

# Legal Assistance for Older Persons

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## Description:

Persons age 60 and older who may not be able to afford to hire a private attorney for a civil matter may receive help from Legal Services agencies in Connecticut that provide free counseling and representation on many elder law issues. These issues include matters related to Medicaid, other government programs, patient's rights and nursing homes. The three agencies that are funded through the Older Americans Act are Connecticut Legal Services, Greater Hartford Legal Assistance and New Haven Legal Assistance. Funding to these agencies is limited, therefore, the following categories have priority for legal representation:

- Access to healthcare;
- Federal and state benefit and support programs;
- Rights of nursing home residents; and
- Legal issues, which are the direct result of a person's poverty.

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## Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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- Must be at least 60 years of age.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

October 1 – September 30

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## Contact Information:

Eastern Connecticut  
Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.  
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Greater Hartford Legal Assistance  
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New Haven Legal Assistance  
Association  
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Southwestern Connecticut  
Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.  
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Bridgeport, CT 06604  
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Toll Free: 800-809-4434

Western Connecticut  
Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.  
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Waterbury, CT 06702  
Telephone: 203-756-8074  
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[Statewide Legal Services, refer to page XIV – 23.](#)