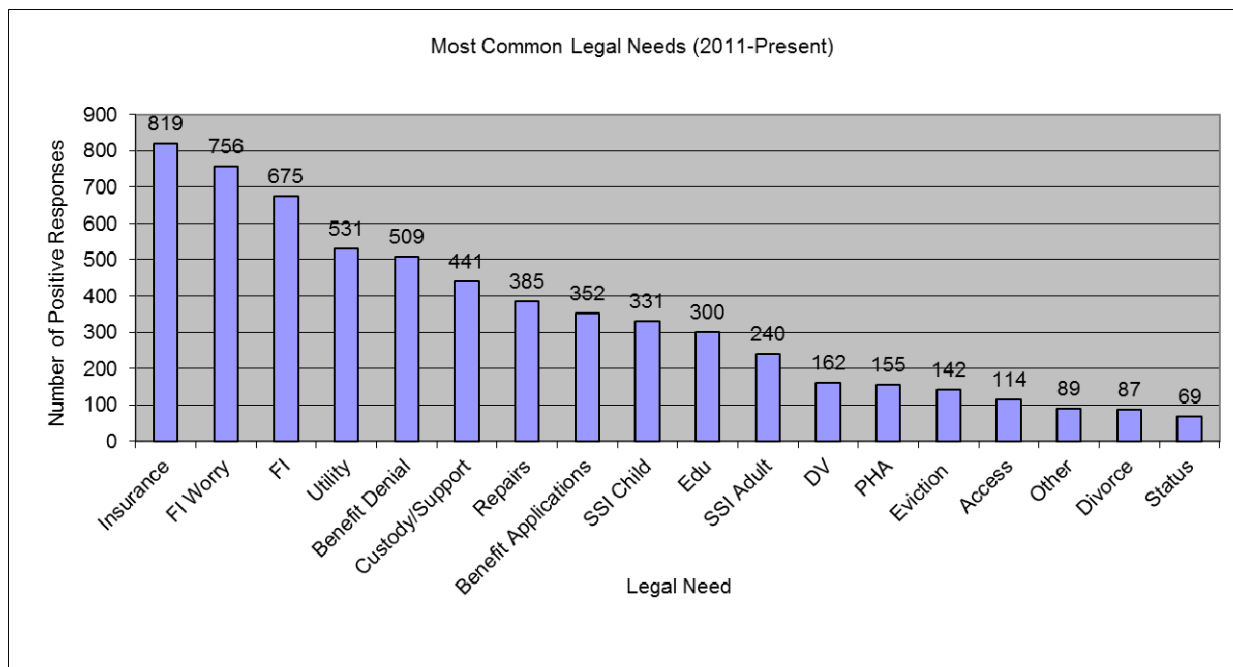


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Fast Facts

- To date, the MLP has collected 5,041 surveys from St. Christopher's families and 54 % have self-reported at least one unmet legal need
- The most common legal needs self-reported by the community have been a need for Health Insurance (819), Food Insecurity Worry (756), Food Insecurity (675), Utility Shut-offs (531), and Benefit Denials (509)



- Legal Clinic Attorneys have provided services to over 1,133 families in a range of matters including divorce, custody, child support, evictions, landlord-tenant disputes, public benefits, children's SSI and special education and advanced planning for children with special healthcare needs transitioning to adulthood
- Legal Clinic attorneys have opened 155 cases for St. Christopher's families since the MLP opened its doors in 2011, including 37 Medical Assistance denials, terminations or suspensions in 2014 alone
- Since Spring of 2012, the MLP has trained 62 pediatric residents at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children on how to address legal issues impacting their patients health
- Due to the overwhelming number of families with unmet legal needs, the Legal Clinic for the Disabled now has three full time staff attorneys working at the PhilaKids MLP

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- 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

To date, the MLP has ensured that:

- 42 families have gotten their Medicaid benefits turned on
- 23 families have had their SNAP benefits turned on or restored
- 22 families have had an attorney represent them at the Social Security Administration
- 9 St. Christopher's families have had advanced planning documents drafted for free
- 7 Special Education cases were settled by our pro bono partner McAndrews Law Office totaling \$140,000 in awards for St. Christopher's families to be spent on education
- 5 St. Christopher's patients have legal guardians after they turned 18
- 4 Philadelphia Housing Authority voucher transfers were effectuated, helping St. Christopher's patients to move to safe and healthy housing
- 2 Protection from Abuse orders have kept abusive parents from harming patient families

Success Stories:

- Tina was referred to LCD's MLP at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children for legal help with a domestic relations matter by a social worker in the Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs. Tina's two sons Mark and Jeremy have autism and ADHD. Mark also has developmental delays, is non-verbal and has bi-polar disorder. Tina wanted to leave her husband due to his excessive drinking. LCD staff attorney Eileen Carroll counseled Tina on her legal options while she worked with other agencies on a safety plan and relocated to a new residence. Eileen represented Tina at an Expedited Custody Hearing in October 2013 and a Custody Hearing in March 2014, and as a result Tina retained primary physical custody of the children. The boys' father was given scheduled custodial time and is not permitted to drink alcoholic beverages while the children are in his custody.
- Camille was referred through the Philakids MLP. She was told by the registration desk that her son could not be seen for his appointment because his Medical Assistance was not active. Camille, who had to find child care for her other children to go to the appointment, was understandably frustrated at the thought of having to reschedule. The week before, Camille spent an entire day at the County Assistance Office renewing her son's Medical Assistance and was told that it would be active immediately after the appointment. LCD Staff Attorney Theresa Brabson called the CAO, where the supervisor discovered that the caseworker had improperly coded the case. The child's insurance was activated and as a result, the child was able to keep his appointment.

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