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PROJECT 2025: Enhanced Access to Legal Assistance for Older Americans in Virginia

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Project Profile

In **September 2006**, Virginia was awarded a federal grant to fund a project to enhance legal assistance for older persons in Virginia. Only six states in the United States received such a grant. Virginia has titled its initiative **Project 2025: Enhanced Access to Legal Assistance for Older Americans in Virginia**, and it is a partnership between the Virginia Department for the Aging and the Virginia Poverty Law Center. The grant is funded by the **U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging**. The project was endorsed by elder rights groups, government officials, agencies on aging, legal aid programs, representatives from bar associations, and stakeholders from across the Commonwealth.



The project features are highlighted below:

Two-Fold Goal:

- Virginia will **strengthen its existing program** by involving stakeholders in statewide planning and collaboration; and
- Virginia, in conjunction with stakeholders, will **create statewide standards** to define measurable units of legal assistance.

Six Major Objectives:

1. **Enhance collaboration** between area agencies on aging & legal services;
2. **Improve visibility** and capacity of Legal Services Programs & Helplines;
3. **Foster private bar initiatives** and collaboration;
4. **Establish a system** to reach specific target populations, including rural, non-English speaking and those in long-term care facilities;
5. **Develop a statewide system** to collect data and report performance results; and
6. **Establish the role and benefits** of the newly developed model program and obtain funding to continue the program.

Balancing the Odds...



Enhancing Access for Seniors...



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