

Kinship Legal Services – Referral and Contact Information

Kinship caregivers statewide could be eligible for legal assistance from the agencies listed below. A kinship caregiver is defined as any individual who is a relative, godparent, member of a child's tribe or clan, or an adult with a significant bond (fictive kin) who are raising a child or youth because the biological parents are not able or unwilling to do so. Clients should let the agency know that they were referred for kinship legal services by CYFD Protective Services.

The services offered and contact information are as follows:

ADVOCACY INC.

Provides direct, culturally appropriate, civil legal services to caregivers in relation to:

- a) Obtaining uncontested guardianship;
- b) Powers of attorney; and,
- c) Caregivers Affidavits.

Make referrals via email: kids@nmadvocacy.org

Make referrals via phone: 505-266-3166

NEW MEXICO LEGAL AID

Provides direct civil legal services to caregivers in relation to:

- a) Public benefits (applications or denials) and financial matters;
- b) Medicaid;
- c) Housing;
- d) Social Security Disability Insurance; and
- e) Supplemental security Income (SSI).

Clients can call: 833-545-4357 (833-LGL-HELP)

Clients can apply online: <https://www.newmexicolegalaid.org/node/201/apply-online>

PEGASUS LEGAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Provides direct legal services to caregivers in relation to:

- a) Obtaining guardianship
- b) Power of attorney;
- c) Child/Parent visitation; if part of kinship guardianship final order;
- d) Culturally appropriate legal services to immigrant caregivers.

Clients can call: 1-833-355-6944 or 505-217-1660

DNA LEGAL SERVICES

Provides direct legal services to caregivers in relation to:

- a) Obtaining guardianship
- b) Power of attorney;
- c) Child/Parent visitation; if part of kinship guardianship final order;
- d) Culturally appropriate legal services to immigrant caregivers.
- e) Public benefits (applications or denials) and financial matters;
- f) Medicaid;
- g) Housing;
- h) Social Security Disability Insurance; and
- i) Supplemental security Income (SSI).

Clients can call: (505) 325-8886.

Please leave a message if you reach voicemail and leave a call back number. Operations have been altered due to COVID 19 safety plan. Under these circumstances, it's possible a caller could reach voicemail instead of reaching the receptionist directly.

Questions can be sent to Elisa Zachary, Kinship Specialist: Elisa.Zachary@state.nm.us