



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

JANUARY-MARCH 2022 LEGAL SERVICES METRICS

36	Referrals received from the social work team
28	Legal intake appointments with new patients
59	Total legal issues worked on
22	Total legal issues resolved
44	Total patients served

Top Legal Issues this Quarter:

- Employment 46%
- Housing 25%
- Public Benefits 19%
- Family Law 10%



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



"I was so close to moving my family into a shelter to escape the harassment from the abuser's family and friends. Dealing with that plus the mice and other issues in my apartment, I would have given up if I didn't have you. Thank you for not giving up on my case and for being so patient."
-P-LAW client & a single mother



Referrals received, total legal issues worked on, and total patients served are all **DOUBLED** from the previous quarter



Secured disability leave employment benefits, including \$2800 of backpay, for a patient whose physical and mental health needs rendered them unable to work during pregnancy



Secured paid time off for parental leave for a postpartum patient through the DC Paid Family Leave Act

INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION & CAPACITY-BUILDING



127 total viewers have watched the online training videos- 20 viewed legal issue screening, 35 viewed legal issue spotting, 45 viewed MLP overview, and 27 viewed employment law

In Winter 2022, the P-LAW attorney:



Facilitated a Grand Rounds Presentation for MedStar Washington Hospital Center and MedStar Georgetown University Hospital- "Meeting Patients Where They Are: An Introduction to the Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) Approach"- attended by 92 faculty and staff!



Served as a faculty member of the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnerships' Learning Collaborative "[Using Legal Services as Part of a Community Strategy to Improve Maternal and Child Health](#)"



Participated in an [informational video](#) about the Safe Babies Safe Moms Program



Provided one-on-one training to providers on filling out medical certification forms for patients in need of workplace accommodations



On-boarded a student intern to expand capacity to serve WIS patients

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