



A Division of the New York Legal Assistance Group

LegalHealth

Professional Partnership to Promote Well Being[®]

Since 2001, LegalHealth has partnered with medical professionals to address the nonmedical needs of low-income people with serious health problems. LegalHealth complements health care with legal care — providing free legal services in medical facilities and training healthcare professionals to understand the legal issues their patients face. LegalHealth extends its mission nationally by providing technical assistance to bring medical and legal partners together.

LINCOLN HOSPITAL

Clinic Location

234 East 149th Street
Room 1B2
Bronx

Clinic Schedule

Wednesdays
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Appointments

718-579-5657
Social Work

LegalHealth at Lincoln Hospital

Every week attorneys bring the law office into the hospital, providing advice and representation to help patients:

- Secure government benefits
- Fix housing problems
- Address credit issues
- Handle immigration issues
- Plan ahead (e.g. wills, health care proxy, power of attorney and guardianship)
- Access special education services
- Solve insurance disputes

Patient Stories

Susie

Susie, a 26-year-old mother of three living in public housing, was being sued for back rent, despite a perpetually broken refrigerator where all the food, including the family's Thanksgiving dinner, spoiled. Plaster was falling in the living room, and her son's bedroom wall was riddled with holes. An infestation of roaches aggravated his asthma. LegalHealth helped Susie secure a rent discount, a new refrigerator and professional extermination of the roaches.

Tamika

Tamika, an immigrant from Mali, lived in the U.S. for more than three years as an undocumented alien. After she gave birth to a baby girl, Tamika's relatives demanded she return to Mali for the child's circumcision ritual. Fearing her own deportation and the genital mutilation of her baby, Tamika turned to her pediatrician for help. She was referred to LegalHealth, which worked with its immigration colleagues at the New York Legal Assistance Group. Its attorneys filed for her political asylum. After a two-and-a-half-year legal battle, Tamika won. She is free and her little girl is safe from genital mutilation.

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