



LEGAL COUNCIL  
FOR HEALTH JUSTICE

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Legal Council celebrated its 30th anniversary this past year. We even had a sold-out gala, chaired by our very first board president, Kimball Anderson and his wife Karen.

We have been able to reflect on all the good that Legal Council has done over the years, including:

- Launching the nation’s first medical-legal partnership in 1991 with Cook County Hospital. (Now, we have more than 15 partnerships across Chicago!)
- Helping tens of thousands of Illinoisans and their families get the legal assistance they need to live healthy and thrive.
- Holding our government accountable through lawsuits and policy changes, so that our health and education systems work well for everyone.

A small legal aid organization doesn’t have more than three decades of success without the steadfast support of kind, generous individuals, foundations, community partners, and clients. So we thank you for always being there.

Thank you for helping Legal Council be the strong and ever-growing agency it is today, as we now enter our 31st year of providing the best legal care possible.

Sincerely,

Tom Yates  
*Executive Director*



To keep up with Legal Council’s significant growth over the last year, three staff members were promoted to new Senior Director positions.

Ruth Edwards, *Senior Director of Program Services*  
Kevin Mork, *Senior Director of Development & Communications*  
Carrie Chapman, *Senior Director of Litigation and Advocacy*

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

As Tom notes, there is much to be proud of in Legal Council’s decades-long history. We are so grateful for all those wonderful supporters, volunteers, and clients who have made Legal Council’s successes possible. We reflect on the past while focusing on the future.

With that in mind, our priorities over the coming years include:

- Improving the health and well-being of Illinoisans and their families by eliminating systemic barriers to care and public benefits.
- Defending and protecting access to affordable, quality health coverage for all Illinoisans, especially for people earning lower incomes.
- Further expanding our educational and legal services to immigrant communities in Illinois facing barriers to health care, food assistance, and other benefits.

While there is still so much left to do, we know it’s possible with you as a partner in Legal Council’s efforts. Thank you for helping to ensure the long-term success of our organization. Legal Council will be here as long as there is a need, thanks to you.

Let’s keep moving forward.

Jena Levin  
*President, Board of Directors*



Mission

Legal Council for Health Justice uses the power of the law to secure dignity, opportunity, and well-being for people facing barriers due to illness or disability.

Vision

Everyone deserves a fair chance to lead a life of dignity and opportunity.



# FINDING HOPE AND STABILITY IN CHICAGO

Near the Dan Ryan Expressway, Chicagoans who are homeless have built a community of understanding and of survival.

In 2018, our advocates started visiting a popular homeless encampment off the Dan Ryan Expressway, commonly referred to as “Ruble” among residents.

Ruble is a place of proud independence and survival in the face of great adversity. At one of our earliest visits to Ruble, Legal Advocate Kate Miller tried to meet with a resident named Mark. Immediately, Mark became upset and refused to meet with our legal team. He shouted repetitively that he didn’t “want to be medicated.”

A fellow resident explained to Kate that Mark had recently been hospitalized against his will. During that time, he was physically restrained and injected with medication. Understandably, this experience, along with other past traumas and his mental health condition, instilled in him fear and distrust.

These type of incidents weren’t unfamiliar to the residents of Ruble. Mental illnesses are prevalent in the nation’s homeless population and in Chicago, where more than 1,300 people are homeless and have a mental health condition. But when residents at this camp act out as a symptom of their mental health, the camp community always responds with patience and tolerance.

“The people at Ruble are survivors who have figured out how to live together and take care of each other,” said Kate. “The mindset of the camp is that people are free to live as they please, as long as they are not harming others.”

Ruble community members have a lot in common. They are resilient, unwavering, and

resourceful. Many have a mental illness, physical disability, or both. Most have lived through past trauma. And because of their health conditions, many of the residents are unable to be productive in a competitive job market.

Ruble residents with mental illness or a disability could qualify for a Social Security award, meaning they could earn anywhere from \$750 to \$1,200 a month. For the residents who are unable to work, Social Security is often the only source of income available.

“Because of their serious mental health conditions often related to trauma, many of our clients are unable to hold a steady job,” said Lisa Parsons, Program Director. “Monthly Social Security income allows them to lead healthier, more stable, more dignified, and more independent lives.”

