

COMMUNITY HEALTH LAW PROJECT



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ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



HIGHLIGHTS OF FORTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE IN NEW JERSEY

- 1976 Community Health Law Project established by the New Jersey State Bar Association and designated by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a legal aid society
- 1978 Successful CHLP suit ensures that community residences for people with disabilities may operate in residential districts
- 1978 CHLP advocacy leads to amending the NJ Law Against Discrimination to apply to people with mental health disabilities
- 1985 Federal lawsuit in Mercer County opens federally subsidized housing to people with mental health disabilities
- 1988 Successful CHLP lawsuit prohibits state from terminating adult dependents with mental health disabilities from health insurance coverage under their parents' State Health Benefits Plan
- 1994 CHLP receives U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant for work in removing architectural barriers in public accommodations
- 1995 Favorable Appellate Division ruling on CHLP - initiated suit forces NJ casinos to implement affirmative action programs of employment for people with disabilities
- 1996 CHLP statewide survey shows that only 4% of residential multifamily units comply with state and federal architectural barrier laws
- 1996 CHLP federal court suit results in invalidation of NJ municipal zoning laws that exclude group homes for people with disabilities from residential neighborhoods
- 2002 CHLP class action results in agreement by developer to fund \$300,000 worth of accessibility renovations in 266 residential units
- 2004 Successful CHLP precedent – setting Appellate Division decision excluding SSI benefits from being used for child support obligations of parents with disabilities in *Burns v. Edwards*
- 2005 CHLP successfully advocated for eliminating state and county institutional and hospital liens, and limiting cost of care for patients of public psychiatric hospitals
- 2005 CHLP successfully advocated for statewide ADA standards and compulsory training of local welfare agencies to identify and accommodate the special needs of people with disabilities
- 2005 CHLP advocacy leads to NJ Fair Housing Act amendment requiring all new multifamily Mt. Laurel housing to be adaptable for use by people with physical disabilities
- 2008 NJ Superior Court judge orders \$1.5 million worth of retrofits to make condos accessible in *ADA v. Renaissance*
- 2009 CHLP successfully advocated for a law requiring public official and commercial data companies to remove lien records of former psychiatric patients from public view
- 2013 CHLP received grants from Robin Hood Foundation, Kessler Foundation, Hurricane Sandy NJ Relief Fund, and Sandy Legal Assistance Fund to assist victims of Hurricane Sandy
- 2014 CHLP settles 2007 federal court complaint against Port Authority of New York and New Jersey alleging that Jersey City PATH Station is inaccessible with the agreement to construct an elevator and lift to give access to the Grove Street Station
- 2016 CHLP expands services to clients living with HIV/AIDS to seven counties
- 2017 CHLP helped draft the language and advocate for the successful passage of a new law which provides “due process” rights to residents of free-standing Residential Healthcare Facilities prior to eviction
- 2018 CHLP launches Medical-Legal Partnership with addiction agency to provide legal services to those afflicted by the opioid crisis
- 2018 CHLP enters into a contract with the City of Elizabeth to assist residents in expunging their criminal records
- 2019 CHLP establishes Medical-Legal Partnerships with behavioral health providers in Monmouth and Essex Counties
- 2021 CHLP develops additional Medical-Legal Partnerships with healthcare providers
- 2021 CHLP expands its services to individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing
- 2022 CHLP receives grants to assist tenants who were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic avoid eviction and maintain stable housing
- 2022 CHLP is awarded a grant from the NJ Department of Community Affairs to be a legal partner in their Access to Counsel program to represent low-income tenants with disabilities in housing matters

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It was quite a year for all of us at CHLP as it has been for other provider agencies around the state. Our staff diligently worked throughout the pandemic to meet the needs of our very vulnerable clients. At the start of the pandemic, we switched to a work from home model as most providers did. In July 2021, we returned to our offices on a hybrid schedule and then full time in October. However, due to the surge in COVID cases in January of 2022, our staff had to temporarily pivot back to a hybrid schedule but we have now returned to our offices full time. Despite these challenges, our dedicated attorneys, advocates, and support staff have done a tremendous job navigating the legal landscape to protect our clients' rights and promote their independence - from ensuring they have sufficient income through public entitlements such as welfare and social security disability benefits, trying to protect them from eviction and ensuring that landlords are held accountable to provide safe living conditions, protecting clients from unscrupulous debt collectors, helping them with family issues such as domestic violence and child support, obtaining guardianships for individuals who are unable to handle their own affairs, ensuring that individuals have the health insurance coverage they need to obtain necessary treatment and support services, along with other matters that our staff handle every day.

