2727 [Business Fax]

Address: [Business]*
 Carlin & Shapiro
 178 Middle Street Suite 401
 Portland, ME 04101 (Cumberland county)

Web Site: www.elderlawinme.com

Eligibility:

Notes: Carlin & Shapiro P.A. is recognized as a leading elder law and estate planning firm in the State of Maine. The firm offers the following special services: Medicaid/MaineCare Planning & Applications; Disability & Public Benefit Planning; Complex Trusts, Wills, Powers of Attorneys, & Healthcare Advance Directives; Estate Tax Planning; Supplemental Needs Trusts Drafting & Administration; Probate and Administration of Decedents' Estates
 Guardianship & Conservatorship Assistance; and Planning for Incapacity.

Please call for current hourly fee or to arrange an initial consultation.
 Hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m
 Member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Elder Law Section of the Maine State Bar

Brennan and Rogers PLLC

Contact: [Mailing]*
Last Updated: 02/18/2020 3:24:18PM
Last Reviewed: 02/18/2020

Phones: (207) 361-4680 [Business]*

Address: [Mailing]*
 PO Box 467
 York, ME 03909 (York county),
 [Business]
 Brennan & Rogers, PLLC,
 279 York Street
 York, ME 03909 (York county)

Web Site: www.brennanrogers.com

Eligibility:

Notes: Intake procedure: Please call or email to schedule an initial appointment
 Mary Kathryn Bennis, Esq. specializes in Elder Law and Medicaid Planning issues and is a member of NAEELA. Mary Kathryn will travel to York County clients' homes for meeting if it will be difficult for the client to come into the office.

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Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic

Contact:

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Phones:

(877) 780-2522 [Toll free in state],
(207) 780-4370 [Business]*

Address:

[Business]*
University Of Maine School Of Law
246 Deering Avenue
Portland, ME 04102 (Cumberland county)

Web Site:

<http://mainelaw.maine.edu/public-service/clac/>

Eligibility:

Notes:

The Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, a program of the University of Maine School of Law, is a small legal services provider, in which clients are represented by "Student Attorneys," law students specially licensed by the state and federal courts to provide legal services to low-income clients. The Student Attorneys practice under the supervision of fully-licensed attorney faculty members.

The Clinic represents low-income individuals with legal cases in Southern Maine courts (Cumberland, York, Sagadahoc, and Androscoggin counties) for most kinds of civil, criminal, juvenile, and family law matters. The Clinic represents clients at both the trial and appellate levels. The Clinic asks clients to pay a \$10 administrative fee. In some cases, clients may be asked to pay court and other significant costs. The Clinic does not otherwise charge for its services.

Blackout periods are: dec-mid january, may-mid-june, august- mid september due to semester changes and new student/attorneys.

Please call Mon-Fri: 8:00am to 4:30pm - appointments are made after callers are pre-screened. Because our resources are very limited, the Clinic cannot accept every case that meets our eligibility requirements.

Eligibility: Low income- anyone receiving state or federal assistance- sometimes consider middle income

Area Served: Cumberland, york and southern androscoggin counties

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Disability Rights Maine

Contact: [Business]*
Last Updated: 02/24/2020 9:56:43AM
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Phones: (207) 621-1419 [Business Fax],
 (207) 797-7656 [Business],
 (800) 452-1948 [Business]*,
 (800) 639-3884 [TTY/TDD]

Address: [Business]*
 160 Capital St.
 Suite 4
 Augusta, ME 04330 (Kennebec county),
 [Business]
 Portland Office - Deaf Services
 68 Bishop St, Ste 3
 Portland, ME 04103 (Cumberland county)

Web Site: <http://drme.org/what-we-do>

Eligibility:

Notes: Maine Center on Deafness (MCD) has closed effective 6/15/2015. Deaf Services and Communication Access issues should now be addressed to Disability Rights Maine, who will be administering the Telecommunications Equipment Program, the Civil Rights Program, and the FCC's Deaf Blind Program as well as others. V/TTY for Deaf Services is 207-797-7656 or 1-800-639-3884 or email deafservices@drme.org

Disability Rights Maine (formerly known as Disability Rights Center) also provides:
 For people that have a developmental disability; psychiatric disability; traumatic brain injury; or other disability and believe civil rights have been violated; the parent of a child with a disability in need of help obtaining assistive technology. (Examples of assistive technology include: wheelchairs, communication devices, electronic door openers and prosthetics); receive SSI or SSDI, and in need of help with benefit-related issues due to active or anticipated employment; a resident of the Riverview or Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Treatment Centers; or, have questions about your right to vote and/or accessible voting.

