Seniors raising relatives under the age of 18 need to protect their own well-being as well as the well-being of children entrusted to 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 the following legal documents:

- Caregiver Affidavits to allow you to enroll children in school and obtain medical care.
- Powers of Attorney appointing someone to care

for the child in case you become incapacitated.

• Last Will & Testament to provide for children when you pass away.



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.

- Kinship Guardianship subsidies under the State Guardianship Assistance Program
- Public benefits(Retirement, SNAP)
- Healthcare benefits
 (Medicaid, Medicare, VA)

- Prioritize expenses
- Debt collection defense



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 approval of additional tenants
- Age restricted 55+ communities
- Housing Authority approval of additional household members
- Eviction due to noncompliance with lease or community rules
- Repairs and maintenance of your leased property

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!

For legal assistance,
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Senior Citizens' Law Office provides a range of legal services to seniors age 60 and older who reside in the following counties:

Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia, and

Torrance.



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Common legal problems when raising younger relatives and where to get help

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