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AIDS Legal Council of Chicago spends approximately 82¢ of every dollar on program services. Half of ALCC's revenue comes from government contracts, 12% comes from individual gifts/special events and the remainder comes from a mix of foundations, corporate/law firm donors and miscellaneous sources.

Expenses by Category

	PROGRAM SERVICES	82%		\$799,399	
	FUNDRAISING	6%		\$57,322	
	ADMINISTRATION	12%		\$115,449	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$972.170		

Revenues by Category

RYAN WHITE PART A	33.8%	 \$358,755
VOUCHERED SERVICE GRANTS	17%	 \$180,244
FOUNDATIONS	13.8%	 \$146,750
INDIVIDUALS / EVENTS ······	II. 6 %	 \$122,710
CY PRES AWARDS	0.2%	 \$2,257
LAW FIRMS / CORPORATIONS	5.6%	 \$59,550
MISCELLANEOUS	2.8%	 \$30,110
IN-KIND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	15%	 \$159,308

TOTAL REVENUES

\$1,059,684



AIDS Legal Council of Chicago exists to preserve, promote and protect the legal rights of men, women and children in the metropolitan Chicago area living with HIV/AIDS. The Council provides direct legal services to people in need; educates consumers, service providers and the public about HIV-related legal issues; and advocates for social policies that ensure fair treatment of all people affected by HIV.

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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended June 30, 2012

Revenues & Other Support	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Public Support			
Grants from Government Agencies	\$ 503,247		503,247
Grants and Contributions	224,404	82,625	307,029
In-Kind Professional Services	72,540		72,540
Net assets released from restriction	81,000	(81,000)	
Cy Pres distributions	57,661		57,661
Special events			
Gross Proceeds	68,773		68,773
Direct Expenses	(22,164)		(22,164)
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT	985,461	1,625	987,086
Other Revenue			
Program services fees	12,819		12,819
Investment Income	1,623		1,623
TOTAL REVENUE	999,903	1,625	1,001,528
Expenses			
Program Services	\$ 799,399		799,399
Management and General	57,322		57,322
Fundraising	115,449		115,449
TOTAL EXPENSES	972,170		972,170
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	27,733	1,625	29,358
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,048,327	121,000	1,169,327
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	1,076,060	122,625	1,198,685



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Fiscal Year 2012 was a year of big changes, not only for AIDS Legal Council of Chicago, but for people with HIV in Illinois and around the country.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its ruling on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, upholding the vast majority of the law and guaranteeing that millions of Americans without insurance, including many with HIV, would finally have access to the health care they need. This is a momentous decision for our country and one that we've been preparing for ever since the bill became law in 2010. In those two years, we've been educating people with HIV about the upcoming changes and working with peers and advocates in HIV care to make sure that the law will lead to fewer barriers, not more, for those who are currently uninsured.

This year also brought major changes to Illinois' AIDS Drug Assistance Program, changes that were vigorously (and successfully) advocated by ALCC and make it possible for ADAP recipients to receive their HIV medications without reapplying for the program every six months. Instead, recipients will be able to go through a much simpler process of "recertification" that requires far less paperwork and carries less risk for error and delay in recipients' access to their medications. In a fight where

strict adherence to treatment is the best way to control HIV, this change will mean uninterrupted access to medicines, better adherence to treatment and better health outcomes for ADAP recipients.

ALCC was also pleased to see major changes to the state's Criminal Transmission of HIV statute this year, a law that did little to halt the spread of the epidemic, but effectively criminalized the sexual activity of people with HIV, even in those cases where there was no risk of transmission. The law will now apply only to individuals with HIV who engage in unprotected intercourse without first disclosing their HIV status. We applaud the change and welcome it as a step towards eliminating fear and stigma from our HIV public policy.

While there is much to be encouraged about in these developments, the state's fiscal crisis continues to be a cause of deep concern. The state's safety net has been steadily chipped away, with billions cut from Medicaid and thousands of recipients being moved into managed care plans, many of which are ill-equipped to meet the treatment needs of people with HIV. Despite these problems, the state is expanding the program further, putting thousands more into similar plans. Most recently, the state also phased out its Illinois Cares Rx program which provided drug assistance to nearly 160,000 seniors and people with disabilities. We are currently working to transition those individuals with HIV into the AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

During Fiscal Year 2012, our staff opened nearly 1,600 cases for approximately 840 clients, our secondbusiest year on record. We continued to deliver educational trainings across Illinois, reaching more than 2,000 consumers and providers with more than 100 legal trainings The staff and board finalized an exhaustive strategic planning process, started a Board of Ambassadors and hired a Director of Community Relations to help expand our fundraising.