Disability Rights offers one free hearing aid to eligible Mainers. Call for an application.

Information and Referral, Individual Advocacy, Legal Representation, Legislative Advocacy, Education and Training, Assistance with Self-Advocacy

Lawyer Referral and Information Service

Contact: [Business]*
Last Updated: 02/28/2020 11:19:29AM
Last Reviewed: 02/28/2020

Phones: (207) 623-0083 [Business Fax],
 (800) 860-1460 [Business]*

Address: [Business]*
 Maine State Bar Association
 124 State Street
 Augusta, ME 04330 (Kennebec county)

Web Site: www.mainebar.org

Eligibility:

Notes: The Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS) of the Maine State Bar Association will help determine your needs by asking basic information about your problem. If it is not a legal issue, they will try to refer you to helpful resources. If it is a legal issue, you will be referred to an attorney who has indicated an interest in working with that type of problem. Any fee arrangement beyond the first half-hour consultation must be discussed and agreed upon by you and the attorney. LRIS also maintains a resource list of attorneys who can help you solve your legal dispute by mediation rather than through costly court action. Helpful brochures such as Landlord/Tenant Law and making a Will, are posted on the website.
 Phone lines are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Online referral requests may be made 24/7.
 Fees: \$25 fee for use of referral service, first 1/2 hour of consultation with a lawyer is free. Major credit cards accepted.
 Intake procedure: Please call or submit the online referral form on the website.
 Open to the general public.

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Maine Center for Elder Law

Contact: [Business]*
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Phones: (207) 467-3301 [Business]*

Address: [Business]*
 One Canal Plaza
 9th Floor
 Portland, ME 04112 (Cumberland county),
 [Business]*
 3 Webhannet Place
 Suite 1
 Kennebunk, ME 04043 (York county)

Web Site: www.MaineCenterforElderLaw.com

Eligibility:

Notes: Attorneys encourage clients to think creatively about their goals and resources and assist them with legal tools to accomplish their objectives . With client permission, the attorneys work closely with each client's other professional advisers to bring together the coordinated disciplines needed to achieve the client's goals. The Maine Center for Elder Law, LLC, assists clients with Estate Planning, Long Term Care Planning, Elder Law / MaineCare Planning, Probate & Estate Administration, Guardianship & Conservatorship, Trust Settlements, Veteran's Benefits and Residential Real Estate matters. Maine Center for Elder Law has offices in both Kennebunk and Portland.
 Please call for a consultation
 Members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorney

Maine Civil Liberties Union

Contact: [Business]*
Last Updated: 02/28/2020 1:40:00PM
Last Reviewed: 02/28/2020

Phones: (207) 774-5444 [Business]*

Address: [Business]*
 ACLU Of Maine
 PO Box 7860
 Portland, ME 04112 (Cumberland county)

Web Site: www.aclumaine.org

Eligibility:

Notes: The Maine Civil Liberties Union offers advice, counsel, advocacy and litigation in selected cases where constitutional rights may have been abridged or violated. There are many cases and problems of unfairness and injustice which they simply cannot handle due to high volume of requests. They select those cases which they believe will have the greatest impact on protecting civil liberties. Due to a small staff, They cannot see people on a walk-in basis, give legal advice by fax, over the phone or through email.

To be considered for legal assistance applicants must have a case where constitutional rights may have been abridged or violated.

Please fill out a legal intake form (available online or by calling) and send it with a self-addressed, stamped envelope; they will only reply if they can help.