Ruble is a well-organized camp with responsibilities assigned to each resident, organized clean-up, management of resources, and general camaraderie. But scarcity of resources and general instability threaten the well-being of those who live there. In order for these residents to thrive, the ability to afford routine health care and housing is essential.

“The advocacy that Legal Council provides is life-changing for our clients,” said Sam Guardino, Homeless Outreach Program Director at Thresholds. “Financial assistance through Social Security and other public benefits programs allows our clients to recover and live independently. These benefit programs are less costly to taxpayers than the alternatives, like repeated hospitalizations, emergency rooms, nursing homes, and jails.”



# ON THE ROAD TO HEALTH

This year, Legal Council launched the Road to Health and Housing (R2H) partnership with the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, All Chicago Making Homelessness History, and Heartland Alliance Health. This partnership will provide integrated behavioral health, primary care, housing, and support services to persons in Chicago who are homeless and living with serious mental illness. Our staff provide benefits advocacy to ensure people who are unable to support themselves through work can receive a stable income through federal disability programs. This income, averaging between \$750 and \$1,200 per month, can make all the difference in helping our clients reach their full potential. Stable income leads to improved access to housing, transportation, and the ability to purchase medicine and meet one’s basic needs.





## BUILDING BETTER & HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

In 1991, Chancelor Cunningham woke up and couldn't breathe. Initially, a doctor misdiagnosed him with bronchitis. Later, when things weren't improving, a new doctor changed the diagnosis to pneumonia and admitted him to a hospital in Bronzeville for an extended stay.

"They told me I had pneumonia," Chancelor recalled. "But I wasn't getting any better."

After almost a month in the hospital, Chancelor's diagnosis changed again: He had AIDS. In the early days of his diagnosis, Chancelor pushed forward with the help of his mother, a woman he describes as outspoken, triumphant, and an unstoppable force. "My mom was relentless. For about six months to a year, she went to every appointment with me. She didn't want me to be a victim of stigma."

The unwavering support Chancelor received from his mother is what got him through in the beginning. In 2005, facing problems with health insurance and employment discrimination, his support group expanded when he found Legal Council.

Since then, Legal Council has been by Chancelor's side through a variety of problems with health insurance, prescription costs, food insecurity, and housing. He received assistance in applying for programs like ADAP (a medication cost-coverage program for individuals with HIV), SNAP, and Medicare Savings. Legal Council even helped with the initial proceedings of crafting a will when his partner turned ill.

He and his partner, Barney James Louis, were together for 20 years. When Barney passed away, things got rocky. Chancelor's mental and physical health deteriorated. He isolated himself, started drinking, stopped taking his medications, and became suicidal. Eventually, Chancelor sought help in a recovery program at Haymarket Center, an addiction treatment facility.

"That was my rock bottom. I never thought I'd smile again. Through perseverance, I went and got some help."

Legal Council stood by Chancelor's side while he received care at Haymarket.

"My Legal Advocate, Marina [Kurakin], she just kept going. She kept working on my case, making sure I had the insurance and medications I needed. She had my back and ensured I had the resources I would need to stay healthy when I left [Haymarket]."

Chancelor's Legal Advocate, Marina Kurakin, has watched his journey over the years. "We've seen him grow into a strong community advocate. He's gained confidence, skills, and relationships. Chancelor is now connected to community resources which help him to thrive and be healthy."

With these community resources in his tool belt, Chancelor is unstoppable.



### Creating a support system

Chancelor is a spectacular representation of how community partnerships can help those in need to flourish. Legal Council helped connect him to what he now calls his "support system." Along with his Legal Advocate, Chancelor's support system includes a medical case manager at AIDS Foundation of Chicago, a retention specialist at Mercy Hospital, a case specialist at Haymarket Center, a housing case manager, and an employment case manager.

For Chancelor and many of Legal Council's clients with HIV, the support systems in our communities are a lifeline.

Many factors influence someone's health, including food insecurity, no income, or unstable housing. Individual health is determined by more than someone's genetics, and that's even truer for individuals living with chronic health conditions. For example, people with HIV are more likely to live in poverty, and there's a significantly high rate of health conditions like HIV in the nation's homeless population—three to six times higher than the general population.

