

ACCESSING JUSTICE IN D.C.

Access to Justice in Action - Performance Oversight Recap

A SMART INVESTMENT

\$10,000 - \$40,000

average Medicaid dollars saved over 18 months when housing conditions improved for children with asthma served

Millions of dollars in pro bono support

leveraged with Initiative funding for case screening, training, and mentorship

\$5.2M+

In benefits secured and wealth preserved for District seniors by just 1 grantee organization

What We Heard: The Access to Justice Initiative means stability, opportunity, dignity, and security for more than 40,000 District resident annually, across all 8 Wards for a safer community.

THE INITIATIVE:

- **Promotes public safety:** Through services to domestic violence and crime survivors, promoting economic security, and maintaining housing and stable families and communities
- **Reduces burdens on other government systems:** Legal services prevent crises - keeping children out of hospitals and foster care, and in school; avoiding shelter costs; helping clients maintain income from benefits, employment, and to secure intergenerational transfers of property
- **Encourages innovation:** **DC Resource Bridge**, a coordinated entry point for seeking legal help; and new and continuing service networks for tenants and those seeking probate, debt, and family law assistance that make it easier to find help and promote efficient and effective use of grantee funds
- **Ensures access:** The nationally-recognized **Community Legal Interpreter Bank**, served nearly 50 nonprofits with **9,100+** annual on-demand telephonic interpretations
- **Is community-connected:** Grantees have offices, medical partnerships, walk-in clinics, coordinated hotlines, services for homebound seniors, and more across DC - 180+ partnerships
- **Is responsive:** Providers have the pulse on increasing needs, including rising evictions, demand for domestic violence services, increased debt and consumer hardship, and the gutting of federal safety net programs

“Families like mine rely on this support to navigate complex systems and protect our rights.”

Written testimony of Mrs. M.

“The positive impact ripples across our communities here in the District.”

Testimony of Ms. C, Public Witness



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