



Project 2025: Enhanced Access to Legal Assistance for Older Americans In Virginia
Statewide Senior Legal Assistance Program



How Many Seniors Will Live in Virginia by the Year-2025 and Are We Prepared?

According to various projections, there will be over one million more Older Adults in Virginia by the year 2025.

What is Project 2025?

In 2006, Governor Kaine authorized a three-year grant proposal to the Administration on Aging for the development of statewide legal assistance planning targeted toward current and future older adults in Virginia (Project 2025: Enhanced Access to Legal Assistance for Older Americans in Virginia). Given the current demand on essential state resources in Virginia and the finite legal assistance delivery mechanisms in place for those 60 years and older, we are preparing *now* to ensure that seniors and their caregivers have adequate access to legal information and legal assistance when needed.

What Has Been Accomplished So Far?

Virginia's progress to date is exciting and historic. A project of this magnitude has never been successfully undertaken before and significant results are occurring. Tangible outcome measures to date include: a firmly established Elder Law Task Force and Elder Law Listserv; pilot programs targeted to increase pro bono participation by private attorneys in Virginia; strategic and statewide planning to improve the current legal services delivery system; website development and on-line tools to assist service providers in locating legal assistance for their clients and other strategies designed to increase efficiency and protect the rights and independence of older adults.

Especially for Advocates and Service Providers . . .

This Project 2025 website provides information to guide you in obtaining assistance for clients needing advocacy, information & referral, legal advice, and/or legal representation. There is also a section for legal assistance training opportunities. See the "Resources" link.

www.Project2025Virginia.org

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