



Legal Assistance

Many of the programs provided through the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) at NARCOG are targeted at individuals 60 and above. The legal assistance program serves those in this age range and seeks to reach those in rural areas and in the greatest social and economic need.

No cost representation is provided by a lawyer licensed by the Alabama State Bar and his supervised assistant. In-person services were provided at the Decatur office prior to COVID-19. The agency continues to provide services during the pandemic, just in a different way according to the AAA Director, Tennille Harkins. "Our staff will assess the need, discuss the service details and obtain the required information all by telephone. They then work to complete draft documents for review by the client" she said. Final documents are then prepared and provided for execution.

A few of the most common requests are for advance directives, wills and power of attorney documents. Assistance with other non-criminal legal matters such as guardianship, long-term care access and elder exploitation and fraud is also available.

"We want residents of Morgan County to know that these services are available at no cost through NARCOG. All they need to do is make one call", said Harkins. Individuals seeking legal assistance can call 256-355-4515 or 1-800-AGE-LINE (800-243-5463). The agency provides services to residents and communities in Cullman, Lawrence and Morgan Counties. Learn more at www.narcog.org or www.facebook.com/narcogal.

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