



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

APRIL-JUNE 2022 LEGAL SERVICES METRICS

22	Referrals received from the social work team
19	Legal intake appointments with new patients
62	Total legal issues worked on
43	Total legal issues resolved
53	Total patients served

Top Legal Issues this Quarter:

- Employment 51%
- Housing 21%
- Public Benefits 19%
- Family Law 7%
- Social Security 2%



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



"Thank you so much for everything you are helping me with! My landlord wouldn't listen to me before you got involved, and now they are finally making changes. "
-P-LAW client with unsafe housing conditions



\$15,834 total financial benefits for P-LAW patients, in the form of family leave, disability benefits, and backpay



Filed a formal complaint against a landlord on behalf of a patient to address the mold and rodent infestation in her home; the complaint resulted in over \$3,000 worth of fines and required abatement within 7 days



Secured 12 weeks of 100% paid parental leave for a P-LAW patient, as well as advocated for workplace accommodations necessary for the patient's high-risk pregnancy

INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION & CAPACITY-BUILDING

In Spring 2022, the P-LAW attorney:



Developed patient brochures on navigating leave (short term disability, long term disability, and FMLA leave) and breastfeeding rights in the workplace



Interviewed by Stanford University Law School's Community Health Access Project about perinatal MLPs



Featured as a panelist at the American Association of Medical College's Center for Health Justice Maternal Health Incubator



Updated the screening & referral flow chart to enhance WIS providers' skills in legal issue-spotting and increase appropriate referrals to P-LAW



Interviewed by Emory University graduate student on best practices for medical-legal partnerships



Consulted with WIS providers and staff on patient legal issues

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