MODEL PRACTICES & INNOVATIONS



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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In this issue...

- New info sheet on allied legal professionals to increase access to justice
- New feature articles on allied legal professionals and diversity, equity, and inclusion
- LSC resources on fundraising and allied legal professionals





DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION: LEGAL ACTION OF

Learn how Legal Action of Wisconsin (LAW) works to incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) into its organization externally to serve its clients more effectively and internally to foster an inclusive workplace environment!

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COMMUNITY JUSTICE WORKERS: ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

This article features Alaska Legal Services Corporation's Community Justice Worker (CJW) Program, which trains attorney-supervised allied legal professionals to provide legal services in their own remote and rural communities. Click below to read more about how CJWs are helping to close the justice gap in Alaska!

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INFO SHEET: ALLIED LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

More states and LSC grantees are exploring ways to incorporate supervised allied legal professionals into their service delivery models and seeking rule amendments and waivers from their state Supreme Courts for these prgorams. This new MPI info sheet explores the timeline and evolution of allied legal professionals (ALPs) in civil legal aid and the steps that states and LSC grantees have taken to allow more access to justice.







Fundraising for LSC Grantees

- ABArray: LSC grantees can visit the American Bar Association's ABArray funding dashboard, updated in realtime throughout the ABA's funding data collection process.
- <u>Civil Legal Aid Federal Funding Resources:</u> LSC grantees can take advantage of the National Legal Aid & Defenders' Association's Civil Legal Aid Federal Funding Resource webpage hosts over 300 funding opportunities for legal aid organizations.



Allied Legal Professionals

- The Landscape of Allied Legal Professionals in the United **States:** LSC grantees looking to enhance their civil legal service delivery can utilize the insights provided in a new report by the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System.
- <u>Tribal Advocacy Incubator Project:</u> Learn how Montana Legal Services Association's Tribal Advocacy Incubator Project recruits, trains, mentors, and supports community members to represent tribal members in tribal court with common civil legal matters.



Visit the Model Practices & Innovations Webpage on LSC.gov!

The MPI webpage on LSC.gov offers content on new model practices from LSC grantees, including articles, resources, and info sheets on strategic <u>planning</u>, <u>legal aid management</u>, <u>technology</u>, and

About LSC's Office of Training and Technical **Assistance**

The Office of Training and Technical Assistance at LSC strives to bolster the organizational capabilities of LSC grantees while serving as a vital link between LSC's specialists and those who serve the client population. Our primary objective is to provide engaging and informative content and resources that enable grantees to implement best practices effectively.



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