

Medical-Legal Partnerships Plus

Tulsa County Medical Legal Partnership Plus



About the Grant Recipient

The Tulsa County Medical Legal Partnership Plus helps children and families overcome issues related to poverty, safety, housing, and environmental health in Tulsa County, Oklahoma. The Tulsa County Medical Legal Partnership Plus brings together an interdisciplinary team of physicians, attorneys, and social services navigators to provide legal and social services to children and families with low incomes, uninsured or underinsured patients, and first-generation immigrant families in Tulsa County.

Founded in 2008, Tulsa County Medical Legal Partnership Plus is a partnership between:

- Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma University Schusterman Center Pediatric Center

About the Award

Using \$214,000 awarded through the Medical-Legal Partnerships Plus (MLP+) demonstration program, the Tulsa County Medical Legal Partnership Plus will expand its capacity to provide legal and social services, with the aim of improving health outcomes for children and families each year by:

- Hiring a full-time attorney and paralegal to provide civil legal services to patients, ranging from advice to full representation in a court proceeding.
- Enhancing the role of the two existing social service navigators by equipping these existing staff with the training, knowledge, and tools to increase their capacity for identifying patient needs and connecting them to social and legal services. This will include establishing standardized screening tools and referral processes, and ensuring staff participate in regular trainings on identification of health-harming issues.

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

In fiscal year 2023, 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 \$1,676,307 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.

About Medical-Legal Partnerships

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.