

GLBT Seniors Advocacy Project

What is the GLBT Seniors Advocacy Project?

The GLBT Seniors Advocacy Project (GSAP) helps low-income gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, or transgender (GLBT) seniors get or maintain essential government benefits so that they can remain in San Francisco and continue to be a vibrant part of the community.

GSAP provides information and individual assistance, including legal representation, on a variety of benefit programs, including:

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security Retirement Benefits
- County Adult Assistance (General Assistance)
- Medi-Cal
- Medi-Cal Managed Care
- In-Home Support Services

In addition, GSAP offers referrals to other Bay Legal resources for the following services:

- Housing-related problems, including:
 - o Section 8
 - Public Housing
 - Private Housing
 - Rent Control
 - Eviction Notices
 - Other Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Domestic Violence Issues
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- CalWORKS
- Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)

You may also get information on these services by calling the Legal Advice Line: (415) 354-6360.

Who is Eligible for GSAP Services?

Gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender San Francisco residents who are seniors and have an annual income of \$13,963 (125% of FPL) or less for an individual or \$28,813 or less for a family of four qualify for services provided by GSAP. (You must be a United States citizen or satisfy certain residency requirements.)

For example, if you are a GLBT senior living in San Francisco and are receiving SSI, you qualify.

How Do I Contact GSAP?

Call (415) 354-6307 and speak to an advocate, or leave a message and you will be contacted by an advocate.

Or email: GSAP@BayLegal.org

GSAP, the GLBT Seniors Advocacy Project, is a service provided by Bay Area Legal Aid's San Francisco Regional Office and currently serves San Francisco residents, only.

GSAP is a legal advocacy program providing:

- Information
- Legal Advice & Counseling
- Legal Representation
- Community Trainings
- Educational Materials & Informational Flyers
- Referrals

GSAP evaluates each request for a assistance on a case-by-case basis.

GSAP provides translation assistance to its Limited English Proficient (LEP) clients.

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Bay Area Legal Aid also provides a Legal Advice Line for lowincome individuals throughout the Bay Area addressing issues related to:

- Domestic Violence
- Receiving Government Benefits
- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Health Care Access

Counseling, advice, and referral information are available Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 to 1:00 pm. (Hours subject to change.)

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