

Seniors raising relatives under the age of 18 need to protect their own well-being as well as the well-being of children in their care. Common legal issues that affect their well-being include:

Family Security

(Protecting children in your care if something happens to you.)

The Senior Citizens' Law Office can help protect your family by providing legal documents.

- Caregiver Affidavits to help enroll children in school and obtain medical care.
- Special Powers of Attorney appointing someone to care for the child in case you become incapacitated.

Economic Security

(Ensuring you can afford to raise the children.)

The Senior Citizens' Law Office can help you apply for new or additional benefits and help protect your assets.

- Public benefits
(Social Security Retirement, SSI, SNAP and Utility Assistance)
- Healthcare benefits
(Medicaid, Medicare, VA)
- Prioritize expenses
- Debt collection defense to protect retirement income and certain assets

Housing Security

(Ensuring you can provide a safe and secure home.)

The Senior Citizens' Law Office can help protect the safety and security of your home by assisting with the following:

- Landlord and Housing Authority approval of additional tenants
- Age restricted 55+ communities
- Eviction due to non-compliance with lease or community rules
- Repairs and maintenance of your leased property
- Home Foreclosure

Seniors caring for relatives under the age of 18:

Are you facing legal problems
related to caring for minor
relatives?

**If so, Senior Citizens' Law
Office may be able to help!**

Senior Citizens' Law Office provides
a range of quality, *free* legal services
to seniors age 60 and older who reside
in Central New Mexico in Bernalillo,
Sandoval, Valencia, and Torrance
counties.

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*For legal assistance with the
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Common legal issues
when raising younger
relatives and
where to get help.

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