Barriers keep many people with HIV from getting the care and services they need to manage their health—from bureaucratic red tape surrounding public assistance, to a lack of transportation to a medical appointment, to not being able to afford life-saving prescriptions.

By collaborating with medical providers, social workers, and other community groups, Legal Council identifies unmet social needs affecting client health and resolves those problems through legal action. Oftentimes, clients don't know the problems they face are legal issues, let alone that these resources are available.

"When I found Legal Council, I had no idea there was so much help available out here," Chancelor said.

Legal Council has partnerships with over a dozen clinics and social service agencies across Chicagoland, six of which are specific to HIV legal services: CARE program at Mercy Hospital, TPAN, CORE Center, and three Howard Brown Health locations. When the medical or social services staff finds a patient is facing problems like food insecurity or health coverage termination, they connect the patient to our legal staff onsite. Then, our legal experts can get to work in resolving the issue.

"When someone can't afford their medication, that's a legal issue. When someone's health coverage is wrongfully terminated, that's a legal issue. These are all problems that affect someone's health, well-being, and ability to reach their full potential," said Senior Director of Program Services Ruth Edwards.

Legal Council's medical-legal partnerships are uniquely effective because our staff knows how to connect clients to the right community experts and resources. Then, our clients go back into their communities as productive members of society equipped with the tools they need to succeed.

Together, with our web of connections and partnerships, we're building better communities across the state.



### Giving back to his community

Along with expert legal assistance, Legal Council offers Chancelor and our other clients a peace of mind, knowing that our staff will be there for them.

"Chancelor has someone who is always in his corner," said Marina. "Someone who's ready to help him tackle the excessive, unnecessary barriers in the bureaucratic system of health care and public benefits."

Today, Chancelor takes the support he receives from Legal Council and his community, and gives it right back to others who need it. After years of watching his Legal Advocate hard at work, Chancelor has become an outspoken

advocate of his own for the HIV community. Along with being a member of Legal Council's Client Advisory Board, he co-facilitates a support group at Mercy Hospital with his psychologist, where others look to him as an example.

His goal as an advocate is to help people living with HIV get the treatment and assistance they need.

"When I was first diagnosed, not a lot of this was happening," Chancelor said, referring to the services he receives from Legal Council and our other partners. "Legal Council helped me get the care I needed and helped me get better, stronger. I want to make sure other people with HIV know the help is out there."



## GIVING KIDS A HEAD START

High-quality early care and education programs have lasting effects on IQ, boost academic and economic achievement, and help prevent chronic disease in adulthood. But many families with low incomes face barriers in getting their children to their care programs. When families live in poverty, don't have access to quality healthcare, or face other social problems in their households, children are more likely to miss out on early childhood learning opportunities.

By embedding legal aid at Children's Place Head Start, our legal experts can easily identify the unmet social needs of children and their families, and work collaboratively to craft solutions and overcome those barriers. In 2018, Legal Council welcomed attorney Hannah Berkowitz to launch this Head Start medical-legal partnership with the goal of improving family stability, child well-being, and kindergarten readiness.

*The Children's Place Head Start medical-legal partnership is sponsored by Anonymous, Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP/BFKN Foundation.*



## ADVANCING SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ILLINOIS

Two special education bills crafted by Legal Council advocates became law this year. These laws eliminate barriers to parent participation in education decisions for their children, and provide opportunities for redress to families of children who were harmed by Chicago Public Schools' (CPS) illegal delays or denials of special education services.

Previously, following the grassroots advocacy and calls for accountability led by Legal Council, an Illinois State Board of Education investigation found that CPS officials had broken the law by delaying and denying services to children with disabilities. Some services that were delayed or denied include school transportation services, additional student aides, and extended school year options that prevent student skill loss caused by an interruption to special education services.

### The two new laws:

- Allow parents until 2021 to file a state complaint against the school district for the mistreatment of their children and to receive compensatory services in return for the educational opportunities lost (Public Act 101-0507).
- Guarantee all parents in the state are notified if their child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) has not been implemented ten days after it is written. This law also requires districts to inform parents at least once each year of their right to access records of the services provided to their children (Public Act 101-0515).

