

We are here to help you.

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There are a lot of people who experience abuse, neglect or exploitation. Seniors and endangered adults are often targeted for many types of abuse.

Abuse, neglect and exploitation of the senior and endangered adult population is a huge problem and a growing concern. The costs for someone who has been abused, neglected and exploited can be high.

It is difficult for any of us (regardless of age/disability) to see ourselves as victims of crime, especially when the crime is committed by someone we trust. Asking for legal help is often a big step. Many fears can keep people from seeking help.

We are here to support you in deciding what steps you want to take and to help you navigate the legal process, if that is what you choose to do. We will present you with options so you can make an informed decision about what is best for you.

Contact Us!

To apply for legal assistance:
1-844-243-8570
Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Program and Outreach Inquiries:
(317) 829-3104

Legal Risk Detector

Unsure if you need legal assistance? Complete our online Legal Risk Detector:

<https://probononet.neotalogic.com/a/indianariskdetector>



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Legal Assistance for Victimized Adults



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LAVA Project

Who We Serve

If you are a senior (age 60+) or an endangered adult (age 18+ with a disability) and are the victim of a crime, including abuse and financial exploitation, we can help you. There are no income or asset limits to qualify for LAVA Project services.

Our Mission

The LAVA Project’s purpose is to assist those who have been impacted by the criminal actions of others and to seek justice for those who cannot speak for themselves or have been denied access to justice due to age, disabilities, race, gender, sexual orientation, etc. Our goal is to ease or eliminate the negative effects of these crimes by providing free civil legal services and social work support to our clients.



Report Abuse and Neglect

If you think someone is being abused, call the police and/or Adult Protective Services. The APS 24-hour toll-free emergency hotline is 1-800-992-6978. For emergencies, call 911.

What We Do

Free Legal Help

We can provide you with confidential legal advice to know your rights and options as well as assist you in legal claims against adverse parties. We write advice letters, assist with negotiations, and litigate cases in court.

We can help you apply for assistance through the Indiana Victim Compensation Program, if you qualify.

Social Support and Resources

We are here to help and offer support. This includes connecting you with non-legal resources you may need and offering support as you navigate the legal process.

The LAVA Project has a Client Advocate on staff to assist our clients with a wide range of issues outside of their legal issue, including but not limited to:

- Housing/Rental Resources;
- Food Assistance Resources;
- Mental Health Resources; and
- Public Benefits Assistance Referrals.

Case Type Examples

We will consider offering civil legal assistance for any issue related to the commission of a crime.

These are some of the most common case types we help with, but this list is not exhaustive.

- Power of Attorney Abuse – Revocations, Accountings
- Domestic Violence—Protection Orders, Divorce
- Unwanted Abusive Housemates—Eviction, Trespass
- Theft/Conversion of Property
- Consumer Fraud and Scams
- Guardianship Termination and Accountings

Community Outreach

The LAVA Project provides law-related educational programs to professionals and the public. Programs are free. Just give us a call to schedule a presentation.