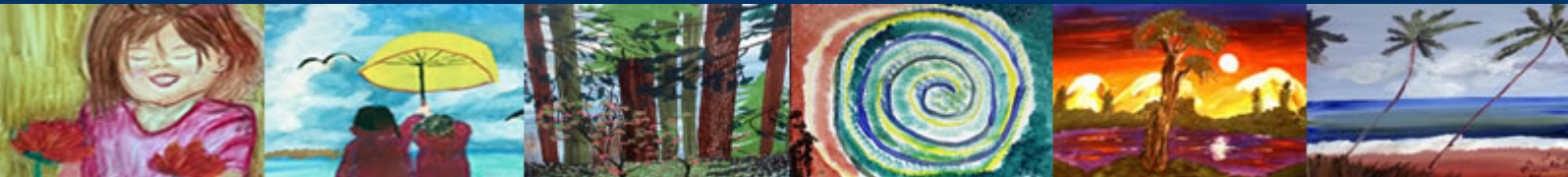




St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority

Promoting Opportunities for Discovery and Recovery



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Legal Assistance

Many seniors are denied their basic rights and benefits, and suffer abusive situations ranging from financial exploitation to severe neglect. They may need advocacy on their behalf because of their physical or mental disabilities, social isolation, limited educational attainment, or limited financial resources prevent them from being able to protect, or advocate for, themselves. Legal resources are available to enhance the quality and accessibility of the legal assistance provided to older people in St. Clair County.

Local Resources

Name:	LEGAL RESOURCES: Lakeshore Legal Aid
Address:	803 10th Ave, Suite C
City, State, Zip:	Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone:	810-985-5107
Toll Free:	888-783-8190
TTY:	0
Web URL:	http://mi.lawhelp.org/
Email:	
Information	A non-profit organization providing free legal services and counseling to seniors (age 60 and older) in St. Clair County. There is currently no eligibility requirement based on either income or

	assets, but we do reserve the right to determine, in our discretion, the extent of and nature of any legal services and counseling. We provide a wide range of civil legal services (no criminal legal services) including public benefits, landlord-tenant, property issues, contract and consumer issues, debtor relief including bankruptcy, wills and powers of attorney, divorce and other domestic relations matters. Preferably, please call our office directly in Port Huron. An alternate, if necessary, is to call the toll-free Helpline (listed above).
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Name:	LEGAL RESOURCES: Michigan Pension Rights Project
Address:	221 North Pine Street
City, State, Zip:	Lansing, MI 48933
Phone:	517- 372-5959
Toll Free:	800-347-5297
TTY:	0
Web URL:	http://mi.lawhelp.org/
Email:	
Information	A private, non-profit organization providing basic legal advice and information to Michigan residents age 60 and older. Call to speak directly to knowledgeable attorneys for free and receive assistance from volunteer law students for: Basic advice about pension laws and rights; Information on survivor benefits, defined benefit plans, and rights of divorced persons; Assistance resolving pension problems with employers; Referrals to experienced pension attorneys. Michigan residents of any age qualify for this service. A special emphasis is placed on assisting women, low-income retirees, vulnerable retirees, minorities, retirees from rural areas, and seniors over the age of 60, which pension investigations and pension related issues.

Name:	LEGAL RESOURCES: St. Clair County Probate Court
Address:	201 McMorrان Boulevard
City, State, Zip:	Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone:	810-985-2066
Toll Free:	0
TTY:	0
Web URL:	
Email:	
Information	Probate Court can assist residents with decedent estates and the supervision of trusts. Office also provides genealogy information and record requests.

Name:	LEGAL RESOURCES: The Resolution Center
Address:	18 Market Street
City, State, Zip:	Mount Clemens, MI 48043
Phone:	586-469-4714
Toll Free:	800-8-RESOLVE
TTY:	0
Web URL:	http://www.theresolutioncenter.com/
Email:	theresolutioncenter@mediate.com
Information	A non-profit organization and part of Michigan's Community Dispute Resolution Program.

	Provides mediation and other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution in the following areas: Consumer/Merchant, Landlord/Tenant, Community, Neighborhood, Employee/Employer, Civil Litigation, Victim-Offender Mediation, Michigan Special Education, Mediation Program, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Divorce. The Center also can arrange for large group facilitation and arbitration services. Must be a resident of St. Clair or Macomb County to use this service.
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State Resources

Name:	Elder Law of Michigan Legal Hotline
Address:	115 West Allegan Street, Suite 720
Address 2 :	
City, State, Zip:	Lansing, MI 48933
Phone:	517-372-5959
Toll Free:	800-347-5297
TTY:	0
Web URL:	
Email:	
Information	The Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors offers free basic legal advice and information from experienced elder law attorneys over the telephone. Call to get answers to your questions, advice, suggestions, encouragement, publication materials, and referrals to legal and non-legal resources in your area. Callers must be Michigan residents age 60 and older.
Name:	Michigan Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service
Address:	306 Townsend Street
Address 2 :	
City, State, Zip:	Lansing, Michigan 48933-2083
Phone:	517-346-6300
Toll Free:	800-968-0738
TTY:	0
Web URL:	http://www.michbar.org/
Email:	
Information	Provides a Lawyer Referral program. When you call, a referral information specialist will ask your name and address. You will be asked in which county you need a lawyer and to briefly state your problem. The information specialist is not an attorney and cannot give legal advice. Anyone who can afford to retain a lawyer qualifies to use this service. Persons who have a legal problem and cannot afford a lawyer should contact Lakeshore Legal Aid .
Name:	Michigan Office of Services to the Aging
Address:	PO Box 30676
Address 2 :	

City, State, Zip:	Lansing, MI 48909
Phone:	517-373-4076
Toll Free:	0
TTY:	0
Web URL:	http://www.miseniors.net/
Email:	Mark_Manrique@state.mi.us
Information	Employs a Legal Assistance Developer who provides leadership and technical assistance in the development and enhancement of quality legal and advocacy assistance for older persons in greatest economic or social need. Developers often have other roles and responsibilities, including coordinating their states' elder rights efforts and promoting alternative legal assistance delivery systems. Developers refer persons in need of assistance to the appropriate legal providers for the elderly, help with outreach and public education, and direct the design and implementation of programmatic systems to improve the quality and quantity of legal assistance for the elderly in their individual states.

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