**This is a milestone victory for Illinois children in special education, especially for Chicago Public School students who have gone years without the proper services they needed to thrive at school.**

For CPS students like Nathan, who went months without the special education services he needed to learn, there may be no recovering from educational opportunities lost from the school district's delay and denials of special education services.

Nathan is a 10-year-old boy with autism who loves science, origami, and YouTube. Not only was he denied the classroom support he was legally entitled to receive, but the school also illegally kept him from going on field trips because of his disability.

"His mood was terrible," said Nathan's mom, Tamara. "I would have to leave my nursing school classes to pick him up from school. He was having so many half days,

so many full days out of school."

Since reaching out to Legal Council, Nathan now has an individualized education plan that best meets his learning needs. He has a special education aide committed to his classroom success, and every school professional who interacts with Nathan must go through training on his education plan.

Now, Nathan's mom says he has much better school days.

"This is his first time being on the Honor Roll for all four quarters. He was so happy," said Tamara.





## TAKING ACTION AGAINST HIV CRIMINALIZATION

Legal Council helped launch the Illinois HIV Action Alliance statewide coalition in June 2019, alongside many of the most influential social justice organizations in the state.

Illinois’ HIV-specific criminal law is harmful and unjust, and criminalizes people with HIV who are aware of their status and have unprotected sex without being able to later prove disclosure of their status. The medical community and American society have made great progress in our understanding of HIV and how it is transmitted, prevented, and treated. Despite this, people in Illinois and other states still face antiquated laws that are rooted in harmful stereotypes and outdated science.

The Illinois HIV Action Alliance seeks to eliminate HIV-based social stigma and criminalization by centering the voices of people living with HIV, and promoting the dignity, rights, and respect of the community through engagement, advocacy, and education.

“Isn’t it ironic that Illinois’ HIV criminalization laws actually make things worse for those with HIV and the general public? We will not stop until these outdated laws in Illinois and beyond are updated or rescinded as to not discriminate against people with HIV,” said Program Director Kenya Garrett-Burnett.



## PROTECTING FAMILIES ACROSS THE STATE

This past year, Legal Council continued its statewide advocacy efforts in two prominent Illinois coalitions: Protect Our Care IL and Protecting Immigrant Families IL.

Alongside our partners in Protect Our Care IL, Legal Council responded to attacks against the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, and food assistance through SNAP. Most notably, Protect Our Care IL is responsible for advancing changes to strengthen the state’s Medicaid program. These changes will make keeping Medicaid coverage easier for the Illinoisans who depend on it and ensures that Medicaid works for families across the state.

Legal Council also advocated against various federal rules and regulations threatening the health and well-being of immigrant families. In September, the Department of Homeland Security shared a new “public charge” rule that would make using health, anti-hunger, anti-poverty, or affordable housing programs a disqualifier for remaining lawfully in the U.S. This change would force thousands of Illinois families to make an unthinkable choice—health care or lawful permanent status—and make Illinois sicker, hungrier, and poorer.



## CREATING OPPORTUNITIES & STABILIZING LIVES

Formerly incarcerated individuals living with serious mental illness now have access to civil legal assistance, thanks to a new partnership Legal Council launched this year with Thresholds.

Under the partnership, individuals with serious mental illness who receive services from Thresholds' Justice Program can access free, trauma-informed benefits advocacy. Megan Harkins, staff attorney and Equal Justice Works fellow, joined Legal Council in 2018 to launch this innovative partnership.

"I am able to assist clients with the long-term goal of economic stability, while the [Thresholds] team works to stabilize clients in the short-term by helping them access

resources to meet their basic needs, in addition to physical and mental health care," said Megan of the partnership. "By working together, we are able to support clients as they return to their communities and help them navigate the many barriers they face due to their justice involvement and symptoms related to mental illness."

**A stable source of income is critical in combating recidivism and improving a person's health, welfare, and quality of life.** This partnership targets individuals who are among the highest cost drivers of medical, criminal justice, and social service costs, and prioritizes access to a unique model of civil legal aid to improve the chances of receiving a steady income through Social Security benefits and end the cycle of incarceration and homelessness.

These individuals, like all those living with severe mental health conditions, have an especially difficult experience navigating the complex process of applying for Social Security benefits. On any given day, between 25-30 percent of the individuals at Cook County Jail struggle with a mental illness.