In addition to providing direct client services through our usual referral system, we have continued to partner with health care providers through medical-legal partnerships. By working closely with clinicians, social workers, and other health care team members, we can address patients' legal issues proactively as opposed to reactively before they reach a crisis point. Medical-legal partnerships have been shown to greatly improve health outcomes for patients.

Lastly, I want to express my enormous respect and admiration for Harold Garwin, the founder and Executive Director of CHLP for the last 45 years. Harold began CHLP in 1976 on modest means and has grown the organization to become a premier legal services organization providing exceptional legal and advocacy services to all disability groups, those with chronic health conditions, and the frail elderly. This past year, Harold stepped down as Executive Director and I am honored to be filling his enormous shoes to continue his legacy and the mission of CHLP.

With much gratitude,

ERIKA KERBER, ESQ.
President/Executive Director



THE YEAR IN REVIEW: JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

CHLP Bloomfield Office:

Bloomfield staff gathered for a special lunch to wish Alma Yee a happy and healthy retirement. Current and former staff, friends and family enjoyed a Broadway themed tribute. Alma was with CHLP for 28 years. Over the years, she helped many clients, helped grow CHLP and made a positive impact on colleagues. When faced with challenges, she responded with a smile and said “We will do our best” which has become CHLP’s unofficial motto. Attorney Ana Perez also joined the Bloomfield office.

Examples of Successful Cases...

The office recently handled a case where our client’s rent was entirely covered by a voucher, yet the landlord filed for eviction. The client had missed court due to a brief illness and the court entered a judgment of possession. CHLP jumped in and filed an Order to Show Cause after the Sheriff’s Officers appeared at the client’s home with intentions of locking him out of his apartment. After multiple days of oral argument and legal briefs, CHLP was successful in the Order to Show Cause, and the court vacated both the Judgment of Possession and Warrant of Removal, allowing the client back into the apartment while awaiting a trial.

A client developed severe, life-threatening liver disease that left her unable to continue working as a home health aide. The client eventually applied for Social Security disability benefits but was denied, despite the severity of her illness. The client was having difficulty with filing the appeal, so CHLP helped her file it, ensured that that Social Security received information from all of her treatment providers, and kept in regular contact with the claim adjudicator for the appeal. Our client won the appeal and was just approved for regular monthly Social Security payments.

A client was approved in early 2022 for a housing subsidy through a local agency that would allow him to find permanent housing after a long period of housing instability. However, due to a mental health related incident, our client was arrested and incarcerated and was unable to use the voucher. The voucher was at risk of termination due to the arrest and the fact that our client had not used the voucher or been in contact with the agency. The attorney at CHLP worked with the agency to advocate that the client’s arrest, which was directly related to his disability, should not result in the termination of the subsidy. CHLP also worked with the client’s case manager, the agency, and a housing provider to ensure the prompt approval of a new apartment. Our client is now housed and able to pay an affordable rent for his new apartment due to preservation of the subsidy.

CHLP Collingswood Office:

Over the past year, our office is proud to have served many clients with the *Access to Counsel* Grant and are excited that the grant has been extended state-wide. We look forward to helping even more people in the state. The office welcomed new Senior Staff Attorneys Thomas J. LaMaina and Rosemary Eikamp. Also, Sam DiTroia joined the office as a Housing Justice Fellow. In addition, we wished long time CHLP Managing Attorney Brian Smith a happy retirement. The Collingswood office moved to their new office in Westmont, New Jersey at the end of June.

Examples of Successful Cases...

One of our Senior Staff Attorneys took a case to the Appellate Division and created new case law that is still benefitting our clients today. In *Burns v. Edwards*, 367 NJ Super 29 (App Div 2004.), the Appeals Court decided that federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits received by a disabled parent, if it is their sole source of support, may not be utilized as income when calculating a child support obligation.

After a client’s family came down with Covid, they were in danger of losing their home. CHLP helped them find financial assistance to prevent foreclosure and to get back on their feet. CHLP guided this client through the process. The client stated, “We would have been lost without him. He was kind, supportive and empathetic. We will forever be grateful for him and the Community Health Law Project.”

