



Jacksonville Area Legal Aid Mental Health Advocacy Project

WHAT IS IT?

The Mental Health Advocacy Project is a special program at Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, which was developed to meet the legal needs of the mentally ill. People with mental illness often have difficulty gaining access to treatment for their mental illness or obtaining the appropriate treatment for their illness. The Project especially focuses on the treatment needs of the mentally ill.

WHAT COUNTIES ARE SERVED BY THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY PROJECT?

The Mental Health Advocacy Project serves Duval, Clay, Nassau, Baker, and St. Johns counties.

WHO ARE THE STAFF FOR THE PROJECT?

Carol Caldwell is the Director of the Mental Health Advocacy Project. Ms. Caldwell is an attorney who also has worked with the mentally ill for 25 years as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist and psychiatric hospital administrator. At times, the Project has volunteers or interns from law schools or social service programs. Also, there may be, times when your legal needs are such that it would be appropriate to refer you to another attorney at Legal Aid who specialized in that particular area of the law.

HOW DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE PROJECT?

The Project serves those mentally ill with the greatest economic and social needs. We will also consider whether we have the resources available to handle your legal problems. We do operate within guidelines for Legal Aid in terms of the types of cases we are able to handle.

HOW DO YOU SEE AN ATTORNEY AT THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY PROJECT?

Intake for the Project is done by appointment at Legal Aid. Call Mary Kay Brennan at 356-8371, extension 343 to set up an appointment. We also do Intake at the Riverhouse and Springfield Drop-In Centers. Bring all papers important to your legal problem when you come for Intake

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