

SOUTHERN MAINE AGENCY ON AGING + LEGAL SERVICES FOR MAINE ELDERS EVICTON PREVENTION IN ACTION

A proven partnership keeping older adults safely housed in Southern Maine.

THE CHALLENGE

Older adults face housing crises
that can quickly lead to homelessness.

-  Eviction notices
and court filings
-  Rising rents,
property taxes,
and utility costs
-  Housing loss after
hospitalization
or life changes
-  Don't meet homelessness
eligibility—nowhere
else to turn

*These crises are rarely just
about housing.*

THE INNOVATION: A FAST-TRACK PARTNERSHIP

Legal expertise + housing navigation = better outcomes



LEGAL SERVICES FOR MAINE ELDERS

Identifies urgent eviction threats in older adults
and makes immediate referral to SMAA.



SMAA HOUSING CONNECTIONS

Referral bypasses waitlists and is
prioritized for immediate attention.



RESOURCE SPECIALIST ASSIGNED

Dedicated Housing Specialist connects
with the older adult right away.



COORDINATED RESPONSE

Legal + Housing + Benefits + Community Partners
work together to stabilize housing and plan for
long-term stability.



One team. One plan. Better outcomes for older adults.

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

Helping older adults remain safely housed
and connected to their community.



HOUSING RETAINED



**AFFORDABLE HOUSING
LOCATED**



**FAMILY SUPPORTS
ACTIVATED**



**BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE SECURED**



**LONG-TERM HOUSING PLAN
DEVELOPED**

*From crisis to stability—
with dignity and support.*



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**URGENT REFERRALS
SINCE LAUNCH**

March 2023 – March 2026



1,757+

**HOUSING-RELATED
CONTACTS**

Since November 2023



MORE THAN 1/2

**OF SMAA CARE COORDINATION
CASELOADS INVOLVE
HOUSING CONCERNS**

*Working together today
to prevent homelessness
tomorrow.*



STRONG PARTNERSHIPS. TARGETED INTERVENTIONS. STABLE HOMES. BETTER LIVES.

SMAA and Legal Services for Maine Elders—innovating together for older adults in Cumberland and York Counties.