

# SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS OF SENIORS



## The Alabama Legal Assistance Program

The legal issues faced by vulnerable seniors can be especially confusing and troublesome. To help seniors address their legal problems, and avoid being taken advantage of, the United Way Area Agency on Aging (UWAAA) of Jefferson County provides free services of the Alabama Legal Assistance Program.

Created to help seniors and their families navigate legal options and maintain their rights as promised and protected by the law, the Alabama Legal Assistance Program offers legal counseling, advice and representation on issues such as income-based benefits, housing options, end-of-life decision-making, neglect, abuse and financial exploitation.

[www.uwaaa.org](http://www.uwaaa.org)

*The United Way Area Agency on Aging of Jefferson County is dedicated to providing programs and services designed to solve many challenges faced by older and disabled citizens.*



## FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS IN A VARIETY OF MATTERS AND CIVIL CASES

The services of the Alabama Legal Assistance Program are available through UWAAA at no charge to persons age 60 and older. The process begins with your call to 1-800-AGE-LINE (1-800-243-5463). You'll be connected to a legal services specialist who will work with you one-on-one to gather information about your specific issue and determine the appropriate next steps. The specialist will provide counseling, advice and representation in civil, non-fee-generating cases such as (but not limited to) those listed below.

- Access to public benefits such as SS/SSI/SSDI, Medicare, veterans' benefits and unemployment compensation
- Protections related to elder abuse, including fraud and financial exploitation
- Advance directives for financial affairs, medical and end-of-life decision-making, as well as simple wills and issues related to guardianship
- Access to housing options that allow seniors to remain independent in their homes
- Eviction or foreclosure issues that impede seniors' ability to remain in their homes
- Access to healthcare and long-term care

For assistance or to learn more about the services of the Alabama Legal Assistance Program, call **1-800-AGE-LINE (1-800-243-5463)** or visit [www.uwaaa.org](http://www.uwaaa.org).



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