

Cancer Legal Assistance & Well-being Project

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

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020 LEGAL SERVICES METRICS

Following a legal check-up...

- 17 new patients referred by the patient support team
- 15 legal intake appointments with new patients
- 15 new legal issues identified

56 Legal issues worked on

30 Legal issues resolved

29 Clients served

Most Common Patient Legal Issues

1. Public Benefits
2. Housing Issues
3. Future Planning
4. Employment
5. Debt Relief



Amount paid to a patient in previously denied unemployment benefits



Collaborated with WHC Patient Advocacy Team to ensure WCI patient had access to specialized care during an after-hours emergency



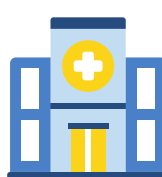
Helped a patient retain his apartment after being unlawfully locked out by his landlord

WHO DID WE SERVE?



"Without the attorney's expertise and diligence I might still be trying to navigate the maze of confusion that I encountered in my efforts to secure public benefits. It was a pleasure to interact with a professional who was competent, caring, efficient, and effective. He is a blessing to those fortunate enough to be acquainted with him."

-Ms. S, WCI Patient and DC Resident



Patients with breast, GI, GYN, and head and neck cancers



Patients from DC Wards 1,2,4,6, and 7, and Prince George's County



88% of patients live below 200% of the federal poverty level



65% of patients live below 100% of the federal poverty level

CAPACITY-BUILDING METRICS

- ★ C-LAW attorneys attended 6 training sessions on pandemic and cancer related legal services
- ★ Received referrals from 2 new patient support team members, expanding C-LAW's reach
- ★ Coordinated with patient support team to ensure that patients could see oncologist, social worker, and attorney during the same hospital visit