

Legal Council Through the Years

As we look toward our future, we could never forget our past. Thank you for making all of the achievements in the last 30 years possible.

1988

James Monroe Smith establishes AIDS Legal Council of Chicago, seeded by a \$20,000 grant from the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

1994

ALCC staff help write the landmark legislation that grants parents with HIV the option of designating standby guardians for their minor children. ALCC also launches its Latino Outreach Project.

2003

ALCC wins the Award for Excellence in AIDS Services for the second time.

2014

ALCC expands its mission to serve families of children with chronic health conditions and persons who are homeless and also live with severe mental illnesses.

2016

Legal Council attorneys prevail in *O.B. v. Norwood*. The State must take steps to ensure the availability of nursing services to children with medically complex conditions receiving care at home.

1991

ALCC opens an office at Cook County Hospital to better serve clients from the South and West Sides. This is the first medical-legal partnership in the United States.

2000

ALCC helps pass historic state legislation that expands Medicaid eligibility for seniors and people living with disabilities. This law change extends Medicaid access to more than 100,000 Illinoisans.

2012

ALCC has many high-impact advocacy victories, including limiting the criminalization of people with HIV and repealing a state law that threatened the confidentiality rights of school children and teens with HIV.

2015

ALCC changes its name to **Legal Council for Health Justice**.

Legal Council attorneys go to federal court in an effort to require the State of Illinois to pay Medicaid providers during the budget impasse. This court order forces the state to finally pass a budget in 2017 after two years without one.

2018

In its 30th anniversary year, Legal Council files a lawsuit against the State of Illinois on behalf of thousands of Illinoisans illegally denied Medicaid coverage.