After discovering how challenging the SSI application process can be a client reached out to CHLP. The case was compounded by all the medical, psychological and emotional factors which were needed to apply for SSI. After two years into the process on their own, the client found himself completely overwhelmed and was referred to CHLP. CHLP navigated the client through the legal maze of SSI. With CHLP’s research, analysis and presentation, the client received a fully favorable decision. The victory was life changing for the client.

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CHLP Elizabeth Office:

The office has been busy over the last year handling a variety of different types of cases. We have seen a huge uptick in landlord/tenant cases due to the pandemic where we have represented a lot of tenants facing eviction. We have also assisted a lot of tenants who have housing vouchers but require an extension of time to use the voucher because they are having difficulty finding housing in the current rental market. Lastly, the office has had an increase in SNAP/food stamp cases and have helped clients in getting their food stamp benefits reinstated. Our long time Supervising Advocate, Laurie Egeth, has announced that after a nearly 40-year career with CHLP, she will be retiring at the end of August 2023. In the past year, we also welcomed staff attorneys, Michael Bonner and Michael Florczak as well as a new Staff Advocate, Angela Mandich.

Examples of Successful Cases...

CHLP has a client who is a hoarder living in subsidized housing in Hudson County and was facing eviction. CHLP was able to get the matter dismissed and is working with the client to get services set up to clean out the apartment and begin counseling.

CHLP represented a young client who had 7 days a week of PDN (private duty nursing services) and was facing the termination of those PDN services. After filing motions and briefs in the case, CHLP was able to settle the matter to ensure that the child had PDN 5 days a week at home while the parents were at work.

A client was being evicted for non-payment of rent in Union County because her landlord had refused to accept and sign paperwork for TRA (temporary rental assistance through welfare). While CHLP was litigating the case, the client obtained a Section 8 voucher. CHLP was able to negotiate a no-fault move out agreement that saw the client move out of the apartment, find a new apartment, and the former landlord waived all the back-rent that was due.

CHLP Hamilton Office:

The office moved into a new space at 3635 Quakerbridge Road, Suite 14, Hamilton, NJ 08619 on March 1, 2023. The phone, fax and email addresses remain the same. The new office is more centrally located to assist clients throughout Mercer County while remaining only minutes away from downtown Trenton.

Examples of Successful Cases...

A client came to CHLP seeking representation with a Social Security appeal after having a stroke and a heart attack. However, it was discovered that the client needed additional services. CHLP referred the client to Adult Protective Services and they were able to arrange Home Health Aide Services. CHLP also learned the client had nearly \$9,000 in rent arrears and an eviction complaint was pending. CHLP was able to advocate for benefits through the Mercer County Board of Social Services that cleared all the arrears. Our client was approved for SSD. This is an example of the holistic approach CHLP staff employs to ensure our clients can remain in the community.

CHLP Neptune Office:

The Neptune office has been busy as we are continuing to see an increase in housing cases (rent increases, evictions). We are also seeing an increase in the legal needs of seniors in the community. In addition, we hired three new staff attorneys, Hasibul Haque, Portia Bethea and Eric Swartz. After many years of dedicated service to CHLP, we wished long time senior staff attorney and former managing attorney Madeleine Coghlan a happy retirement in March. We are sad to see her go but wish her well on her next journey in life!

Examples of Successful Cases...

A client who is developmentally disabled, bipolar, schizophrenic, and suffering from a brain injury, was being evicted for being a direct threat. The landlord alleged the tenant attempted to assault the property manager and left him over 40 threatening voicemails. After voluntarily dismissing the first complaint for failure to provide a 10 day hearing as per federal regulations, the landlord issued a new notice to quit on the same grounds. The landlord provided the 10 day hearing, but did not engage in an interactive process and seemingly did not consider a reasonable accommodation request. The Court held a 5 day trial spread out over 3 months with the judge requesting briefs regarding reasonable accommodation, evidentiary issues and direct threat analysis under federal regulations. The judge ultimately dismissed the case citing the direct threat analysis and also for the landlord not engaging in the interactive process after the reasonable accommodation request was submitted.

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CHLP assisted an Asbury Park tenant with an eviction action. The landlord moved to evict the tenant, who receives a Section 8 voucher, after their proposed rent increase was rejected. CHLP successfully argued that the landlord could not move to evict the tenant for failing to accept the increase, as long as the tenant pays their portion as determined by the Department of Community Affairs.

