



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.

ELMHURST HOSPITAL

Clinic Location	79-01 Broadway Room 203 Hope Pavilion, 2nd Floor Queens	79-01 Broadway Room A-1-25 Social Work Department Queens
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Clinic Schedule	Mondays 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Key Departments Served	All departments	All departments
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Appointments	718-334-2650 Social Work Office	718-334-2650 Social Work Office
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LegalHealth at Elmhurst 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

Raji

Raji brought his family to the U.S. on tourist visas so his two-year-old son could get treatment for cerebral palsy. The boy received a full evaluation at Elmhurst and started extensive physical, speech, feeding and occupational therapy. He made significant gains in a few months, and his physicians feared loss of those gains if he returned to India without completing therapy. LegalHealth's immigration attorney won three extensions of the family's tourist visas so the boy could complete the full course of his therapies.

Terri

Terri's husband is in prison and she struggles to raise their eight children alone. She is under treatment for mastoiditis, a dangerous ear condition, as well as depression with thoughts of suicide. She also sees a neurologist for her worsening headaches. When her public assistance, including food stamps and housing allowance, was cut in half for failure to comply with public assistance regulations, Terri panicked. Her doctor referred her to LegalHealth, where the attorney went through all the paperwork and found that Terri actually was in compliance. She applied for a fair hearing and represented Terri at the hearing. Terri won her appeal and all her benefits were restored. She received a \$2,000 retroactive award and \$641 in monthly benefits were restored.

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