



Our **Medical-Legal Partnerships (MLPs)** embed legal advocates within health care practices to address health-harming legal issues.

HOW IT WORKS



Low-income patients and their **families face social, economic and legal problems that undermine their health**, such as lack of heat, unstable housing, and food insecurity.



CLS advocates are stationed at health care partners to address these health-harming legal issues.



MLP team members train health care staff to **identify legal problems that affect health, and refer families to the on-site CLS advocate** for legal assessment and representation.



CLS advocates work with doctors, nurse practitioners, social workers, and others to **provide holistic medical and legal care so that patients and families can thrive.**



Partnering across fields **highlights the broader social and legal determinants of health and allows for large, system-level changes** to policies that directly affect patients.

LOCATIONS

CHOP KARABOTS MLP

The Karabots Center is the largest pediatric primary care center in the country, treating over 30,000 children each year from across Philadelphia. At Karabots, **CLS reaches families with legal problems directly affecting child health**, like substandard housing and access to health insurance and nutrition supports.

RISING SUN MLP

Rising Sun is a Federally Qualified Health Center serving a low-income and diverse immigrant and refugee population. The Rising Sun MLP's location in the Olney neighborhood of Philadelphia **enables CLS to reach a deeply underserved community** that is heavily limited English proficient.

SUCCESSES

In 2019, CLS was able to hire **two additional full-time MLP attorneys** and expand our partnerships to serve more patients and families.

During the 2019 calendar year:

589 referrals & consultations were made with on-site advocates.

188 patients and families were helped by CLS.

244 legal issues were addressed by the MLPs.