# Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Aging and Disability Services

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The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council's (GLITC) Aging and Disability Services provides technical support for Tribal Aging Units for Wisconsin Tribes as well as employs staff to support Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) services.

The GLITC Disability Benefit Specialists (DBS) are trained to determine to which benefits tribal members (ages 18 through 59) may be entitled. They identify a process to apply for the benefits, assist in the application process, and assist in the appeals process. Typical programs that are reviewed are: Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medical Assistance (Medicaid), Medicare, Food Share and Veterans Benefits. The DBS serve all eleven tribes.

The GLITC Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) provides assistance and advocacy for Tribal elders (typically age 55 and older) in Wisconsin with their private and government benefits including: Medicare, Social Security, Medical Assistance, Consumer problems, Housing issues, supportive home services and Veteran's benefits. The GLITC EBS is assigned to serve the six Ojibwe Tribes and the Forest County Potawatomi.

# **Legal Topics Covered**

Money, Debt & Consumer Issues

- Credit Cards & Reports
- Debts/Loans
- Identity Theft
- Other Money, Debt, & Consumer Issues
- Consumer Protection & Complaints
- Public Utilities
- Scams, Fraud & Unfair Sales Practices

#### Housing

- Renting
- Owning Your Home
- Eviction
- Foreclosure
- Alternative Housing Options

- Manufactured Homes
- Utilities
- Other Housing Issues

## Renting

• Public & Subsidized Housing

## Native American Issues & Tribal Law

- Health Care for Native Americans
- Public Benefits for Native Americans

#### **Public Benefits**

- Benefits available to Native Americans
- Benefits available to Veterans & Servicemembers
- Food and Money Benefits
- Health/Medical Benefits
- Housing Benefits
- Other Public Benefits Issues
- Social Security
- Utilities, Energy & Heating Benefits

# Veterans/Military

Public Benefits for Veterans & Servicemembers

# Disability & Death Planning

- Healthcare
- Other Disability & Death Planning Issues

## **Counties Served**

Adams

**Ashland** 

**Barron** 

Bayfield

Brown

Burnett

Clark

Crawford

Dane

Eau Claire

**Forest** 

Iron

**Jackson** 

Juneau

La Crosse Marathon Menominee

Monroe Oconto

Polk
Rusk
Sauk
Sawyer
Shawano
Vernon
Vilas

Outagamie

Washburn

Language(s) Spoken

Wood

- 18 59 years of age
- with disabilities

To get help from a GLITC Tribal Elder Benefit Specialist, you must be:

- an enrolled tribal member (serves primarily 6 Wisconsin Chippewa Tribes and Forest County Potawatomi Tribe)
- 60+ years old

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