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ILS - LAVA Project

LAVA Project (Legal Assistance for Victimized Adults)

The number of people who suffer from abuse, neglect or exploitation is staggering. Seniors and endangered adults are particularly vulnerable to many types of abuse. Abuse, neglect and exploitation of the senior and endangered adult population is a pervasive problem and a growing concern. The costs for victims of abuse can be devastating. It is difficult for many seniors and endangered adults to see themselves as victims of crime, especially when the crime is perpetrated by a loved one or family member. Asking for legal help is often a big step for many of our clients. LAVA's goal is to provide a pathway to civil justice for our clients. The LAVA Project team encourages anyone who believes they may qualify for our services to contact us. Clients are potentially eligible for free civil legal services.

What We Do:

LAVA offers quality legal representation to assist clients in civil matters. Representation includes advice, negotiation, consultation, and referrals to appropriate agencies.

Private civil actions for financial abuse under state law could include a Complaint for Restitution, Compensatory Damages and Punitive Damages under one or more of the following:

- Specific statutory causes of action for financial abuse or exploitation
- Fraud or constructive fraud
- Breach of fiduciary duty or aiding and abetting a breach of fiduciary duty
- Negligence
- Rescinding of transactions
- Conversion of assets stolen and
- Actions for an accounting of the actions of a fiduciary.

Private civil representation for other abuse and neglect under state law may include:

- Revocation of a Power of Attorney;
- Protective Orders; and
- Eviction matters.

Who We Serve:

To be eligible for legal services, a person must be a resident of the state of Indiana, an endangered adult or a senior, and be able to consent to retain civil legal assistance.

An endangered adult is defined as a person who is:

- At least 18 years old;
- Incapable by reason of:
 1. Mental illness
 2. Developmental/intellectual disability
 3. Dementia Other physical or mental incapacity of managing or directing the provision of self-care, and
- Harmed or threatened with harm as a result of abuse, neglect or exploitation of the individual's personal services or property.

A senior is defined as a person who is 60 years of age or older.

For more information click on the link below or call (317)-829-3104.

 LAVA Information Brochure

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