

Elder Law & Advocacy Center

Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan (NLSM), established in 1966, is an organization that offers non-criminal legal advocacy, law related education and supportive services for individuals and families.

As a division of NLSM, Elder Law & Advocacy Center (ELAC) is a non-profit law office that specializes in issues related to older adults and caregivers. ELAC provides free legal services to individuals age 60 years old or older who reside in Wayne County, Michigan. ELAC also offers education on elder abuse and prevention, caregiving, and general civil legal matters. ELAC has been serving the community for over 20 years and is located in the Redford Community Center in Redford Township, MI.

ELAC partners with the Free Legal Aid Clinic (FLAC) located at Wayne State University Law School. Law students render legal advice under the supervision of ELAC attorneys. FLAC aids in the education and practical training of law students.

**FOR ASSISTANCE CALL:
ELAC @ (313) 937-8291**

NO EXCUSE
FOR Elder Abuse

1-855-444-3911



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Free legal consultations for residents of Canton Township are sponsored by the Charter Township of Canton Community Development Block Grant program.

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Legal Service Program

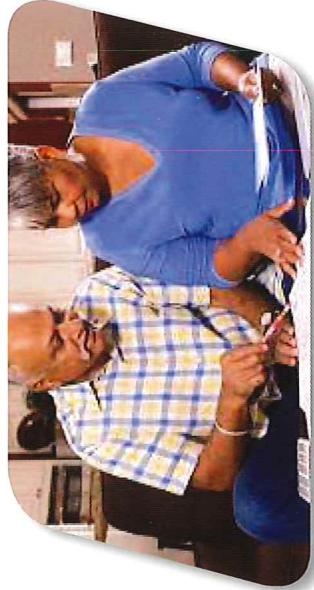
Elder Law & Advocacy Center (ELAC) provides legal services to adults who are 60 years of age or older and reside in Wayne County at no cost to the client.

ELAC's experienced legal staff can assist in a variety of legal issues. ELAC attorneys draft powers of attorney, Wills, and deeds; assist with consumer matters; represent clients in civil legal proceedings; and can advise on probate matters.

To inquire about services please contact ELAC's office. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. New client screening hours are between 9:30 am to noon.

ELAC hosts a regular monthly workshop-**"First Tuesdays"**. It is held on the 1st Tuesday of each month @ 2:00 pm at the Redford Community Center. The presentation covers many legal and other issues faced by older adults & caregivers. There is also an opportunity to meet one on one with a member of ELACs legal staff regarding individual legal matters.

Staff also offers legal presentations at locations throughout Wayne County. Call to schedule a presentation, 313-937-8291.



Elder Abuse Prevention

ELAC provides information and education throughout the community to prevent elder abuse.



What is Elder Abuse?

Physical and/or sexual acts of violence. Warning signs: injuries, favoring particular areas of the body, scratches or bruises, withdrawn behavior.

Neglect, including self-neglect. Warning signs: Dehydration or loss of weight, poor hygiene, extreme clutter.

Psychological behavior causing mental or emotional suffering. Warning signs: confusion, withdrawal or agitation.

Abandonment is desertion of a vulnerable elder by a person who assumed responsibility for care/custody of the elder.

Financial exploitation including the misuse of finances or assets. Warning signs: lack of spending money or transfer of assets.

If you think someone is being abused, you have a place to turn for help. Call the Police and/or the 24-hour toll free emergency hotline available through **Adult Protective Services at 1-855-444-3911.** You can call anonymously.

Caregiver Program

ELAC provides legal advice, information, assistance, referrals, community outreach presentations, and support services to caregivers.

If you are caring for someone 60 years of age or older, if you are an older adult caring for a child, or if you are an older adult caring for someone with a disability, you may benefit from legal or other assistance. ELAC can offer assistance in some of the following are:

- Wills
- Powers of Attorney
- Social Security
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Consumer Matters
- Guardianship



Kinship Caregiver Program

ELAC provides education and legal advice on issues that effect kinship caregivers (grandparent or other relatives) when that caregiver is over the age of 60. ELAC offers advice in the following areas:

- Visitation
- Custody
- School Enrollment
- Public Benefits
- Income
- Insurance