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Maine Community Law Center

Contact: **Phones:** (207) 482-3832 [Business]*
Last Updated: 02/28/2020 1:41:39PM
Last Reviewed: 02/28/2020
Address: [Business]* **Web Site:** <http://www.mainecommunitylaw.org/>
 75 Pearl Street, Suite 470
 Portland, ME 04101 (Cumberland county)
Eligibility:

Notes: Maine Community Law Center is a new non-profit law firm dedicated to providing legal services to all Maine people, especially those who make too much for legal aid but not enough for a full priced lawyer. Practices law in the areas of - Appellate, Business, Employment, Family, Immigration, Probate/Elder Law, Wills and Trusts.

Sliding Fee Scale Based on Income, All Major Credit Cards Accepted, Flat Fees, Limited Representation Options
 Please fill out the online contact form or call for more information and/or an appointment

Maine Equal Justice Partners (MEJP)

Contact: **Phones:** (866) 626-7059 [Toll free in state],
 (207) 626-7058 [Business]
Last Updated: 08/10/2021 9:57:20AM
Last Reviewed: 03/19/2019
Address: [Business]* **Web Site:** <https://www.maineequaljustice.org/>
 126 Sewall St.
 Augusta, ME 04330 (Kennebec county)
Eligibility: Income and/or Asset Level, Maine Resident

Notes: Maine Equal Justice Partners (MEJP) is a nonprofit legal aid provider, whose mission is to find solutions to poverty and improve the lives of people with low income in Maine. Maine Equal Justice focuses its work on many of the issues that affect people’s daily lives – access to adequate health care, housing, transportation and childcare; food and income security; and higher education and training. We are the leading expert in the state on federal and state policies for Maine’s anti-poverty programs, including MaineCare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and General Assistance. MEJP works in partnership with people living in poverty to organize and advocate together for just laws and policies. We also provide education and training throughout the state on law and policy that directly impact individuals and families living on limited means.

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Maine Human Rights Commission -

Contact:		Phones:	(207) 624-6290 [Business]*, (207) 624-8729 [Business Fax]
Last Updated:	07/09/2018 2:07:18PM		
Last Reviewed:	07/09/2018		
Address:	[Business]* 51 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 (Kennebec county)	Web Site:	www.state.me.us/mhrc/index.shtml
Eligibility:			
Notes:	<p>The Maine Human Rights Commission is the state agency charged with enforcing Maine's anti-discrimination laws. The agency investigates complaints of unlawful discrimination in employment, housing, education, access to public accommodations, and extension of credit.</p> <p>Any person who believes that he or she has been subjected to unlawful discrimination may file a charge.</p> <p>Intake Intake Questionnaire Materials 207.624-6294 Intake@mhrc.maine.gov Request Information Requests 207.624.6290 Request@mhrc.maine.gov</p> <p>Please call to request an intake questionnaire; An Intake Officer will assist you with drafting a charge</p>		

Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project

Contact:		Phones:	(207) 828-2300 [Business Fax], (800) 442-4293 [Toll-Free], (207) 774-4348 [Business]*
Last Updated:	07/31/2018 8:58:12AM		
Last Reviewed:	07/31/2018		
Address:	[Business]* 88 Federal Street Portland, ME 04112 (Cumberland county), [Mailing] P.O. Box 547 Portland, ME 04112 (Cumberland county)	Web Site:	http://vlp.org/access-justice-today
Eligibility:			
Notes:	<p>Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) specializes in assisting individuals with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Consumer law matters including personal bankruptcy and foreclosure •Benefits matters including Social Security and unemployment compensation •Personal injury, real estate and tax law <p>VLP cannot provide help with criminal problems, drunk driving (OUI) cases, and traffic violations.</p> <p>The VLP is no longer doing telephone intake for family law. You may go to one of our courthouse family law clinics (see listing below) or check out www.ptla.org.</p> <p>Eligibility - low income and a resident of Maine</p> <p>Please visit website for specific days/times the phone line is open and for days/locations of walk-in clinics for brief consultations or address where you may write with a brief description of your legal problem.</p> <p>There are self-help materials listed on the website and if VLP cannot help you the may make a referral to other resources or agencies as well as referral to private attorneys.</p>		

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McRae & Associates Guardian & Fiduciary Services

Contact:
Last Updated: 07/10/2018 10:31:13AM
Last Reviewed: 07/10/2018

Phones: (207) 797-2371 [Business]*,
 (866) 204-1549 [Fax]

Address:
Web Site: <https://mcraeassociates.com/>

Eligibility:

Notes: Teri McRae is a National Certified Guardian. Teri has worked with clients in many capacities, some of which include Power of Attorney, trustee, guardian, and/or conservator, and her expertise in probate proceedings and estate and trust management has made her Maine's go-to guardianship and fiduciary professional.

