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HEALTH JUSTICE ALLIANCE

Cancer LAW

APRIL-JUNE 2021

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

APRIL-JUNE 2021 LEGAL SERVICES METRICS

Following a legal check-up:

- 26 new patients referred by the patient support team
- 24 legal intake appointments conducted with new patients
- 40 new legal issues identified

80 Legal issues worked on

38 Legal issues resolved

44 Clients served



\$15,000 Amount in backpay disability benefits won for a patient

Most Common Patient Legal Issues

- #1 Social Security Benefits
- #2 Public Benefits
- #3 Estate Planning
- #4 Housing
- #5 Consumer Debt

Current quarter compared to April-June 2020:

300% increase in number of legal issues resolved

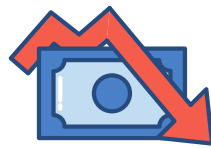
200% increase in number of patients served

CANCER LAW PATIENTS



"When I started getting legal help from Allison [Cancer LAW attorney], my stress level and mental health changed for the better. She breaks everything down so I can understand. My stress level is low because I know she's doing her best for me."

-WCI Patient



70% of patients live below 100% of the federal poverty level

➔ That's less than \$12,880 for an individual or \$26,500 for a family of 4

95% of patients live below 200% of the federal poverty level

CAPACITY-BUILDING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In Spring 2021, Cancer LAW attorneys:



Created a legal training video series for healthcare providers in collaboration with the Health Justice Alliance's Perinatal LAW Project



Learned new strategies to assist patients with housing issues at a DC Bar Pro Bono Center training on local housing protections



Collaborated with Triage Cancer, a national organization, to conduct a webinar for patients and providers that highlighted Cancer LAW's unique model



Onboarded Cancer LAW's first intern, an advanced Georgetown Law student, to assist with patient intake and create educational materials for patients and providers



Accepted an invitation to the White House Summit on Eviction Prevention to share the work of the Cancer LAW Project and discuss the medical-legal partnership model

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