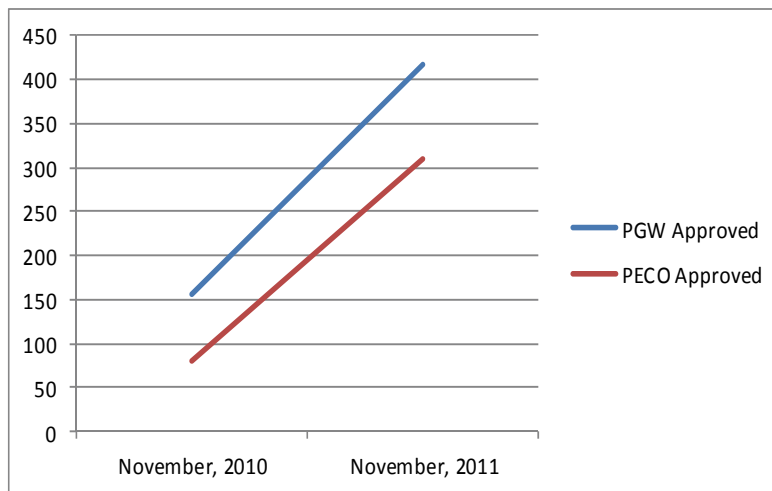


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Fast Facts

- To date, the MLP has collected 3289 surveys from St. Christopher's families and 53 % have self reported at least one unmet legal need.
- LCD has provided legal advice, referrals or representation to over 500 families. The most common legal needs self-reported by the community have been a need for Health Insurance (552), Food Insecurity Worry (513), Food Insecurity (451) and Utility Shut-offs (358).
- Legal Clinic Attorneys have completed 570 intake interviews, provided services to over 500 families in a range of matters including divorce, custody, child support, evictions, land lord tenant disputes, public benefits, children's SSI and special education and advanced planning for children with special healthcare needs transitioning to adulthood.
- Due to the overwhelming number of families with unmet legal needs, the Legal Clinic for the Disabled now has two full time staff attorneys working at the PhilaKids MLP.
- In 2011, CCAH implemented a new protocol for handling families with Utility Shut-Off notices. Since its implementation, CCAH has dramatically increased the number of families being approved for PGW, PECO and PWD shut-off protection.

	PECO Forms Denied	PECO Forms Approved	PGW Forms Denied	PGW Forms Approved
Nov. 2010- Nov- 2011	127	155	88	80
Nov.2011- Nov.2012	50	416	74	310



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- Here are two Success Stories of how MLP attorneys helped families obtain and maintain health insurance coverage and avoid interruptions in medical care:

◊**Amy** came to the MLP when her daughter was turned away by St. Chris for not having health coverage. Amy and her daughter were both income eligible for Medicaid, and were currently receiving Cash Assistance. The MLP attorney worked to get the family's benefits reinstated by the County Assistance Office. The CAO claimed that a recertification report had never been received even though Amy produced a receipt from the CAO. Amy met with the MLP attorney who helped her complete another recertification packet which the MLP attorney faxed to the CAO. Amy's case worker informed the attorney that Amy had to submit her daughter's birth certificate and Social Security card, so Amy came back to the MLP office and faxed the appropriate information to the caseworker. With the file now complete, the family's health benefits were turned on, and Amy's daughter was now able to continue her treatment at St. Chris.

◊**Maria** contacted the MLP for assistance getting health insurance benefits for her 3 year old niece and 2 year old nephew. Her niece and nephew were behind on immunizations and had not had a well child check for nearly two years. Maria applied for Medicaid for the children but her application was denied because the County Assistance Office could not verify her income. An LCD staff attorney contacted the County Assistance Office for a review of the application, submitted verification of Maria's income and insurance benefits for her niece and nephew were approved without the need for a hearing. As a result, Maria's niece and nephew were able to resume primary care treatment without having to wait for an appeal to determine insurance coverage.

- Each first year resident receives 1 hour of individual training during their Child Protection and Child Advocacy from the MLP lawyers on the MLP model and various legal remedies for social problems. To date, the MLP has provided training to 25 pediatric residents through this rotation.
- Since February 2011, the MLP in conjunction with the Noon Advocacy Lecture Series has provided 8 noon advocacy lectures on the following topics: PhilaKids MLP Protocol in Continuity Clinic, Utility Protocol for Providers, Special Education for Providers, Introduction to the MLP Model, Domestic Violence and Housing Concerns for Patients, Family Law in Philadelphia County, Understanding Children's SSI and a general MLP Update.
- MLP Y2 Focus Areas: Public Benefits, Unsafe Housing Conditions and Children's SSI

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