

Providing free limited-scope legal and social services at the courthouse for individuals and families facing eviction in Lancaster County, Nebraska.



**REBALANCING POWER
CHALLENGING INEQUITIES
PREVENTING EVICTIONS**

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS AT RISK OF OR CURRENTLY FACING EVICTION

RESOLVE the issue before an eviction action is filed with the court whenever possible.

CONTACT Legal Aid of Nebraska about possible legal representation.

Call 1-877-250-2016

COLLECT relevant documents to bring to court.

E.g., payment receipts, conversations with your landlord, lease, notices, etc.

KNOW where to go and what time to get there.

ATTEND YOUR EVICTION HEARING and aim to arrive 15 to 20 minutes early.

If you do not come to court, it's very likely that an eviction judgment will be entered against you.

If you absolutely cannot make it to your hearing, call the court before your scheduled hearing time and ask for a continuance.

WHERE TO GO THE DAY OF YOUR EVICTION HEARING

Lancaster County Courthouse
575 South 10th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68505
2nd Floor, Courtroom 21

There is free parking on 10th Street in front of the courthouse and in the lot on the Northwest corner of 10th and K Streets.

ACCESSING TAP SERVICES

Just come to the Lancaster County Courthouse on the day of your eviction hearing!

Look for people with red nametags holding clipboards outside the elevators on the 2nd floor. A volunteer may approach you and ask if you are there for a landlord-tenant case. Tell them your name and that you would like free legal assistance.

To check the status of an eviction hearing or to request a continuance, call the Lancaster County Courthouse at 402-441-7391.



BACKGROUND

The Tenant Assistance Project (TAP) is present at the Lancaster County Courthouse on days that eviction hearings are scheduled. TAP works to provide free limited-scope legal representation and social services support to all interested low- to moderate-income residential tenants on the day of their eviction hearing.

PURPOSE

TAP works toward balancing the inequities that exist between residential tenants and landlords in the eviction process by ensuring access to legal representation for tenants, and providing holistic, wrap-around support to obtain the best possible outcomes for those facing judicial eviction.

TAP PARTNERSHIP

In Lancaster County, TAP operates as a collaboration between the University of Nebraska College of Law's Housing Justice Clinic and Nebraska State Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyer's Project



IMPORTANT DISCLAIMERS

TAP services are generally limited to the day of the eviction hearing and do not continue outside of the courthouse.

TAP can only assist tenants for the eviction portion of their cases—legal representation does not extend to any related claims brought by a landlord for monetary damages related to the tenancy.

TAP cannot provide ongoing legal representation for other matters.

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TENANT SUPPORT CONTACTS

Legal Aid of Nebraska

*Legal Support
1-877-250-2016*

Community Action Partnership

*Non-Legal Tenant Support
402-875-9354*

Lincoln Commission on Human Rights

*Reporting Housing Discrimination
402-441-7624*

Lincoln Department of Building and Safety

*Reporting Housing Code Violations
402-441-7521*

Check out additional information and resources by visiting the links below!

Housing Justice Clinic University of Nebraska College of Law:

law.unl.edu/housing-justice-clinic-clients/

Legal Aid of Nebraska:
legalaidofnebraska.org/online-resources/housing-online-resources.html