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Legal Council Main Office Moving to Expanded Space in Chicago Loop New year, new location, more services

CHICAGO, IL. (January 27, 2017)—<u>Legal Council for Health Justice</u>—whose programs include AIDS Legal Council, Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, and Homeless Outreach Project—is moving to an expanded space in Chicago's Loop.

After having successfully merged three legal services programs in 2014, the agency has more than doubled in size and is serving more clients than ever. Beyond providing free, expert legal help to nearly 2,000 adults and children each year, the Legal Council is also working on more policy fronts and conducting more educational outreach than ever in its nearly three-decade history.

According to Executive Director Tom Yates, "This new location will allow us to better serve our clients and support our health and hospital system partners. Our clients will have a more comfortable waiting area and private meeting rooms, which are important because demand for our help is off the charts."

Legal Council for Health Justice currently provides free legal help at over a dozen sites across the region, including <u>Howard Brown Health</u>, University of Illinois-Chicago's <u>CHECK</u> (Coordination of Care for Complex Kids) initiative, and Mt. Sinai Hospital's <u>Under the Rainbow</u> pediatric behavioral health clinic. They have been at the forefront of making sure safety net hospitals get paid despite a two-year state budget impasse and mobilizing against threats to Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in Illinois.

The new office will be located at 17 N. State Street, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60602, and will re-open for regular business hours on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. All phone, fax, and emails stay the same.

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