



SeniorLAW Center
Protecting the Rights of Older Pennsylvanians

PURSUING JUSTICE FOR GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN IN PENNSYLVANIA

Over 100,000 children in Pennsylvania are being raised by grandparents when birth parents cannot. The reasons are many: addiction, incarceration, illness, death, even military service. The opioid crisis has expanded the number and needs of these diverse intergenerational families from all economic, cultural, and racial sectors. Legal services are one of their greatest needs, addressing issues of custody, housing, income supports, family violence, health care and many other critical issues. **COVID-19 has made their needs even more urgent, as older people are most at risk.**

How can we help these “grandfamilies”? Together with our diverse partners, SeniorLAW Center is pursuing the following objectives:

- Develop **innovative intake strategies** to increase access to legal assistance
- Implement a **Legal Health Checklist Tool** to identify holistic needs
- **Enhance legal assistance** through legal aid and pro bono **partnerships** focused on the Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh regions
- **Expand statewide legal services** through the **PA SeniorLAW Helpline** (1-877-PA SR LAW)
- Employ innovative **community outreach and education strategies** to empower caregivers with knowledge of their rights and options
- Identify and compile **state-wide resources** for non-legal issues

OUR PARTNERS AARP Pennsylvania, Allegheny Co. Bar Fdn., CARIE, Dauphin Co. Bar Assn., Grand Central, P4A, PA Bar Assn., Penn Law, and others!

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