



LEGAL SERVICES

Providing legal assistance, advocacy and education

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) supports a comprehensive program of legal services for Philadelphians who are 60 years of age and older. The providers of these services are Community Legal Services and SeniorLAW Center.

PCA and its counterpart Area Agencies on Aging across the nation were established to provide vital home and community-based programs for older adults and adults with disabilities in their communities.

Through PCA's network of external sources, legal services are provided to eligible older Philadelphians and adults with disabilities with the greatest social and economic needs.

These legal organizations serve as advocates in areas of the law that are most concerning to older adults and adults with disabilities. They also educate consumers on updated legislation and laws involving areas of interest to those over 60 years of age, including estate planning, consumer debt, home foreclosures, domestic matters, and utilities.

Each firm can be contacted directly or the PCA Helpline (215-765-9040) can be reached for assistance to help make the connection between the consumer and one of the legal service providers.

SeniorLAW Center

1650 Arch Street, Suite 1820

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 988-1244

Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries (those who manage the money and property of others)

Tangled titles (home resident is unable to prove ownership because name is not on deed), probate and estate administration, wills, health care and financial powers of attorney, and health care directives are some of the services offered.

Domestic matters

Services include child custody/support for grandparents raising grandchildren/other kinship caregiver, protection from abuse, sexual violence and family violence, financial exploitation, defiant trespass (unlicensed entry of structures), standby guardianship (someone “on call,” ready to take over or help with the care of a child or disabled adult), and spousal support.

Other services

Assistance with real estate, housing, and consumer protection is also available.



Community Legal Services, Health and Independence Unit

1410 W. Erie Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19140
(215) 227-2400

Community Legal Services, Health and Independence Unit, focuses on advocacy for the rights of people to make decisions independently, reside and age safely in place in their setting of choice, and access safety net public benefits.

This legal service provides eight different legal units proficient in a different area of law including housing, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), family advocacy, energy/utilities, employment, homeownership and consumer rights, language access, and health and independence. Specific areas of expertise include tangled titles, consumer debt, mortgage foreclosures, wills, and evictions.

The Health and Independence Unit of Community Legal Services addresses matters of SSI, social security, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), property tax, rent rebates, utility assistance, counseling regarding the Medical Assistance Estate Recovery Program, long-term care and in-home services, Medicare appeals, and medical assistance/Medicaid.

PCA MISSION STATEMENT

PCA's mission is to improve the quality of life for older Philadelphians and people with disabilities and to assist them in achieving their maximum level of health, independence and productivity.



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