

PLAN AHEAD & PROTECT YOURSELF!

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Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. (LAWO) wants seniors to understand their legal rights, avoid abuse and victimization, and protect their safety, assets, income, and independence.

To help seniors do this, LAWO developed the “Plan Ahead & Protect Yourself” Series for Seniors, which includes legal classes, clinics, cases, and other services—with an emphasis on prevention, individual empowerment, and multi-disciplinary collaboration.

LAWO has developed five legal classes and three legal clinics to help older persons protect their rights, safety, assets, income, and independence.

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Series for Seniors	
CLASSES	CLINICS
Justice for Seniors	
Keeping Seniors Safe	
Financial POA's & More	Financial Power of Attorney
Health Advance Directives	Health Care POA & Living Will
Wills & Estates	Last Will & Testament

Class materials include short videos, audio clips, fact sheets, workbooks, and live presentations. Individuals can access the materials in a way that works best for them -- on their own, in group classes or clinics (at senior centers or senior housing sites, for example), or with help of others. More information and the class materials are available at www.legalaidline.org (Self-Help Center, Older Adults 60+ section).

LAWO collaborates with many other senior stakeholders and service providers to make this information available to seniors in user-friendly, efficient, and successful ways. Anyone interested in more information, scheduling a class or clinic, or partnering in other ways can contact Gary J. Weston, Senior Attorney at gweston@lawolaw.org or (937) 535-4453.

** Legal Aid of Western Ohio (LAWO) is a non-profit law firm serving the civil legal needs of western Ohio's low-income individuals and families, and seniors. Gary J. Weston has over 40 years of experience leading, managing, supporting, and providing legal services for low-income persons, persons with disabilities, and seniors, and he is currently a Senior Attorney at LAWO.*