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Center for Arkansas Legal Services to host Rural Justice Days in Stuttgart Sept. 24; legal services to be offered at no cost

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The Center for Arkansas Legal Services will hold Rural Justice Days in Stuttgart on Friday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The event will be held at the Stuttgart Public Library at 2002 S. Buerkle St. Communication specialist Amber Quaid said the program is offered to give community members legal guidance at no cost.

“Rural Justice Days is a program that we started here at the Center for Arkansas Legal Services to basically reach out to a community where we may not have a main office, or we may not have a lot of attorneys available. We wanted to bring our absolutely free services to that community to help them with civil legal needs,” Quaid said.

Anyone seeking legal advice can attend the event and speak with an attorney.



“We are focusing mainly on divorces, powers of attorney, any public benefits issues, eviction or foreclosure issues, landlord-tenant disputes, and debt collections,” Quaid said.

Residents who make an appointment can ensure they receive time with an attorney. To register, participants can call the Center for Arkansas Legal Service’s helpline at [501-376-3423](tel:501-376-3423).

“If you make an appointment, it makes it easier to see you,” Quaid said. “We are more than happy to take walk-ins as well.”

According to a release from the center, persons interested in criminal record sealing must register for an appointment to ensure eligibility and time to obtain Arkansas Crime Information Center and sentencing reports prior to service.

People who are unsure whether something they are facing is a legal issue are encouraged to attend the legal advice clinic.

“We want you to know that you can come in and talk to an attorney about something you may think is a legal issue, but you are not even sure if it is. That way we can tell you your options, give you advice, and help you move forward from there to see if there is an option out of your situation,” Quaid said.

Due to COVID-19 safety concerns, some health protocols will be in place.

“We do require that the people coming in will be wearing masks. We will also be wearing masks. We will have sanitizers there. We also will have tablets that will kind of be between us and the person coming to get advice so that everything can be as hands-free as possible,” Quaid said.

Anyone who wants more information about the Center of Arkansas Legal Services can visit the center's website at www.arkansaslegal.org.