Legislation – What is it and why do we need it?

- Action of making rules
- Chaos Control
Organizational Legislation – Think It Through

- Do you have a clear understanding of the problem or need you want to address?

- Are there other similar organizations currently operating that already address this need? If so, will you be competing with these groups for funds, resources, or clients?

- Do other individuals agree that such an organization is needed? Are they willing to volunteer their time and energy to help get things started?
Will you be able to locate the resources and finances necessary to achieve your mission?

Do you understand the rules, regulations, and requirements of running a nonprofit organization or charity in your region?
How To Find What You Need To Know

- Google “blank” Legislation
  - You will get 1000’s of hits back but usually the top ten are the most productive but be aware that sometimes the top 2-3 are paid ads.
  - “your state” ex: state of Iowa “You fill in the blank” legislation will narrow it down for you.
- Contact other organizations and talk to them about legislative questions.
To contact Federal and State Officials –
www.usa.gov

Contact Elected Officials
Call, e-mail, or mail U.S. state and federal elected officials and government agencies. This web site lists all state legislators, governors, representatives, and senators as well as government agencies.

To contact local Officials – call your local city hall and they can direct you.
Questions?