An elderly individual reached out to CHLP needing assistance appealing an unemployment overpayment in the amount of \$17,000. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the client had worked for almost twenty years as a construction project manager. When the pandemic hit, the construction industry, like many other industries, was greatly affected. Our client was laid off by his former employer and started collecting unemployment. Almost two years later, our client was notified of an alleged overpayment because his former employer reported that our client had “voluntarily left for personal reasons.” Our office represented this client before the Appeals Tribunal where he secured a favorable decision, relieving him of the responsibility of repaying \$17,000 in unemployment benefits.

A 75 year-old veteran came to CHLP requesting assistance removing her adult daughter and adult grandson from her home after being subjected to abusive behavior that has escalated over time. The daughter and grandson were initially only going to stay for a few weeks at the beginning of 2021, but have since refused to leave. The client was advised of her options, which included obtaining a restraining order and/or filing an ejectment action against her daughter and grandson. CHLP successfully filed an ejectment action on behalf of our client and the abusive family members were removed from the home.



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ADVOCATE AWARDS

CHLP's PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The essential mission of the Community Health Law Project is to provide legal and advocacy services to New Jersey residents with disabilities. We serve consumers of mental health services, people with physical disabilities, chronic health illnesses, HIV/AIDS, developmental disabilities, visual impairments, hearing impairments, and the frail elderly. Our attorneys and advocates represent clients in matters involving Social Security benefits, welfare, food stamps, and other entitlements; housing habitability and landlord/tenant disputes; foreclosure defense; consumer protection and debt collection; child support and domestic violence; Medicaid, Medicare, and other health insurance issues; civil rights; and barrier-free accessibility. In FY2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022), CHLP represented 4,189 clients.

In addition to the examples of services described above, CHLP operates several unique programs:

To Your Health This program concentrates on important issues facing our clients who receive home health care services, including children. For example, we have assisted and represented clients who have had their home health care services denied, terminated or reduced by the health care insurance carrier.

Student Internship Program Since 1988, CHLP has been holding its annual Ann Klein Advocate Awards, the proceeds of which support its student internship program. Using these funds, as well as funding from Legal Services of New Jersey, CHLP has been able to hire several law students and graduate students every year. In so doing, CHLP helps to train and inspire the next generation of disability advocates and attorneys.

Civil Rights and ADA Litigation For many years CHLP has been a leading voice and advocate for clients in Fair Housing and Americans with Disabilities litigation. Staff continues to assist clients in asserting their rights and seeking accommodations.

Trainings and Workshops CHLP offers a wide range of workshops for consumers and professionals. With the support of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, CHLP presents an annual Law & Disability Conference, free and open to the public, at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick every spring. Subjects range from civil rights cases to health care issues to new laws affecting people in institutional settings. CHLP staff is always ready to speak on the entire range of legal topics that affect the organization's clients. The staff also offers interactive workshops on the civil rights of persons with disabilities and on health care issues.

