

# TAOS ELDER BENEVOLENT SERVICES



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Because elders can live longer than they'd expected and/or be overwhelmed by unforeseen medical expenses, they run a real risk of outliving their personal resources, which can impose a heavy burden on their spouses and families.

The goal of Taos Elder Benevolent Services (TEBS), a non-profit organization, is to help elders (age 50+) maintain a high quality of life and health. We provide free guidance to those elders and their families as they apply for federal support programs (including Medicaid and Veterans Widows benefits) and as they transition to comfortable, adequate housing in their community or long-term support in a caregiving facility.

This is how the TEBS process works:

1. First, elders and their supporting family members meet with TEBS Navigators to discuss the elder's current financial condition and residential situation (e.g., private apartment, Assisted Living, or Skilled Nursing facility). This is essential in determining eligibility for government support programs.
2. Then, elders and their supporting family members work with TEBS Bridge Tutors in filling out and submitting the necessary applications for those programs.

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