Do you need legal help with a Public Benefits case at the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH)?

Call the OAH Legal Assistance Network (OLAN)* to ask for free legal help at: (202) 301-1646

Who runs the OLAN Hotline?
The hotline is run by the OAH Legal Assistance Network (OLAN), a group of five legal services organizations. Members of this network include Bread for the City, the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, Legal Counsel for the Elderly, Neighborhood Legal Services Program, and the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

What type of public benefits cases can OLAN accept?
OLAN helps individuals with TANF, SNAP, DC Medical Assistance, Interim Disability Assistance, Personal Care Aide, EPD Waivers, Shelter, and Rapid Rehousing cases.

When can I call?
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

What if no one answers when I call?
If you do not reach anyone, please leave a message, and your call will be returned within 2 business days. (If you leave a message after 3:00 on Thursdays, you may not hear back until Tuesday morning.) If you have an upcoming hearing and need to speak with someone sooner, please state your hearing date in your message. We cannot, however, guarantee that we will be able to respond before your hearing.

Will I be given a lawyer if I call?
Anyone who calls with a public benefits matter will at least get advice. We will do our best to find you legal representation, but we cannot make any guarantees.

* OLAN is not affiliated with OAH. Attorneys and staff affiliated with the hotline are not employees of OAH or the OAH Resource Center. November 2020