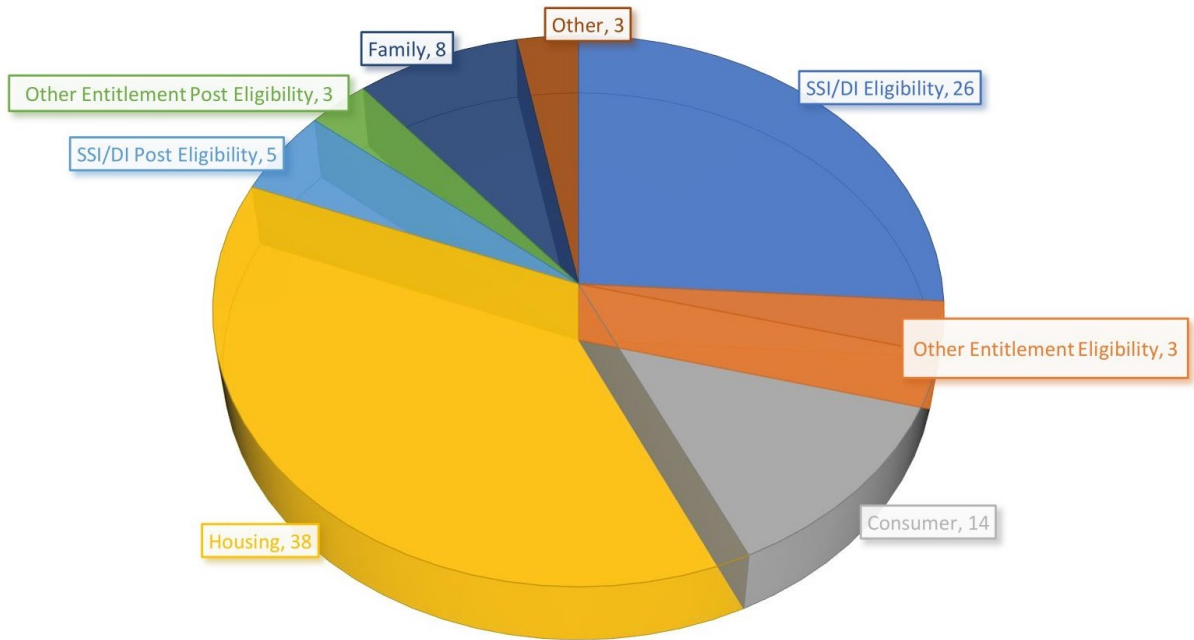
Public Policy Advocacy CHLP staff have continued to address system-wide issues that affect our clients in a number of ways. For example, CHLP participated in statewide coalitions such as the New Jersey Anti-Poverty Network and the Affordable Housing Network, various county professional advisory committees, and local mental health planning boards. We take active roles in the government affairs committees and activities of statewide organizations such as Disability Rights New Jersey, the Mental Health Association in New Jersey, The Arc of New Jersey, and New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies. Our direct service staff attorneys and advocates participate on numerous local advisory boards and task forces around the state addressing issues such as homelessness, mental illness, developmental disabilities, Social Security, HIV/AIDS services, prisoner reentry and human services. An example of this effort is our South Jersey office attending monthly meetings with the public policy sub-committee of the Mental Health Association of Southwestern New Jersey's Board working on getting the Camden County Board of Social Services to be more responsive and sensitive to the needs of mental health consumers and improving access to their services; and providing training to boarding home/residential health care facility operators and residential services providers on Social Security issues.

Medical-Legal Partnerships In the last few years, CHLP has embarked on a new innovative model of providing legal assistance through medical-legal partnerships to address the social determinants of health. In a medical-legal partnership, attorneys are embedded into a health care setting as part of the treatment team to provide holistic care to patients and improve health outcomes by addressing patients' life issues - such as housing preservation, entitlements, family issues, etc.- which, research shows, affect overall health outcomes significantly more than medical interventions. CHLP has developed medical-legal partnerships with behavioral health and addiction agencies and is in the process of launching medical-legal partnerships with other health care providers.

