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**Medical-Legal Partnership
Project (YCSC MLPP)**

CCA'S IMPACT

In the last year, we:

- Provided **1,011** children and youth with legal information and legal services.
- Served children from **65** different Connecticut towns, in all eight counties in Connecticut.
- Provided more than **250** legal consultations to healthcare, education and social service providers about specific cases.
- Trained more than **800** health care, social service and other professionals to improve their ability to advocate for the children they serve.
- Provided children's education rights trainings to more than **150** parent participants.
- Provided training on representing immigrant children to **25** pro bono attorneys who will provide no-cost representation to immigrant children eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.
- Provided **28** youth advocates with advocacy training and youth organizing groups.





HISTORY OF MLPP

- **1993** – establishment of the first Medical-Legal Partnership in Boston
- **2000** – establishment of Connecticut’s first MLPP at CT Children’s
- **2005** – expansion of MLPP to St. Francis Hospital’s Pediatrics & Family Medicine Depts.
- **June 2013** – est. of MLPP at Yale-New Haven Hospital
- **November 2020**– Yale Child Study Center



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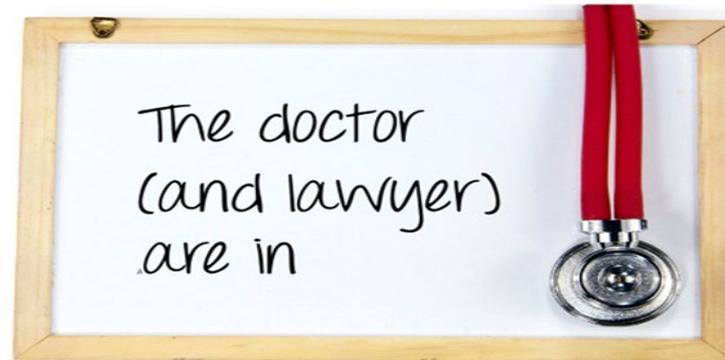


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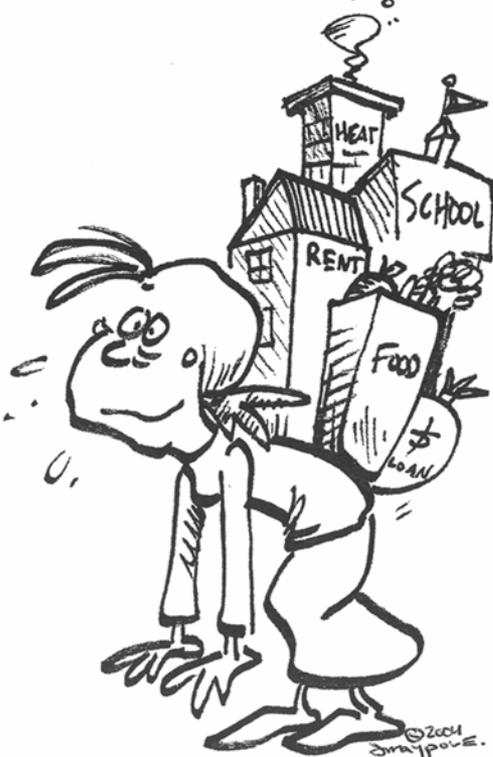


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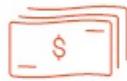


HOORAY - THAT EAR IS BETTER...
ANYTHING ELSE...?



RESEARCH SHOWS:

1 **60%** of a person's health is determined by social factors, including:



Income & Health
Insurance



Housing
& Utilities



Education
& Employment



Legal Status



Personal & Family
Stability

2 The U.S. spends more money on health care than any industrialized country, but it ranks:

42nd
— in life —
expectancy



169th
in low birth
— weight —

3 These poorer outcomes aren't the result of spending too little; they are the result of where the money is spent.



The U.S. spends \$0.90 on social services for every \$1 it spends on health care.



Other first-world countries with better outcomes spend \$2 on social services for every dollar they spend on health care.



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MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP: THREE-PART STRATEGY



**Education
& Training**

**Consultation &
Representation**

**Systemic
Advocacy**

- **Education & Training**
didactics, experiential, resources
- **Consultations & Direct Representation**
to providers, directly to families
- **Systemic Advocacy**
translate individual patient advocacy to systemic change

MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP: THREE-PART STRATEGY

Education & Training:

- 8 trainings for outpatient and in-home staff, as well as psychology and psychiatry fellows, on a variety of topics including:
 - Education– inc. Covid impact
 - Teen legal rights
 - LGBTQ rights in school & community
 - Case reviews

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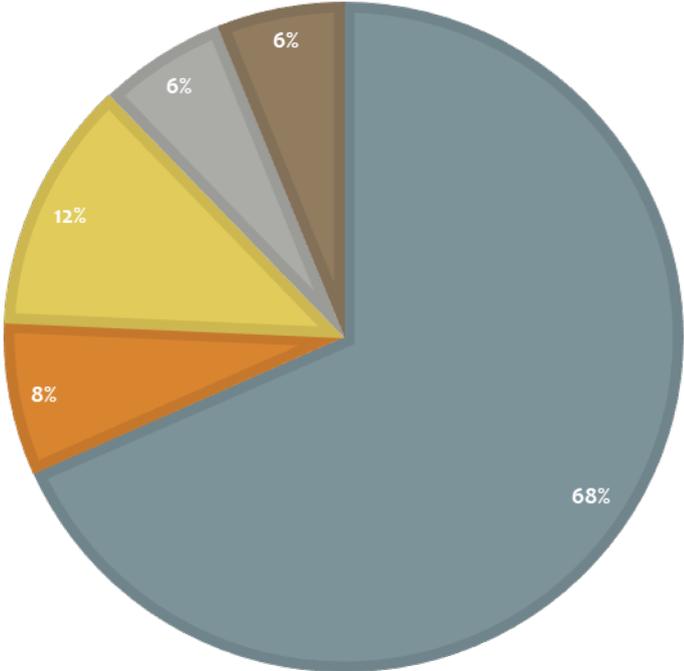
Education & Training:

