

# ACCESSING JUSTICE IN D.C.

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## Promoting Public Safety

Domestic violence survivors represented by an attorney are

**2.5x**

more likely to successfully receive a protective order

**10+**

weekly legal clinics for survivors seeking help with protection orders and other legal needs

**5,616**

referrals handled by the Family Law Assistance Network since March 2020 - with over 98% able to be served

**Access to Justice Initiative funding supports crucial civil legal services for low- and moderate-income District residents, promoting public safety by:**

### PROMOTING STABLE, RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

- Keeping youth engaged in their **education** through access to special education and other required supports, especially court-involved youth (with one grantee alone reaching over 750 young people and their families)
- Preventing children from entering foster care through **legal supports for at-risk families and relative caregivers**
- Resolving **custody** and **child support** disputes
- Helping Seniors safely age in place and pass on assets by maintaining **housing, in-home support** services, and financial planning
- Promoting **economic opportunity and stability** for vulnerable District residents at risk of scams, fraud, and other financial or commercial exploitation

### KEEPING SURVIVORS SAFE

- Trauma-informed services to survivors of domestic violence and crime in all 8 wards, including emergency legal services, crisis safety planning, walk-in clinics, and virtual clinics at the courthouse and in the community

### DECREASING RECIDIVISM

- Legal supports for re-entering youth and adults so that they can successfully reintegrate into their communities
- One funded provider working with adolescents has **cut recidivism in half** through legal advocacy

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