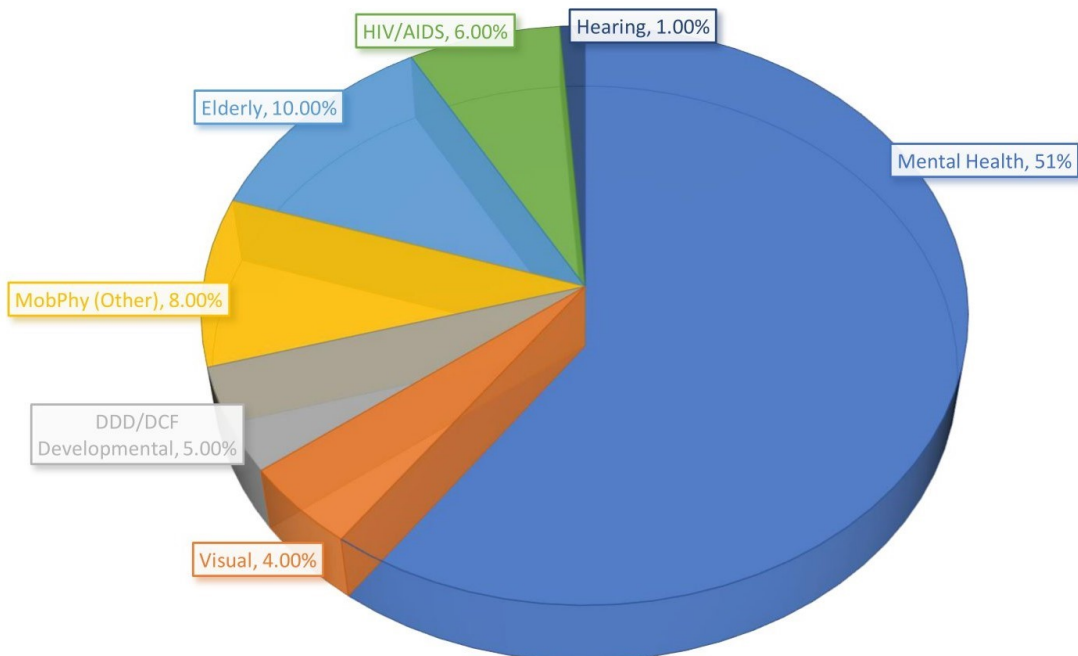
NEW CASES & CLIENTS SERVED

Each year CHLP attorneys and advocates help approximately 4,000 to 5,000 New Jersey residents with disabilities through legal representation and counseling. CHLP’s services are provided free of charge to residents of New Jersey on a full range of civil law matters, including Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income benefits, welfare, housing, family law, consumer matters, and architectural barriers. CHLP serves all disability groups in nearly all of New Jersey’s 21 counties. It receives funding from numerous state agencies, as well as from private sources. It has offices in South Orange, Bloomfield, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Neptune, and Westmont, with satellite offices in Toms River, Mt. Holly, and Galloway.

NEW CASES FY2022



CLIENTS SERVED FY2022



FUNDING SOURCES

City of Newark, Department of
Child and Family Well-Being

Division of Health Planning,
Ryan White Program

Elizabeth Expungement

Hyde Watson

The IOLTA Fund of the Bar of
New Jersey

Legal Services of New Jersey, Inc.

Mental Health Association in
New Jersey

Monmouth County Mental
Health Board

Ocean County Office of Senior Services

State of New Jersey:
Department of Children and
Families

Department of Health and
Senior Services, Division of
HIV, STD and TB Services

Department of Human
Services, Commission for the
Blind and Visually Impaired

Department of Human
Services, Division of
Developmental Disabilities

Department of Human
Services, Division of Mental
Health and Addiction
Services

Union County Division on Aging

Marjorie Wyman Trust

United States Dept. of Justice-
Office of Violence Against Women-
Legal Assistance for Victims

Healthcare Foundation of NJ

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	June 30,	
	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Cash	\$1,039,886	\$722,397
Cash Escrow	129	129
Investments	500,831	426,114
Grants and Contracts Receivable	460,917	438,276
Other Receivables	19,709	26,627
Prepaid Expenses & Other Current Assets	<u>58,413</u>	<u>56,911</u>
Total Current Assets	2,079,885	1,670,454
Property and Equipment	196,374	205,692
Security Deposits	<u>44,369</u>	<u>44,369</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,320,628	\$1,920,515
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	\$ 21,792	\$ 35,482
Accrued Expenses	245,977	256,563
Client's Escrow Deposits	129	129
Deferred Rent	39,892	34,014
Due to Grantor	368,691	67,675
Current Portions of Lease Obligation	<u>14,960</u>	<u>43,016</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$703,076</u>	<u>\$445,974</u>
Long Term Portions of Lease Obligation	<u>1,299</u>	<u>16,259</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,128,146	\$942,008
Temporarily Restricted Assets	<u>1,616,253</u>	1,496,514
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$1,612,581	\$1,649,314
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$2,320,628	\$1,920,515
Income and Expenses		
<i>For the Year Ending June 30, 2022</i>		
INCOME		
Grants & Contracts	\$6,453,492	\$6,010,880
Contributions	199,533	144,110
Attorney Fees	183,479	135,060
Fundraising	48,519	-0-
Interest & Other Income	<u>3,960</u>	<u>217,526</u>
	\$6,899,003	\$6,515,055
EXPENSES		
Legal & Advocacy Services	\$5,818,263	\$5,831,644
Policy, Planning, Training, Administration & Fundraising	<u>961,001</u>	<u>794,999</u>
	\$6,779,264	\$6,626,643