- Introductions to clinical board, and have joined other team meetings to explain our work
- Rounds participation= 25+ hours and dozens of quick questions/consults

TOPIC AREA BREAKDOWN

MLPP NON-CLIENT CONSULTATIONS

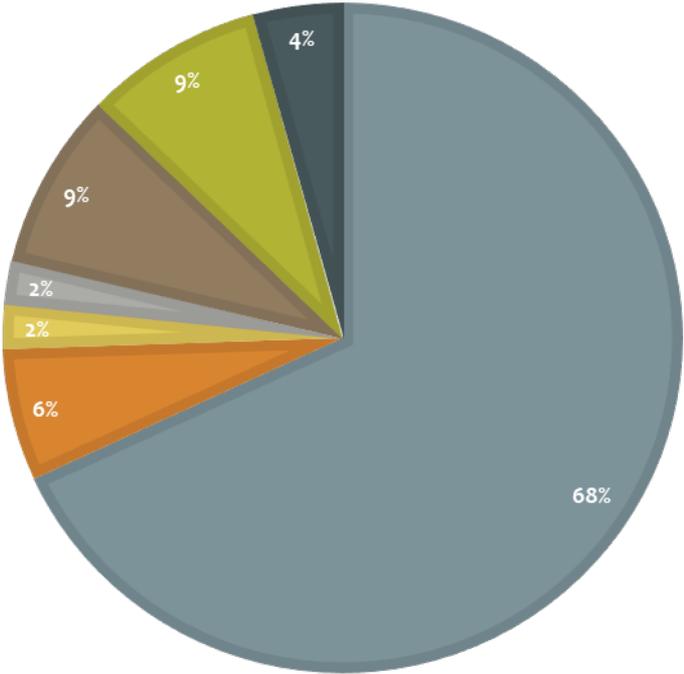
■ Education ■ Family ■ Health ■ Housing ■ Individual Rights



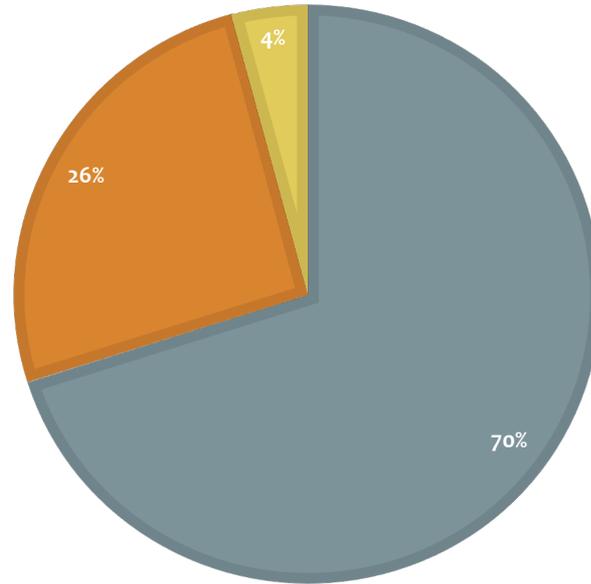
TOPIC AREA BREAKDOWN

MLPP CASES

■ Education ■ Health ■ Immigration ■ Income Support ■ Individual Rights ■ Housing ■ Family



TYPE OF LEGAL SUPPORT



- Non-Client Consultations
- Short Advice, Information & Referral, and Longer Ongoing Advice
- Other Representation

HOW TO MAKE A REFERRAL

Clinical Operations | Grants & Contracts | Communications | 350 George Street | CSC Policies & Procedures

Clinical Operations

- Billing Guidelines
- EPIC
- Medical-Legal Partnership**
- Standards, Policies, and Procedures
- Telehealth Support Materials

How do I make a referral?

Simple! Fill out the referral form and request the type of consultation that you need. The referral link is below.

*If you wish to discuss a specific family in detail, please be aware that a release of information is necessary. The release is between the family and CCA.

Make a Referral

What happens next?

Once we receive the referral Kathryn will reach out to set up a time to talk. It's helpful to refer a bit in advance of any anticipated meetings to give ample time to plan for Kathryn's involvement. Kathryn can also be reached via email at Kathryn.Meyer@yale.edu. If you have any questions about the MLP referral process, or just want to talk it through, please email Christiana.mills@yale.edu for support.

Contacts: Christiana Mills, LCSW Christiana.mills@yale.edu; 203-737-1706

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CASE CONVERSATIONS: SUPPORTING MARISOL & CHILDREN WITH HOUSING ISSUES

- Referral process
- Navigating available resources with provider
- *How can I help?* Working directly with the family

CASE CONVERSATIONS: WORKING DIRECTLY WITH JESSIE MAYO

- General discussions around young children's issues:
 - Family law questions
 - Benefits for family caregivers
 - Transition from B23 to school district

CASE CONVERSATIONS: SUPPORTING JOSEPH WITH EDUCATION & SSI ISSUES

- Identifying the YCSC players
- Honing in on the *family's* end goal for their child
 - Evaluation & placement
 - Home-school communication
- Collaboration with legal services attorney re: SSI