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FAR-EAST EL PASO COUNTY RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE FEE ASSISTANCE TO EXECUTE “MEDICAL WILLS”

As part of an ongoing campaign to promote the use of the “living wills,” tomorrow attorneys from the El Paso County Attorney’s Office will be visiting 3 nutrition centers in Fabens, San Elizario, and Clint, to offer free assistance regarding advance care planning and advance directive forms.

This is the schedule of free legal clinics for Thursday April 9, 2015:

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| 10:00 a.m | Fabens Nutrition Center
201 Camp, Fabens, TX 79838 |
| 11:00 a.m. | Presidio Palms in San Elizario
12960 Alnor St. San Elizario, TX 79849 |
| 12:00 p.m. | Clint Nutrition Center
200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, TX 79836 |

Advance directives are legal documents that allow you to convey your decisions about end-of-life care ahead of time. They provide a way for you to communicate your wishes to family, friends, and health care professionals, and to avoid confusion later on.

A Directive to Physicians or Living Will tells how you feel about care intended to sustain life. You can accept or refuse medical care. There are many issues to address, including:

- The use of dialysis and breathing machines
- If you want to be resuscitated if breathing or heartbeat stops
- Tube feeding
- Organ or tissue donation

- Blood transfusions

A Medical Power of Attorney allows individuals to designate someone they trust to make health decisions if they are unable to do so.

Individuals interested in getting the Directive to Physicians and Medical Power of Attorney who are unable to attend can download the forms by visiting the County Attorney's web page at www.epcounty.com/ca. The forms are available in both English and Spanish.

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