

Medical-Legal Partnerships Plus

Nursing-Legal Partnership



About the Grant Recipient

The Nursing-Legal Partnership helps families with low incomes in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania access housing, immigration, health, and other social services to enhance their wellbeing and stability. The Nursing-Legal Partnership help families and children access these services through the provision of integrated legal services and nurse-led home visitations.

Founded in 2016, Nursing-Legal Partnership is a partnership between:

- National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
- The Health, Education, and Legal Assistance Project at the Delaware Law School

About the Award

Using \$250,000 awarded through the Medical-Legal Partnerships Plus (MLP+) demonstration program, the Nursing-Legal Partnership will implement the Family Advocacy and Integrated Resources (FAIR+) Project to support 150 families with legal services and 100 families with social services by:

- Hiring a new, social services navigator to connect families with services including housing stability, income support, family stability, immigration, and environmental health resources.
- Hiring a new family resources manager to supervise and coordinate existing social workers' work and the new social services navigator position. This role will also provide trainings to build knowledge on clients' health-harming legal needs.
- Hiring two, new full-time staff attorneys to help address health-related legal needs related to housing, including civil rights and immigration needs.
- Building three partnerships with community-based social service providers to connect families with public health benefits, income support, housing counseling and resources, and utility assistance.

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 \$1.6 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.

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.