"Thresholds' partnership with Legal Council has equipped our staff with critical knowledge to help advocate for our clients," said Laura Lord, Assistant Program Director of the Thresholds Justice Program. "Megan has become a part of the team, and formed positive relationships with both our clients and staff. Legal Council is always available and easy to reach, and we're so grateful for their partnership."



Staff attorney Megan Harkins, second from left, joins the team with the Thresholds Justice Program in serving formerly incarcerated clients with mental illness.

## SAFE & SOUND IN OUR COMMUNITIES

In 2019, Legal Council forged a new partnership with Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHIMC) to create the Community Reentry Project: Safe and Sound Return Partnership Taskforce. This new project engages multiple community partners to create a comprehensive system of prevention, care, and support services. This system ensures that people both living with and those at the highest risk of HIV transition smoothly from incarceration back into their communities.

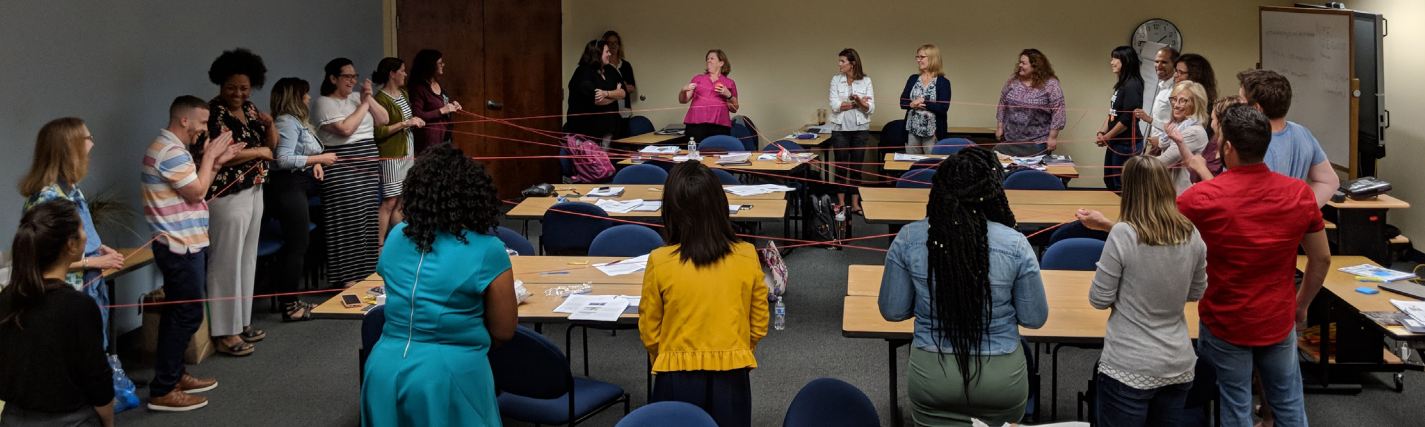
The project works directly with women who are incarcerated in Cook County Jail, providing assistance to stabilize their home and children while they are incarcerated. Additionally, the project facilitates presentations on guardianship and public benefits as well as providing the tools necessary to apply for public benefits and access to legal services upon their release.

Reintegration for formerly incarcerated individuals already presents many challenges, but reintegration is even more difficult for formerly incarcerated individuals with chronic health problems, meaning they also face a greater risk of recidivism. The Community Reentry Project is a unique model that uses a public health approach to reentry and has seen an almost 30% drop in recidivism among participants.

## CARE FOR LEAD-POISONED CHILDREN

Illinois amended the Early Intervention Services System Act to guarantee access to Early Intervention services for approximately 3,000 Illinois children who have been exposed to lead. This amendment, spearheaded by Legal Council advocates, ensures children with lead poisoning are automatically eligible for the life-changing care and services they need by defining lead poisoning as a medically diagnosed condition that typically results in delays or interruptions to a child's development.

This is not only a victory for the health and well-being of thousands of children, but this accomplishment is also a win for the state as a cost-effective practice. Many children who go without Early Intervention services must receive special education services in preschool and elementary school, but Early Intervention costs 2.5 times less than special education.