But with the legal landscape shifting from one year to the next, we know this year will be busier, and our clients' issues more complex, than the last. And as demand continues to grow and as funding continues to tighten, we will need your help more than ever to provide all our clients with the quality service and advocacy they expect from ALCC.

I leave you with our 2012 Annual Report and thank you for believing in the mission of AIDS Legal Council of Chicago.

Sincerely,

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Ann Hilton Fisher, Esq. Executive Director AIDS Legal Council of Chicago

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GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

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\$60,000 OR GREATER Family & Children's AIDS Network

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CHARLES

Charles first came to AIDS Legal Council of Chicago in 1999. Over the years we've helped him with multiple legal issues, from wills and powers of attorney to obtaining food stamps and settling hospital bills.

When Charles began to fall behind with copays and deductibles for his specialist care at Northwestern Hospital, he decided to contact us again. Although Medicare was paying for his care, Charles didn't have a Medicaid card which meant that he was still responsible for paying copays and deductibles out of his own pocket. The bills quickly piled up and Charles suddenly realized that he might no longer be able to afford the treatment that he needed. When we sat down with Charles, our first order of business was to see if he might be eligible for a Medicaid card. His monthly income, it turned out, was just \$73 above the eligibility limit. Fortunately, we'd had clients in this exact situation before and had lobbied to make it possible for them to "pay down" the difference in order the qualify for coverage. As a result, we were able to enroll Charles in a pre-pay spend down program which meant that he could get a Medicaid card if he paid \$73 a month. Since this amount is far less than what he owed in copays and deductibles, he will now be able to afford his specialized care at Northwestern Hospital and not have to worry about losing his access to medical care.

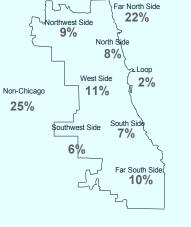


ALCC CLIENTS AT A GLANCE

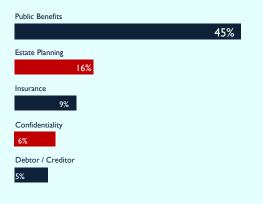
Who are our clients?

AFRICAN AMERICAN	49 %
WHITE	31%
LATINO	18%
OTHER	2%
MALE	78 %
FEMALE	21%
TRANSGENDER	>1%
MSM Men who have sex with men	59 %
HETEROSEXUAL	35%
OTHER / UNKOWN	6%
UNINSURED	38%
NO INCOME	31%

Where do they live?



What do clients need help with?



How much assistance do they need?



CJ

Growing up, CJ had severe learning disabilities that made him eligible for both Supplemental Security Income benefits (SSI) and Medicaid. He lost those benefits—and his income and health coverage—when he turned 18.

In the spring of 2010, CJ became severely ill and ended up in the hospital. Doctors promptly discovered that he had HIV and was suffering from pneumocystis pneumonia—a life-threatening condition that would automatically make him eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance. However, because the diagnosis of pneumonia was based on the evidence of his symptoms, a more invasive and expensive confirmatory test was never ordered. As a result, CJ's request for benefits was denied. With no income or health insurance coverage, CJ came to ALCC for help.

CJ met with Case Manager Justin Hayford, who was faced with having to prove to a judge that a valid diagnosis of pneumocystis pneumonia could, in fact, be made without the confirmatory test CJ's doctors had opted not to do. This required a significant amount of research, as well as the help of an HIV specialist who reviewed more than 300 pages in CJ's medical file. With science on our side, the judge ruled that CJ's application for SSDI had been wrongly decided and granted CJ benefits back to the date of his initial application. He is now able to get the medical treatment he needs.



