

PROJECT TO ADVANCE CIVIL LEGAL AID COLLABORATIONS

The Project to Advance Civil Legal Aid Collaborations (PACC) helps build efficient and holistic models of securing safety, stability, and opportunity for low-income and vulnerable individuals and communities across the country.

PACC offers training and technical assistance to develop cross-sector collaborations that incorporate civil legal aid, advocates with federal representatives to incorporate civil legal aid into their work, and trains emerging leaders to strategically organize their delivery of services.

PACC focuses on transforming the model of delivery in four specific substantive areas:

- **Workforce development** and the role civil legal aid plays in facilitating successful reintegration for people who have been involved in the criminal justice system;
- **Addressing the opioid epidemic** and the role civil legal aid plays in stabilizing individuals' ability to enter and remain in recovery, and stabilizing families;
- **Services for victims of crime** and the role civil legal aid plays in securing safety, justice, and long term stability for victims and their families; and
- **Services for veterans and their families** and the role civil legal aid plays in securing stabilizing supports like housing, health care, and income.

Over the last four years, we have provided training and technical assistance to **3,622 representatives** from civil legal aid and partner organizations and have seen an **increase of \$40 million in federal grants** that support collaborations between civil legal aid and human service providers.

PACC also maintains LegalAidResources.org, which shares all federal funding opportunities for legal aid and LegalAidResearch.org, which is an online database for all research about civil legal aid.

ABOUT NLADA

NLADA is the oldest and largest national nonprofit membership organization devoting all of its resources to advocating for equal access to justice for all Americans. For more than 100 years, NLADA has worked to increase access to justice, including the creation of the nation's public defender systems and the creation of the Legal Services Corporation to address the civil legal needs of low-income individuals.

DEMONSTRATING OUTCOMES

CIVIL LEGAL AID COLLABORATIONS HELP VICTIMS OF CRIME SECURE SAFETY & STABILITY

Expanding access to civil legal aid supports people with low incomes as they protect their families, health, and livelihood. NLADA supports civil legal aid's ability to secure funding to grow and sustain these collaborations.

2015-2018

NLADA, U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Access to Justice, and Justice in Government Project educate U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime (DOJ OVC) and provide training and technical assistance to civil legal aid

- Educate federal, state, and local agencies and community partners on the value of collaborating with civil legal aid and to support civil legal aid's integration into new and existing programs
- Provide extensive training and technical assistance to civil legal aid providers to increase their capacity to pursue and implement strategic collaborations and secure the financial resources to sustain these collaborations
- Utilize success stories from these on-the-ground partnerships to grow government's will to fund civil legal aid collaborations

2016

OVC clarifies and expands fundable activities by civil legal aid and **civil legal aid secures an increase of more than \$25 million** in Victims of Crime Act grants

Example: Legal Action of Wisconsin received more than \$1.2 million for its new Elder Rights Project. In 2017, they served 911 people in 1,072 cases. This work:

- Secured safety by obtaining 47 orders of protection and removing 11 abusers from victims' homes
- Stabilized housing in 142 cases, for a total monetary impact of \$166,340
- Addressed financial exploitation in 205 cases, for a total monetary impact of \$740,682
- Secured public benefits, including food share, health care, and SSI/SSDI for 8 victims, for a total monetary impact of \$78,156

Oct. 2018

OVC awards \$2.5 million in grants from a brand new program to four civil legal aid providers to secure stability for children impacted by the opioid epidemic

Example: Legal Aid of West Virginia will launch a Lawyer in the School Project to help families find stability, assisting with:

- Permanency options
- Public benefits
- Housing
- Employment
- Access to childcare

Example: Southeastern Ohio Legal Services will convene a 17-county project to bring together partners to serve children and youth who are victimized as a result of the opioid crisis, including:

- Civil legal aid providers
- Public health and safety
- School systems
- Courts
- Substance abuse treatment facilities
- Foster and adoptive care coordinators
- Child protective services
- Local media
- Kinship care managers

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