

Maxwell Street Legal Clinic Board Report 10/06/2017

Staff Changes

- Michelle Haubner and Ivonne Camacho, our new part-time legal assistants, started on August 1, 2017.
- Corinna Svarlien, KEJC AmeriCorps VISTA, is also in our office one day a week, which gives us full-time phone coverage.

Caseload Summary

- Cases handled since 07/25/2017 board meeting: 143
- Cases in the last year: 677
- Averaging 556 calls a month
- We handled 158 DACA cases this year, including initial and renewal cases.
- We had two T nonimmigrant status applications approved in September of this year. Clients now have work authorization, and can apply for lawful permanent residence in 3 years.
- Nathalie and Leah have been receiving training on removal defense, as part of a new program through CLINIC to increase representation in immigration court

Funding

- Client fees from 07/16/2017 until 09/15/2017 were \$3,950
- Donations from 07/16/2017 until 09/15/2017 were \$1,350
- Blue Grass Community Foundation grant renewed, with a 10% increase to \$13,200
- Fayette County Bar Foundation grant application submitted
- Second Presbyterian is donating space and volunteers for a civics class to help prepare clients for the naturalization exam

Outreach, Media and Community Involvement

- Since the last board meeting in July, we have reached nearly 400 people through 12 different outreach, media, and community events
- DACA Rally on September 5, with the Lexington DREAMers
- Family Petition Workshop Presentation at MSPC
- Nathalie appeared on Insight Para Ti with Elisa Bruce to discuss DACA, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwjzQ_YA6pl
- DACA Panel at UK College of Law
- DACA and Know Your Rights presentation at Bryan Station High School
- Presentation and Q&A at BCTC on DACA
- Marilyn met with Bob Francko of HealthFirst about DACA
- Immigration Law Workshop at Kentuckians for the Commonwealth annual meeting
- DACA information sessions at Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary and Village Branch Library