ALCC TRAININGS

ALCC Trainings at a Glance

Trainings103	
Hours130	
Individuals2,001	
Training Sites44	

ALCC Training Topics Fiscal Year 2012

Confidentiality 24% Public Benefits 20% Employment 11% Mental Health 10% Estate Planning 9% HIV 101 8% Criminal Issues 4% Others

ALCC Training Sites Fiscal Year 2012

Access Community Health Network Adler School of Professional Psychology AIDS Foundation of Chicago Bonaventure House CALOR CAN-TV Chicago Bar Association Chicago School of Professional Psychology Chicago Women's AIDS Project Christian Community Health Center CORE Center Denz Counseling Center Department of Children and Family Services Department of Health and Human Services DePaul University Family and Children's AIDS Network Haymarket Center Healthcare Alternative Systems House of James Howard Brown Health Center Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and **Refugee Rights** Inner Circle Services John Marshall Law School Lakeshore Hospital Latino Commission on AIDS Lawndale Christian Health Center Loyola Law School Midwest AIDS Training & Education Center Mather High School Mercury House Mt. Sinai Hospital National Health Law Project New Life Community Church Open Door Clinic Provident Hospital Serenity House St. Paul Church Test Positive Aware Network Thresholds University of Chicago University of Chicago Lab High School Universal Family Connections U.S. Conference on AIDS Veteran's Admin Hospital

PATRICIA

Patricia, 48, came to the Council in dire need of help. She had struggled with depression and low selfesteem since high school and started using drugs by the time she was 17. With very little education, Patricia worked odd jobs here and there to make a living and provide for her family. On occasion, she also resorted to hustling the streets and selling drugs.

After years of being on and off the streets and struggling with both depression and addiction, Patricia finally hit rock bottom in 2011 when she landed in jail and discovered she had HIV. She met a doctor at the jail who counseled her to get clean and seek help from ALCC. By the time Patricia came to the Council, her knees were in such bad shape from years of drug use and deterioration that she could barely get out of bed. She was constantly in excruciating pain, but without any health insurance, there was simply no way for her to get the knee surgery she needed.

ALCC immediately went to work. We filed an application for Social Security Disability Insurance and managed to get her SSI benefits as well as a Medicaid card. This has made all the difference. Patricia is now walking with the help of two canes and looking forward to having knee surgery soon so she can get off SSDI and start anew with a job in childcare. She is extremely grateful for the life-changing services that ALCC has provided her and for the new opportunities she now has in her life.



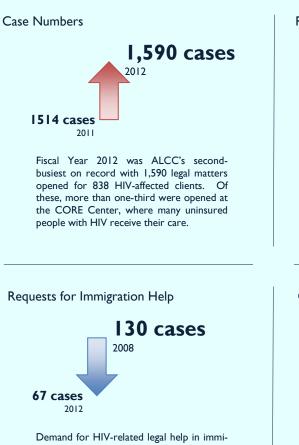
FRED

Fred called us after spending a month in the hospital. He had been the primary caretaker of his three young children after his wife passed away from AIDS the year before, but now that he was back home with portable oxygen and visiting nurse services, he realized that he just wasn't strong enough. He was going to need help.

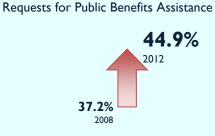
During his hospitalization, two of the kids' aunts had been helping him with their care, picking them up from school every day, dropping them off at the pool, taking them to the doctor as well as feeding them. Now that Fred was back home, they all sat down and decided that the best option in the short term would be to continue and formalize this arrangement so that the kids would be properly cared for while Fred worked on getting better.

Fred called AIDS Legal Council of Chicago and talked to paralegal Kate Miller. She came out to visit him at his home and explained the ins and outs of shortterm guardianships, wills and powers of attorney. Within a week of his call, everything was drafted by ALCC and signed by Fred. Now the aunts are able to continue caring for his kids, most recently enrolling them in school for the new year and making sure their vaccinations were all up to date.

TRENDS IN LEGAL SERVICES



Demand for HIV-related legal help in immigration has been in steep decline following the administration's decision to reverse the travel ban on foreign-born people with HIV. Five years ago, immigration represented 10% of our caseload. Today it is only 4%.



Since the economic crisis of 2008, requests for assistance in public benefits matters have increased dramatically. These are among the most time-consuming cases that we handle and account for nearly 45% of the Council's work.

Client Demand 45.0%

ALCC clients face increasingly complex legal problems and often need help with more than one matter. In the span of only four years, the number of clients who come to us for help for more than one legal problem has risen from 34% to 45%.