

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 dcgreena@nycourts.gov

Court Help Center Locations:

Bronx County - Housing
1118 Grand Concourse
Bronx, NY 10456
Help Center- 2nd floor

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

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

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 age **60** or above AND:



- You are a tenant with a case in Housing Court facing eviction due to **either**:

- nonpayment of rent, **or**
- holdover allegations

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 obtain, 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 judge may ask you to meet with either an attorney that works for the court or staff member who works for a legal services provider subcontracted by the ACP program. This person will ask you a few questions to see if you qualify for the program. After this meeting, your referral will be further evaluated to determine if your case will be accepted. You will be notified if your case is accepted either by the court or the legal service provider. The legal service

providers have final say on whether cases are accepted by the program.

Does it matter which borough I live in?

Right now, the ACP is accepting cases in the Bronx, New York, Kings, and Queens counties.

