

## Who runs the ACP?

The ACP is a partnership program between the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) and the Civil Court of the City of New York.

## Questions?

For more information on how you may be considered for the program, you can:



- ask the Housing Court judge in charge of your case
- visit the Help Center, located in the courthouse, and ask to speak with one of the court attorneys
- email Denise Colon-Greenaway, Special Counsel for Court-Based Interdisciplinary Programs, at [dgreena@courts.state.ny.us](mailto:dgreena@courts.state.ny.us)

## Court Help Center Locations:

New York County Civil Court  
111 Centre Street  
New York, NY 10013  
Help Center-Room 104

Kings County Civil Court  
141 Livingston Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Help Center-Room 404

Queens County Civil Court  
89-17 Sutphin Boulevard  
Jamaica, NY 11435  
Help Center-Room 235



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## Are you a senior?

Are you concerned about a  
Landlord-Tenant matter?

Need **FREE** legal and social  
service help?



**Assigned Counsel  
Project  
(ACP)**

may be able to help

## Who Qualifies for the Assigned Counsel Project?

You may qualify for the Assigned Counsel Project (ACP) if you are **over 60** AND:



- You are a tenant with a case in Housing Court facing eviction due to **either**:
  - nonpayment of rent, **or**
  - holdover allegations

**or**

- You are an owner trying to evict a tenant

**or**

- You are trying to evict a roommate who you think may hurt you or does not want to leave

## How does the ACP work?

The ACP assigns a lawyer and a social worker (or a social work intern) who work as a team to help a senior solve their court case.

## What services can I get from the ACP?

The ACP offers the following services, **FREE** of charge:

- A lawyer to represent you, and
- A social worker that may be able to help you get, for example:
  - Financial help to cover past due rent
  - Protection from rent increases (Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption, SCRIE)
  - Healthcare benefits
  - Home care
  - Access-a-Ride
  - Meals on Wheels

The social worker can also offer crisis counseling and advocacy.

## How do I get the ACP to accept my case?

If you think you qualify for the ACP, ask the Housing Court Judge in your case to refer you to the ACP. The Court's Help Center attorneys will ask you some questions to see if you may qualify for the program. If they believe that you may qualify for the program, they send your referral to the Department for the

Aging (DFTA). DFTA has the final say on whether your case will be accepted by the program.

## Does it matter which borough I live in?

Right now, the ACP is accepting cases in NY, Kings, and Queens counties. Although the program is not available right now in the Bronx and Staten Island, it will be expanding in the near future.