ADVISORY BOARDS & TASK FORCES ON WHICH CHLP STAFF PARTICIPATE

Anti – Poverty Network	Monmouth County Mental Health Board Professional Advisory Committee
Atlantic County HIV Collaborative	Monmouth County Re-entry Task Force
Atlantic County Mental Health Board Professional Advisory Committee	Newark EMA Early Intervention & Retention Collaborative (EIRC)
Commissioner of Human Services Executive Advisory Committee	Newark EMA Health Services HIV Planning Council Comprehensive Planning Committee
Community Planning & Advocacy Council	New Jersey Association of Mental Health & Addiction Service Agencies
Department of Community Affairs Barrier-Free Subcode Committee	New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities: Dialogue with the Division
Disability Rights New Jersey, PAIMI Advisory Council	New Jersey Mental Health Coalition
Essex County Mental Health Board Professional Advisory Committee	New Jersey Partners: Aging, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Inc.
Essex Vicinage Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns	New Jersey SHARES
HIV Partnership Collaboration Monmouth County	New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
Hudson County Food and Shelter Coalition	Ocean County Justice Involved Task Force
Hudson County Mental Health Board	Ocean County Homeless Prevention & Assistance Coalition (HPAC)
Hudson County Professional Advisory Committee	Ocean County Mental Health Board Professional Advisory Committee
Leadership New Jersey Board of Directors	Ocean County Professional Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Medical Assistance Advisory Council	Passaic Bergen HIV Health Services Planning Council
Mental Health Association in New Jersey Board of Trustees	Passaic County Mental Health Board Professional Advisory Committee
Mental Health Association in New Jersey Public Policy Committee	Rutgers Law Public Interest Alumni Fundraising Board
Mental Health Association in Passaic County	Senior Legislative Issues Coalition of Union County
Mental Health Association in Southwest New Jersey Board of Trustees	Seton Hall Law School Diversity Council
Mental Health Association in Southwest New Jersey Boarding Home & Public Policy Committee	Statewide Legal Disaster Team
Mental Health Association in Southwest New Jersey & Camden Mental Health Board Ad Hoc Committee	Statewide Recovery Partners
Mercer County HIV Collaborative	The Arc of New Jersey Government Affairs Committee
Mercer County Mental Health Board Professional Advisory Committee	Union County Department of Human Services Code Blue Committee
Mercer County Social Impact Group	Union County Foreclosure Task Force
Mercer County SSI SOAR Committee	Union County Human Services Advisory Council
Monday Morning Project	Union County Mental Health Board Professional Advisory Committee
Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative (HSC)	
Monmouth County Division on Aging, Disabilities, & Veterans Services	

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Many of the services we provide are free of charge and serve to keep people out of institutions, living as independently and self-sufficiently as possible. Our strength lies in our ability to provide quality legal services to people who have chronic and severe disabilities and thus require specialized support and expertise.

Your contribution will go a long way toward helping us better serve those who seek our assistance. Funds raised by the organization from private donations are used to supplement existing grants from government or foundation sources and to offer new and innovative programs to those in need. We use donations in the following manner:

Legal Services:

Individual counseling and representation in many civil legal areas such as: eligibility for Social Security Disability Insurance, Supplemental Security Income, public entitlements, Medicaid, and Medicare; landlord-tenant disputes; consumer and family law matters.

Advocacy:

CHLP's advocacy efforts include ensuring barrier-free accessibility to residential dwellings and public buildings, health care reform, prevention of homelessness, and educating the public about the needs of people with disabilities at home, at work, and at play. Special Projects: Such as training and educational programs for consumers, families and professionals; complex litigation to protect rights and entitlements; and other activities to enhance the life of persons living with disabilities.

Technology and Capital Improvements:

Upgrading the Law Project's computer technology to enable staff to provide high-quality services to clients through computer networking, purchase of software, internet access and use of state-of-the-art personal computers. Funds are continually needed for renovation and upgrading of the Law Project's administrative and five regional offices.

Common Ways to Donate:

People or organizations concerned about the needs of people with disabilities can make contributions to the Law Project to enhance and supplement our legal and advocacy services and to help upgrade our technical capabilities. Gifts can be earmarked for specific services or projects or can be given in support of the organization's overall mission and purpose as a legal aid society. We will send letters of acknowledgment and appreciation for all contributions we receive, both big and small.

Donations can be made via check or money order sent to:

Community Health Law Project
185 Valley Street
South Orange, NJ 07079

To learn how to make donations by Planned Giving, Gift in Tribute, and more, please visit our website at :

chlp.org/support-our-work

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DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES



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