Nelson-Reade Law Office

Contact:
Last Updated: 07/11/2018 12:01:47PM
Last Reviewed: 07/11/2018

Phones: (207) 828-1597 [Business]*,
 (207) 828-1276 [Business Fax]

Address: [Business]*
 813 Washington Avenue
 Portland, ME 04103 (Cumberland county)

Web Site: www.pnrelderlaw.com

Eligibility:

Notes: This law firm specializes in elder law issues, including matters related to MaineCare, Medicare, Social Security, guardianship and conservatorship, wills, trusts, estate planning, settlement planning, planning for disabled children, long-term care planning, and probate. Patricia Nelson-Reade is a member of NAELA, the Elder Law and Estates and Trusts sections of the Maine Bar Association and the Legal Services for the Elderly Hotline. No age requirement, but most clients are 50+ years. Please call for current services/hourly fee schedule or to arrange an initial consultation.. Member of the Maine Bar Association, Elder Law Section and NAELA .Other Attorneys under this listing:Patricia A. Nelson-Reade, R. N., CELA ,Kate L. Geoffroy, Esq., CELA ,Jennifer L. Frank, Esq.

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Pine Tree Legal Assistance: Portland Office

Contact:

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Last Reviewed: 07/13/2018

Phones:

(207) 828-2300 [Business Fax],
(207) 774-8211 [Business]*

Address:

[Mailing]
P.O. Box 547
Portland, ME 04112 (Cumberland county),
[Business]*
88 Federal Street
Portland, ME 04112 (Cumberland county)

Web Site:

https://ptla.org/triage/me_triage

Eligibility:

Notes:

Pine Tree provides legal assistance to low-income residents. Most clients get immediate advice including things they could do in order to resolve the problem on their own. Some receive written materials which provide more detailed information on common legal problems and solutions. Others are referred to an agency or service which can more appropriately resolve their immediate crisis or long-term problems. The cases receiving top priority involve housing and related housing needs; maintaining, enhancing and protecting income and economic stability; and personal safety, stability and well-being. Pine Tree does not handle criminal or traffic violation cases.

Except in cases involving the need for emergency assistance, in-office interviews are by appointment only. Visit the website link to learn what legal resources may be available to you.

The Portland office is open to new walk-in clients on Mondays and Wednesdays 9am -11:30am

You can reach us by phone with your new request for help on Mondays noon - 2:30pm, Tuesdays 9am - 11:30am and Thursdays 9am - 11:30am

Serves: Cumberland, York, and Sagadahoc counties.

Fees: There is no charge for services, but you may be asked to help with court costs.

Most of our legal services are available only for people with income at or below 125% of the federal poverty level; it's worth a call to determine eligibility.

Roger P. Asch, Esq

Contact:

Last Updated: 07/17/2018 2:23:36PM

Last Reviewed: 07/17/2018

Phones:

(207) 774-0317 [Business]*

Address:

[Business]*
1 Monument Way
Portland, ME 04101 (Cumberland county)

Web Site:

<https://www.ddlaw.com/maine-attorneys/roger-p-asch/>

Eligibility:

Notes:

Mr Asch works with the law firm Drummond & Drummond and practices in the areas of Estate Planning and Probate, Business Planning and Organizations, and Taxation.

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Intake procedure: Please call office for an appointment.

Member of the Elder Law Section of the Maine State Bar Association.

