## Legal help on the way to seniors in Central Minnesota

The Central Minnesota Council on Aging is giving the St. Cloud office of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid new funding dollars for 2025. This means seniors in Benton County will continue to have access to legal advice, counseling and representation in court and administrative hearings at no cost.

Residents of Benton County, 60 years of age and older, can get legal assistance with Medicare, Social Security, eviction or other housing problems, public benefits, such as medical assistance, food support and fuel assistance, family law issues, including domestic abuse and income maintenance, nursing home problems, home care services, powers of attorney, health care directives and debt collection. <u>NO</u> help is provided for criminal matters, wills, estate planning or real estate transactions.

If you would like to schedule an in-person meeting, please call 1-888-360-2889. If you would like to meet by telephone, virtually, or on the Justice Bus, please call our office at 1-888-360-2889. If you have an urgent deadline and need help right away, please call 1-888-360-2889.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid accepts contributions for the legal services, but contributions are not required to receive legal help.