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Eviction Diversions Program



Program Overview

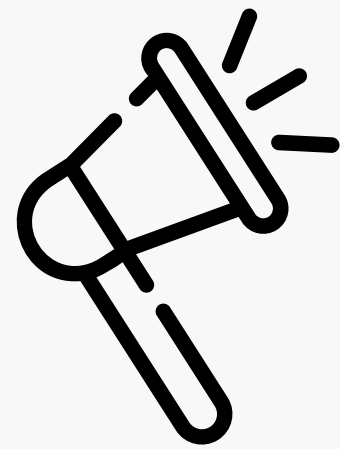
- Received funding through the National Center for State Courts
- Statewide, voluntary program
- Encouraging mediation as an alternative option to the full, formal court process
- Open before AND after a case is filed, but emphasizing participation before
- Provisional court rule changes



Additional Program Components

Outreach

- Community outreach to reach landlords and tenants where they are
- Developing relationships with service providers, landlord groups, attorney and mediation groups, and other stakeholders

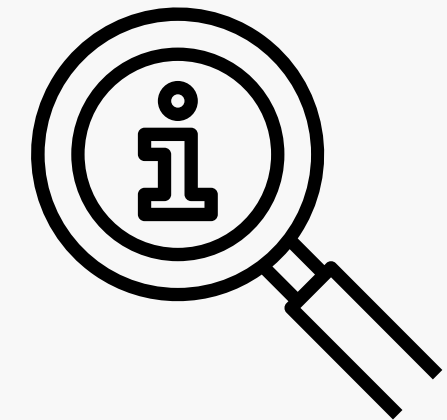


Connecting with Community Resources

- Identifying needs and connecting individuals with services and resources

Legal Information

- Improving access to legal information about housing law and the eviction process
- Creating guided interviews to guide landlords and tenants through the process



Provisional Rule Changes

- Landlords required to provide notice of the program and resources with Notice to Quit and with Complaint/Summons
- Landlords required to file tenant's contact information when initiating case
- Tenants removed from public access courtview if case is closed without an eviction
- Mediations through program are confidential

Alaska Court System

Eviction Diversion Program

Pre-Filing Information Sheet



Your landlord has given you a **Notice to Quit**. This is the first step in the eviction process. If you and your landlord do not work things out, your landlord may start a court case to evict you.

A **Notice to Quit** tells you:

- The reason the landlord wants to evict you,
- A way to fix the problem, if it can be fixed, and
- The day you need to move out by to stop the landlord from starting an eviction case.

Act



Do not ignore the Notice to Quit.

If you ignore the notice to quit, your landlord may start a court case to evict you.

You have options:

- Try to fix the problem,
- Talk to your landlord and try to work out an agreement, or
- You move out.

Learn



It is always a good idea to get legal information and advice.

Get **free** legal information from the court's webpage: visit ak-courts.info/housing or scan the QR code.



Get **free** legal advice from volunteer lawyers with Alaska Legal Services Corporation's (ALSC) **Landlord-Tenant Helpline**:

855-743-1001 Monday – Thursday
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

If you think you may qualify for ALSC services, apply at 888-478-2572 or alsc-law.org/apply-for-services

Get Help



Contact the court's Eviction Diversion Program for free help.

The court has **free**, neutral mediators who can help landlords and tenants work out their issues.

Get more information:

- Go to ak-courts.info/edp or
- Scan the QR Code



Sign-up:

- Go to ak-courts.info/edpsignup or
- Scan the QR Code or
- Call 907-264-0883



Why Mediate?

- Prevent the negative effects of an eviction
- Save time and money
- Easier and less stressful than the formal eviction process
- Provides space for parties to find creative solutions to the problem
- Party autonomy
- More likely agreements are followed



Thank You!

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