Legal Council and the Erikson Institute trained Early Intervention service providers in Cicero and Berwyn. This training was part of Legal Council and Erikson Institute's project that collaborates with Early Intervention providers and families to develop best practices for training, educating, and serving children who have been exposed to lead.



# WINNING TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH HEPATITIS C

Thousands of low-income Illinoisans now have access to a life-saving hepatitis C cure, thanks to the tireless advocacy of Legal Council attorneys.

After receiving a formal threat of litigation, officials at the Illinois Department of Health and Family Services negotiated with Legal Council lawyers to end the department’s policy of rationing coverage for a cure to hepatitis C for Medicaid participants. This policy change came after years of strategic advocacy to remove unnecessary and life-threatening barriers to the treatment.

Left untreated, hepatitis C can cause liver failure, liver cancer, and death. But prior to the change, individuals enrolled in Medicaid were required to have severe liver damage that cannot be undone before receiving coverage for the cure.

“The expansion of the availability of hepatitis C therapy will have a great impact on the clients that we work with,” said Illinois infectious disease doctor Nancy Glick. “Removing the barriers to treatment will not only help the individual infected with hepatitis C, it will have important public health implications for ending the epidemic for us all.”

This is also a significant win for the HIV community, as more than a quarter of people living with HIV in the U.S. also have hepatitis C.

Legal Council attorneys collaborated with co-counsels at Jenner & Block LLP and the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation of Harvard Law School, and other partners at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, to identify and recruit Illinois Medicaid participants for a federal class action lawsuit to challenge the unlawful restrictions.



In March, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago awarded Legal Council with their Innovation Award for our work in changing the hepatitis C cure policy.

Left: Ruth Edwards, Senior Director of Program Services, accepts the Innovation Award on March 8, 2019. | Right: Meghan Carter, Staff Attorney, and Ruth Edwards led Legal Council’s hepatitis C advocacy.

# CLASS ACTION WIN FOR IL KIDS

In January, Legal Council settled our class action lawsuit *MA v. Bellock* with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services in favor of more than 1,200 medically complex children who need in-home nursing.

Under previous rules, medically complex children across the state were losing necessary in-home care without sufficient warning. The children impacted needed in-home care for basic functions, including eating, drinking, breathing, and oxygen regulation. The determination to deny necessary care to these children was previously being made by a third party contractor which used a determination process that lacked transparency. This process was primarily composed of an assessor using a checklist that did not include detailed questions about the patient’s nursing needs. Through this process, 98% of children were found to be no longer eligible for their previously approved services, and 66% of children would no longer receive any nursing services.

The settlement ruled that third party contractors were no longer to be used in the process of case review and that sufficient notice about any approval, denial, or change to a child’s nursing services must be provided to families, including any relevant information about appealing a decision. This settlement helps provide necessary levels of complex care to children while saving money, as the average case costs \$20,000 more per child when hospitalized versus when in-home nursing is provided.





# EVENTS



The Legal Beagles returned for the 2018 AIDS Run & Walk! Together our team raised \$15,000 for our free legal services to people living with HIV.

In response to cruel and inhumane policies threatening the well-being of immigrant families, Legal Council partnered with the Protecting Immigrant Families Illinois coalition to lead a candlelight vigil in downtown Chicago.



Seventeen attorneys, law students, and paralegals devoted more than 100 pro bono hours at our annual Medical Records Marathon, in partnership with the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago.

Legal Council presented two workshops on public benefits and legal rights in the workplace at the Positively Aging Conference, hosted by TPAN. Illinois leaders in law and medicine were in attendance.



Legal Council hosted its first gala in celebration of the agency's 30th anniversary. More than 400 attendees celebrated 30 years of health justice, and joined us in honoring Howard Brown Health, Dr. Nicole Hamp, and Rep. Greg Harris for their dedication to advancing Legal Council's mission.



Legal Council hosted its 5th Annual May Ball in the West Loop. More than 150 Legal Council supporters got dressed up for a night of Hollywood: Glitz & Glamour.