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The Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project

Contact: [Business]*
Last Updated: 07/23/2018 2:48:22PM
Last Reviewed: 07/23/2018

Phones: (800) 497-8505 [Toll-Free],
(207) 699-2313 [Business Fax],
(207) 780-1593 x 100 [Business]*

Address: [Mailing]
PO Box 17917
Portland, ME 04112 (Cumberland county),
[Business]*
489 Congress St.
3rd Fl
Portland, ME 04101 (Cumberland county)

Web Site: <http://www.ilapmaine.org/>

Eligibility:

Notes: The Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP) provides education, training, and outreach as well as immigration related legal assistance to low-income immigrants and their families. ILAP has legal staff who are bilingual. Services include, but not limited to assistance filing immigration forms, green card and citizenship applications, asylum and deportation defense. They also provide legal consultation concerning immigration issues by telephone to all immigrants detained at the Cumberland County Jail, Longcreek Youth Development Center or other Maine county jails and prisons.
Hours: Monday through Friday 9am - to 5pm (closed to the public on Wednesdays).
Fees: Please ask for current fees, low or no cost for income =or < 200% of FPL.
Intake procedure: If you are a new client or a former client with a new issue, please call 207-780-1593 ex 100 for an intake appointment.
Walk-in consultations and brief assistance available to anyone.

Timothy Benoit, Esq

Contact: [Business]*
Last Updated: 07/24/2018 11:34:17AM
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Phones: (207) 774-2635 [Business]*

Address: [Business]*
Perkins Thompson
One Canal Plaza, 9th Floor
Portland, ME 04101 (Cumberland county)

Web Site: www.perkinsthompson.com

Eligibility:

Notes: Timothy Benoit specializes in legal issues concerning tax law, business law and estate planning.

Fees: Costs determined by individual cases; depending on financial need, may be able to offer some discounted or free services.
Intake procedure: Please call to arrange an initial consultation.
Member of the Elder Law Section of the Maine State Bar Association.

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Toole, Powers and Griffin, P.A.

Contact: **Phones:** (207) 879-6054 [Business]*
Last Updated: 07/24/2018 11:40:02AM
Last Reviewed: 07/23/2018

Address: [Business]* **Web Site:** <http://www.victoriapowers.com/>
75 Market Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101 (Cumberland county)

Eligibility:

Notes: The law firm of Toole & Powers specializes in elder law, including wills, pensions, trusts, disability benefits, estate planning, home equity conversions, nursing home costs, etc. and are members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)

Attorneys in this practice include Victoria Powers - victoria@victoriapowers.com; Katherine E. Griffin - katherine@kegriffin.com; and Jeannie M. Thomason - jeannie@victoriapowers.com

Please call for more information and/or to arrange an initial consultation.

Vogel & Dubois, PA

Contact: **Phones:** (207) 761-7796 [Business]*,
Last Updated: 07/27/2018 12:42:10PM (207) 761-6946 [Business Fax]
Last Reviewed: 07/26/2018

Address: [Business]* **Web Site:** www.Maine-elderlaw.com
550 Forest Avenue
Suite 205
Portland, ME 04104 (Cumberland county)

Eligibility:

Notes: Vogel & Dubois is a law firm that specializes in helping older members of our community, their families and those planning for aging and retirement. They provide long-term care planning, estate and financial planning and quality legal representation. Our attorneys know the legal and financial tools necessary to ensure successful aging and retirement. They work with a variety of elder-focused professionals to create comprehensive strategies for aging.

Available in the office Monday through Friday 8am-5pm. Also available for home visits and weekend appointments upon request. Please call to arrange an appointment for an initial consultation.

Members of National Academy of Elder Law Attorney (NAELA)

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YCCAC Access to Justice

Contact:

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Phones:

(207) 459-2918 [Business]*,
(800) 965-5762 x 2918 [Business]

Address:

[Mailing]
6 Spruce St/
P.O. Box 72
Sanford, ME 04073 (York county),
[Business]
15 York Street, Bldg 9
Biddeford, ME 04005 (York county),
[Business]*
120 Rogers Rd, Rm A102
Kittery, ME 03904 (York county)

Web Site:

<https://www.yccac.org/index.php/who-we-are/access-to-justice>

Eligibility:

Notes: The Access to Justice Program has been minimized because of lack of funding. The only work they do now is help people who need assistance with obtaining guardianship of a child.

This program CANNOT help with criminal matters, DHS protective cases, or bankruptcy.

Staffed by Marie Hogue, Legal Advocate

Intake procedure: Please call for more information and/or to make an appointment

Income generally =< 170% of FPL; seniors should call for an initial discussion of issues and financial eligibility and/or other options can be discussed then.