

Outreach Coordinator Staff Report

April through June, 2017

Outreach Update

- ✓ Healthcare and Workers' Rights Presentations: Fayette County Probation and Parole, monthly for Power of Work job readiness class in Louisville, re-initiated regular presentations with refugees at Kentucky Refugee Ministries and Catholic Charities.
- ✓ Enrollment clinic weekly at the Village Branch Library during April, and monthly in May and June. Enrollment clinic twice-per-month at the New Life Day Center (partnership with Community Action).
- ✓ Recorded two half-hour episodes of "Reclama sus derechos (Claim your rights)" radio program in Spanish for El Pulso Latino, one of Lexington Community Radio's two stations.
- ✓ Began monthly "How to use your health insurance" workshop at Village Library. Themes covered so far: How to find the right doctor for you, How to prepare for your doctor's visit, Free preventive services and how to use primary care.
- ✓ Served as panelist on application assister panel at the Kentucky Primary Care Association Spring Conference.

Health Insurance Enrollment

- Assisted 105 new individuals and families since Jan. 1, 2017, as well as previously established Benefind and healthcare.gov cases.
 - Mostly Medicaid and KCHIP, a handful of healthcare.gov enrollments
 - 35 clients from the New Life Day Center, a day shelter for the homeless
 - 15 clients from Natalie's Sisters, shelter for sexually exploited women, since May 3
 - 8 clients from Substance Abuse Program at the Fayette Co. Detention Center
 - 25 immigrant clients from Village Library, outreach, and referrals from partners
- Developed relationship with partner organizations Natalie's Sisters and the Substance Abuse Program at the Fayette County Detention Center.

Wage Claim Clinic

- 12 new wage claimants

Inter-Agency Coordination and Collaboration

- ❖ Boots on the Ground: Coordinated Health Advocacy Team call in May with Dustin Pugel from the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy to discuss news in healthcare legislation.
- ❖ Taskforce: Helped plan and coordinate the Workers' Rights Task Force in May.

Advocacy

- ❖ Connected consumers to CBS News, Bloomberg News, and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth to talk the ACA and Medicaid's impact on their lives.
- ❖ (July) Notified consumers about opportunities to comment on the 1115 Medicaid Waiver Proposal Modifications. Delivered public comment at the hearing in Somerset.

So many coverage stories recorded!

Mary had to leave her job in 2010 due to health issues and subsequently went without insurance for about three years, until the ACA went into full affect in January 2014. She had coverage via kynect for three years, and now has it on healthcare.gov. She has been working part time and says that initially ACA coverage was affordable, though now it is less so. She has a liver condition called NASH (nonalcoholic steatohepatitis) and also mental health issues, so she is very worried about losing coverage under the new Senate bill.