

The eviction prevention clinic offers low - income persons living in Oregon and facing eviction, guidance in filling out court forms, navigating the OERAP application, access to pro - bono attorneys from Legal Aid, help with locating community organizations that provide information about evictions or help with filling out forms for various public services (SSI, WIC, unemployment, etc.) The eviction prevention clinic will help provide referrals to housing and rental assistance to qualified families that are facing imminent eviction from rental housing.



Program support received by the Albany Public Library CSC, Legal Aid, LBHA and N2N.

## Linn County Law Library

304 Broadalbin Street SW  
PO Box 100  
Albany, OR 97321

[http:// www.co.linn.or.us/law library/](http://www.co.linn.or.us/law library/)

## Linn County Eviction Prevention Clinic

Relax. We're here to help you find the information you need to help avoid an eviction, find rent and/or utility assistance, and to provide guidance with navigating public assistance programs in the State of Oregon.



Evictions severely damage a renter's prospects for future housing. Landlords often screen potential tenants and an eviction filing is often a disqualifying factor. Moreover, data from past recessions suggests that the incomes of black and brown households are more vulnerable to the economic shocks brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Linn County Eviction Prevention Clinic will offer limited legal forms assistance and referrals to firms and/or organizations for help with legal issues that we do not provide ourselves. The clinic is designed to assist persons at risk of an eviction find alternative housing options or find sources of financial support to pay rent and utilities.

The program will provide immediate relief by encouraging tenants to complete the OERAP (Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program) application, and will provide tenants assistance with accessing court forms or other materials if needed.

Tenants are encouraged to submit a declaration form to their landlord immediately upon receiving an eviction notice.

Direct services include (but are not limited to):

- The expansion of information, education, training and support for renters at risk of eviction.
- Referrals to Legal Aid and other community services such as the Community Services Consortium (CSC) to handle emergency eviction issues.
- The coordination of volunteer pro - bono attorneys for eviction defense to assist underserved communities.

The eviction prevention clinic intends to positively impact the housing experience for low-income renters in Linn County and the greater Oregon area.

The Linn County Law Library's role in the community is to provide a broad array of services and programs to support veterans, individuals who are unhoused, those living in poverty, immigrants in our community, and to help educate the community about some of the root causes of poverty in the State of Oregon.

The Eviction Prevention Clinic supports tenant education and advocacy. Legal presentations will be delivered periodically by pro - bono attorneys pertaining to evictions in Oregon.

These presentations provide general information only and are designed to educate the public about common legal problems that many disadvantaged persons experience including:

- Evictions in Oregon
- Legal Issues Pertaining to Tenant / Landlord Law
- Bankruptcy
- Federal Taxes
- Debt Collection
- Benefits of Mediation

Beginning May 19th, 2021, the State of Oregon expanded eligibility to expunge records of some past evictions. However, not all eviction records can be expunged. You may want to reference [OregonLawHelp.org](http://OregonLawHelp.org) which has information pertaining to tenants, landlords and the expungement of eviction records.

For additional information, please contact the Linn County Law Library.

PHONE: **541-924-6902**

E-mail: [aboedigheimer@co.linn.or.us](mailto:aboedigheimer@co.linn.or.us)  
[linncountylawslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:linncountylawslibrary@gmail.com)

Website: [www.co.linn.or.us/law library/](http://www.co.linn.or.us/law_library/)