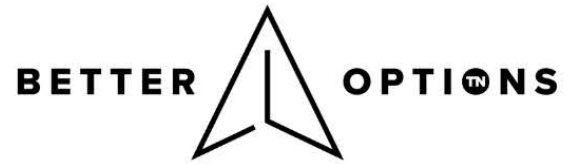


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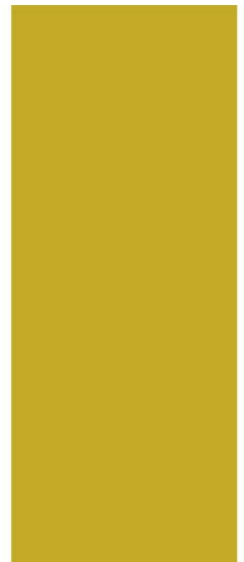


A PRACTICAL PLAN FOR  
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# Legal Access Pathway Overview + Need

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## WHAT IT IS AND WHY IT MATTERS

The Legal Access Pathway is Better Options TN's structured approach to helping newcomers and community members facing language and system barriers access clear legal information, trusted next steps, and reputable support. It is designed to reduce confusion, prevent exploitation, and move families toward greater stability.

Legal uncertainty can quickly disrupt housing, work, family stability, and financial security. The pathway creates a trusted front door so participants do not have to rely on rumors, predatory services, or fragmented advice.

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## BETTER OPTIONS TN

Williamson County, Tennessee



**A structured model that helps families move from confusion to clear next steps**



**Group legal readiness**



**Pro bono consultation**



**Legal assistance fund**

# Three-Part Pathway

Each step is designed to match the intensity of support to verified need.

## FROM BROAD EDUCATION TO TARGETED SUPPORT

The Legal Access Pathway begins with education, moves to consultation when needed, and allows limited financial help only within the BOTN pathway. This narrowing structure protects quality, reinforces ethical boundaries, and keeps the model sustainable as demand grows.



# Delivery Model + Boundaries



## HOW THE LEGAL ACCESS PATHWAY WORKS

The Legal Access Pathway combines broad access with clear limits. Group sessions create practical legal readiness and prevention-focused learning. Individual consultations provide deeper support when a participant's circumstances require more specific legal review.

At every stage, Better Options TN remains a trusted coordinator rather than the legal provider.

*Join the Work!*

## WHAT BOTN DOES NOT DO

Better Options TN provides access, coordination, education, interpreter support, and next-step guidance.

BOTN does not operate as a law firm and does not provide direct legal representation.

**Quality protected  
Boundaries clear**

# Partnerships + Capacity

The pathway depends on aligned partners and real operating capacity. Families need safe entry points, reputable legal guidance, language access, follow-up coordination, and simple reporting that shows what services were provided and what next steps were taken.



**BETTER OPTIONS BECOME POSSIBLE  
WHEN ACCESS, TRUST, AND GUIDANCE  
COME TOGETHER.**

## 01 Referral Partners

Schools, churches, neighborhood leaders, and community connectors help identify needs early and guide families into the pathway.

## 02 Legal Partners

Attorneys and pro bono collaborators provide reputable consultations and case guidance when needs go beyond education and navigation.

## 03 Staffing + Systems

Staffing, intake, interpreter coordination, follow-up, and board-ready reporting make the model usable and sustainable.

## 04 Language Access

Interpreter support helps sessions and consultations remain usable, accurate, and dignified.

## 05 Tracking + Follow-up

Documented next steps, referrals, and outcomes help BOTN improve the model and report progress clearly.

## 06 Sustainable Support

Capacity investments make it possible to grow access responsibly as community demand increases.

# Implementation + Funding Strategy

The first phase should focus on operational consistency, participant readiness, and documentation. Better Options TN can build a steady rhythm for sessions, consultation referrals, interpreter booking, follow-up, and board-ready reporting.

A sustainable funding strategy should combine annual giving, major gifts, grants, church and community partnerships, and targeted support for the program pieces that make the pathway work.



## YEAR-ONE PRIORITIES

01.

**Priority 1:** launch a reliable cadence for sessions, consultations, interpreter support, and follow-up.

02.

**Priority 2:** fund staffing coordination, interpreter access, legal assistance, and intake systems.

03.

**Priority 3:** build simple reporting that tracks participation, referrals, and documented next steps.

Church and community partners can sponsor specific pathway elements such as sessions, consultations, or the Legal Assistance Fund.

## FUNDING STREAMS

Annual and major gifts can underwrite flexible operating needs. Grants and foundations can support interpretation, legal readiness, evaluation, and capacity building.

# An Invitation to Give



How your support helps



Your gift helps families move from legal confusion to trusted next steps through education, consultation, interpretation, and carefully reviewed assistance within the BOTN Legal Access Pathway.



## ANNUAL GIFTS

Support the core operating needs that keep the pathway moving for families.



## MAJOR GIFTS

Help expand capacity, strengthen interpretation, and underwrite high-impact program infrastructure.



## SPONSORED SUPPORT

Sponsor sessions, consultations, or the Legal Assistance Fund to create visible, practical impact.

# Thank You

To learn more, support the Legal Access Pathway, or discuss partnership opportunities, connect with Better Options TN.

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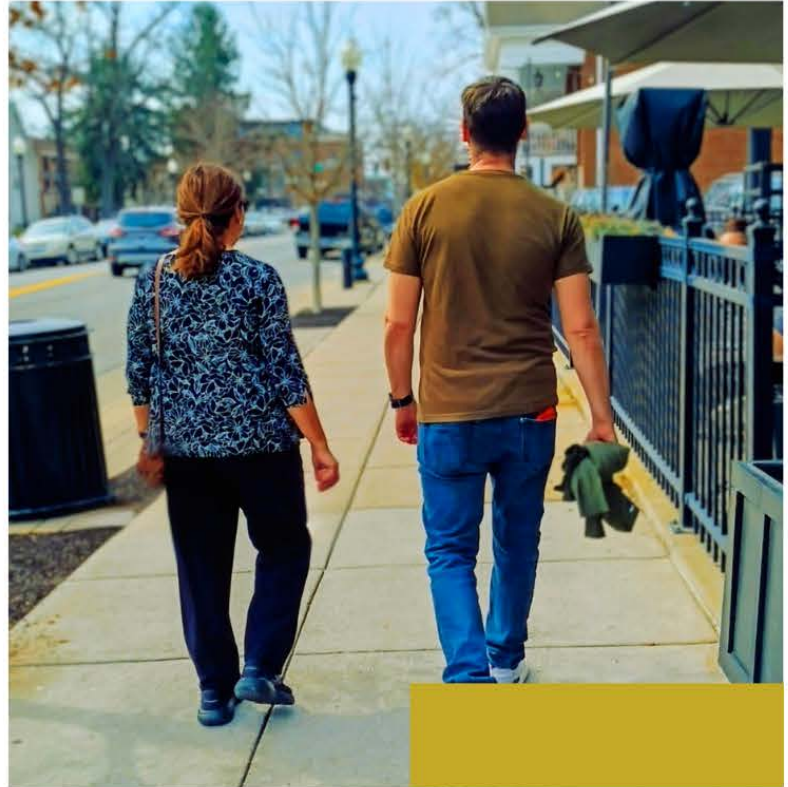
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## BETTER OPTIONS TN

### Legal Access Pathway

A trusted front door for clarity, dignity, and next-step support.

#### Support



Make a  
Recurring Gift

#### Intake



For People Who  
Need this Service

#### Friends



Become a Friend  
of Better Options