



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

HEALTH JUSTICE ALLIANCE

Perinatal LAW

THE PERINATAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE & WELL-BEING (P-LAW) PROJECT PROMOTES THE HEALTH OF PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM PATIENTS THROUGH LEGAL ADVOCACY AND INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION AT MEDSTAR WOMEN'S AND INFANTS' SERVICES

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2021 LEGAL SERVICES METRICS

- 10** Referrals received from the social work team
- 7** Legal intake appointments conducted by P-LAW attorney
- 9** Legal issues worked on
- 5** Legal issues resolved

Reached out to 100% of referrals and conducted legal intakes with all patients contacted



"Since you came into my life, you have put my mind and worries at ease. I appreciate you more than you'll ever know. You always take the time to listen to me, and I never feel rushed or unheard when I talk to you. Working with you makes me feel like I can handle my issues."
-P-LAW patient

Top Legal Issues

Housing
Employment
Consumer Debt
Domestic Violence
Social Security



Secured an extended leave of absence from work and short term disability support for a pregnant patient during a mental health crisis

INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION AND EDUCATION

In Summer 2021, the Perinatal LAW attorney:



Developed new legal screening questions for the 28 week visit



Sent email blasts to educate patients about P-LAW services



Consulted with WIS providers and staff on patient legal issues



Created accommodation letter and leave request letter templates for providers

CAPACITY-BUILDING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In Summer 2021, the Perinatal LAW attorney:



Attended the National Maternal & Infant Health Summit to address DC policy changes for birthing people and infants



Attended follow-up White House Eviction Prevention Summit meetings to increase community awareness of housing resources

With generous support from:



A. JAMES & ALICE B. CLARK FOUNDATION



MedStar Health