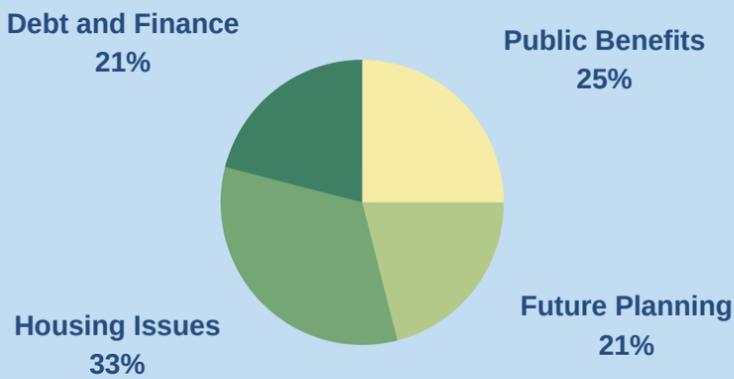


Cancer Legal Assistance & Well-being Project

PROMOTING THE HEALTH OF CANCER PATIENTS THROUGH LEGAL ADVOCACY AND INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION AT THE WASHINGTON CANCER INSTITUTE

LEGAL SERVICES METRICS

What Legal Issues Do Patient Clients Have?



12 patients received legal check-ups

24 legal issues identified

14 legal issues resolved by the Cancer L.A.W. legal team via brief advice, brief service, and/or full representation

\$5,727

Amount of debt eliminated for a cancer patient living with Stage IV Breast Cancer

\$1,752

Additional annual income for a cancer patient via public benefit program eligibility discovered during legal check-up

72 HOURS

Amount of time between cancer patient's completion of a Healthcare Advance Directive and admittance to the ICU

CANCER PATIENT OUTCOMES

"Knowing that I can't be kicked out of the home I've lived in for five years takes a huge weight off my shoulders. No one plans for cancer or a pandemic, but here we are—having folks like you is such a blessing."

-Ms. B, WCI Patient and DC Resident

CAPACITY-BUILDING METRICS

"In response to COVID-19, we quickly shifted our focus to analyzing new federal and local protections. Many landlords are making illegal threats of eviction to their tenants. **Counseling clients that landlords cannot evict anyone right now is vital, especially for our cancer patients who already have so much on their plate.**"

-Allison Dowling, Esq., Cancer L.A.W. Project Attorney



28 specialized legal trainings attended by Cancer L.A.W. legal team

12 community organization partnerships established

6 members of the Patient Support Team trained on the legal issue referral process

LONG TERM PROVIDER & SYSTEM OUTCOMES: What's in the Literature

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Over a 7 year period, the MLP of Southern Illinois achieved a 271% financial return on investment for its hospital partner (Teufel, 2012).



In a study of patients who received legal services, 30% reported enhanced treatment compliance, and 25% reported improvement in keeping medical appointments (Fleishman, 2006)

The Health Law Partnership found that on-site legal services led to an increase in physician satisfaction (Pettignano, 2012).

"Healthcare providers who have a team of legal resources on site can easily refer their patients without having to devote their own time to addressing the non-medical complexities of cancer care."

-Barbara Hoffman, Co-Founder of the National Cancer Legal Services Network