CLIENT AND CASE PROFILES

2,013 INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS

2,629 LEGAL CASES

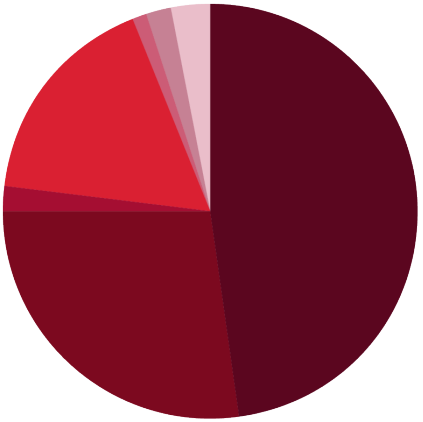
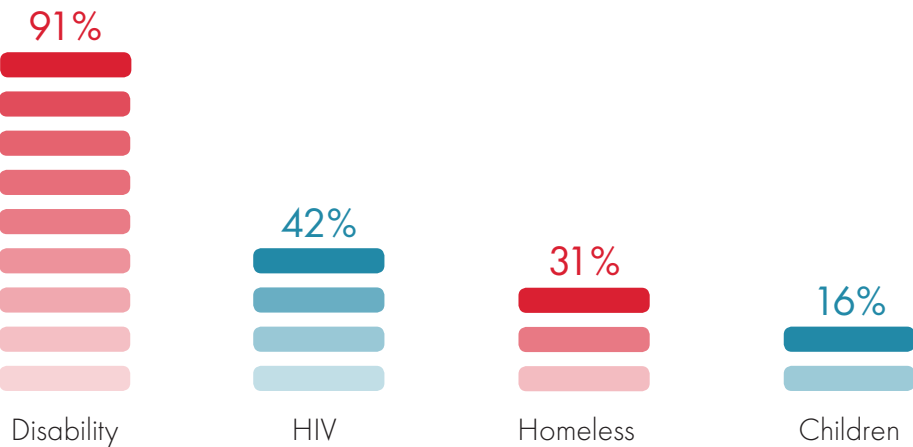
130 TRAININGS LED BY STAFF

3,860 PEOPLE TRAINED IN HEALTH POLICY, SOCIAL SECURITY, EDUCATION & MORE

200,000 PEOPLE REPRESENTED  
IN 4 CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS



POPULATIONS SERVED



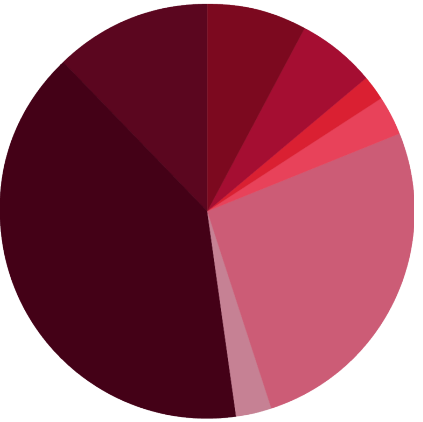
- RACE**
- African-American: 48%
  - White: 27%
  - Hispanic: 17%
  - Asian: 2%
  - More than one race: 2%
  - Native: < 1%
  - Unknown: 3%



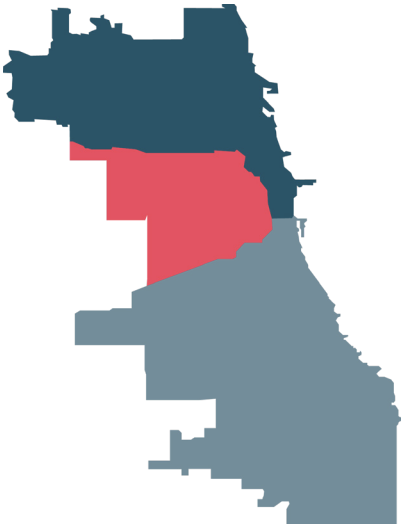
- GENDER**
- Male: 64%
  - Female: 30%
  - Transgender, gender fluid, gender non-conforming: 5%
  - Unknown: < 1%



- AGE**
- Under 18: 16%
  - 18-24: 6%
  - 25-34: 15%
  - 35-44: 15%
  - 45-64: 43%
  - 65+: 5%



- LEGAL PROBLEMS**
- Public Benefits: 40%
  - Health: 26%
  - Housing/Consumer/Utility: 8%
  - Education: 6%
  - Family: 3%
  - Individual Rights: 3%
  - Employment: 2%
  - Other: 12%



