

Medical-Legal Partnerships Plus

Connecticut Medical Legal Partnership Plus



About the Grant Recipient

The Connecticut Medical Legal Partnership Plus (CTMLPP) identifies the services children and families in New Haven, Fairfield, and New London counties need and engages community-based partners and social service agencies to provide medical and mental health services, comprehensive legal services, and wraparound social services.

Founded in 2000, CTMLPP is a partnership between:

- Yale New Haven Health System
- Solomon Center for Health Law at Yale Law School
- Center for Children's Advocacy

About the Award

Using \$214,000 awarded through the Medical-Legal Partnerships Plus (MLP+) demonstration program, CTMLPP will provide more than 200 additional legal consultations and increase the number of vulnerable children and family members it serves by 35%. CTMLPP will provide:

- Legal services from an additional lawyer and 2.5 full-time law students to raise awareness of the availability of legal support and rapidly triage and respond to potential legal issues.
- Medical-legal partnership training for community health professionals and early childhood home visitors so they can leverage their reach in the community to help clients access housing services, programs, and housing options; obtain educational supports for struggling students; and address other health-harming issues.
- Training and support from community health workers facilitating legal resources for patients and families within medical and community settings like emergency departments, primary care clinics, cancer hospitals, home visits, and community events.

About the Medical-Legal Partnerships Plus (MLP+) Program

In FY23, the [Office of Community Services](#) (OCS) within the [Administration for Children and Families](#) at the U.S. [Department of Health and Human Services](#) launched MLP+, a brand new demonstration program. OCS awarded \$1.6 million to eight MLPs across the country to build, expand, and strengthen their capacity to serve vulnerable families and improve health outcomes. This is the first-ever federal funding dedicated to medical-legal partnerships, and will impact households in Connecticut, Hawaii, Montana, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. This funding will help existing MLPs increase their capacity to serve families and households in their communities by providing legal services and wraparound social supports to help improve their health and wellbeing and address the causes and consequences of poverty.

The Need for Medical-Legal Partnerships in the U.S.

Medical-legal partnerships (MLPs) bring legal services into health care settings to help families, clinicians, social workers, and others identify and prevent the health-harming social conditions that can keep people from thriving.

MLPs meet individuals and families with low incomes where they are and help connect them to other essential services such as housing support; educational access; and child-care to improve their overall health and wellbeing.