- GEOGRAPHY**
- Chicago South Side: 30%
  - Chicago North Side: 26%
  - Chicago West Side: 26%
  - Outside of Chicago: 18%



FUNDING & ADMINISTRATION

Revenues and other support

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Non-government grants and contributions (including individuals)	\$232,182	\$1,210,920	\$1,443,102
Government grants	\$830,292	—	\$830,292
Program service fees	\$687,023	\$50,000	\$737,023
Special events	\$260,756	—	\$260,756
Donated legal services	\$83,559	—	\$83,559
Earned interest	\$6,934	—	\$6,934
Net assets released from restrictions due to satisfaction of program restrictions	\$1,184,443	(\$1,184,443)	—

Total Revenue	\$3,285,189	\$76,477	\$3,361,666
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Expenses

Program services	\$2,716,963	—	\$2,716,963
Administrative	\$287,908	—	\$287,908
Fundraising	\$278,610	—	\$278,610

Total Expenses	\$3,283,481	—	\$3,283,481
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Change in net assets	\$1,708	\$76,477	\$78,185
Net assets, beginning of year	\$1,395,459	\$507,205	\$1,902,664
Net assets, end of year	\$1,397,167	\$583,682	\$1,980,849

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Chicago Department of Family and Support Services  
Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Illinois Department of Human Services  
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, Parts A & B  
University of Illinois-Chicago Coordination of Health Care for Complex Kids (CHECK)

\$100,000+

Equal Justice Works  
Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation  
Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois

\$50,000 - \$99,999

Chicago Bar Foundation  
The Chicago Community Trust  
Howard Brown Health  
Michael Reese Health Trust  
Polk Bros. Foundation  
Retirement Research Foundation

\$30,000 - \$49,999

Anonymous  
Elton John AIDS Foundation  
Illinois Equal Justice Foundation  
Irving Harris Foundation  
Shriver Center on Poverty Law  
United Way of Metropolitan Chicago

\$20,000—\$29,999

Chicago Teachers Union Foundation  
Healthy Communities Foundation

\$10,000—\$19,999

AIDS Foundation of Chicago

Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA/Chicago)  
Glick Family Foundation  
Impact Fund  
Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI)  
Reva and David Logan Foundation

\$5,000—\$9,999

Anonymous  
Illinois Bar Foundation  
Louis and Nellie Sieg Foundation  
Pershing Advisor Solutions  
Season of Concern

Less than \$5,000

Asofsky Family Foundation  
Hamp Family Fund  
Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago

Pro Bono

Amanda Mehr  
Casey Edwards  
Chris McAdam  
Giuliana Martinez  
Gregory Fosheim  
Irma Wilson  
James Nawrocki  
Jared Reynolds  
Jason Santos  
Jenner & Block LLP  
Mark Tompkins  
Matt Cohen & Associates  
Michael Mehlick  
Moses Suarez  
Mustafa Neak  
Nathan Virag

Nichole Cain  
Nick Ventola  
Peter Henry  
Rachel Kurz  
Rawan Hishmeh  
Tiffany Alberty  
Tobias Rodriguez  
Mark Weber

CORPORATE SUPPORT

Platinum

Access Community Health  
Friend Family Health Center  
Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Medical Home Network  
The Northern Trust Company  
Sidley Austin LLP  
Sinai Health System  
University of Chicago  
Winston & Strawn LLP

Gold

Actuate Law LLC  
Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP  
Center for Housing and Health  
Children’s Home and Aid  
Dentons US LLP  
Foley & Lardner LLP  
Illinois Health and Hospital Association  
Janssen Therapeutics  
Jenner & Block LLP  
McDermott Will & Emery LLP  
Skadden

Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP

Silver

AbbVie  
Anonymous  
Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP  
Network for Good  
Marc Realty  
Marshall Gerstein & Borun LLP  
Mayer Brown LLP  
Robert John Russo Gallery

Bronze

Chicago Spirit Brigade  
Desmond & Ahern. Ltd.  
Integritas  
MB Charitable Foundation  
MillerCoors LLC  
Reed Smith LLP  
Wintersteen & Associates LLC

MEDIA SUPPORT

ChicagoPride.com  
C. Grost Photography  
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