Outreach Staff Report
April 20 – July 9, 2019

Outreach Update

 ✓ **24 outreach presentations, events, clinics, and meetings:** Outreach and Maxwell Street Legal Clinic staff activity reaching over 500 people in-person with information on immigration, workers, and healthcare rights.

 ✓ **Outreach Highlights:** presented to monthly meetings of people on probation and parole, did worker rights and safety workshop with 44 teens in detention at Fayette Regional Juvenile Detention Center, handed materials out to about 200 Spanish-speakers at the annual Mother’s Day Festival and the Mexican Mobile Consulate event, hosted an Immigrant Ally Training for Transylvania students, participated in the first meeting of the Labor Trafficking and Emerging Issues Working Group of the Kentucky Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force, trained La Casita Center staff on worker rights issues, tabled at the Federal Medical Center’s information fair.

 ✓ **Radio:** McKenzie, Miranda, Beka, and intern Sheriffer Chisanga produced 3 new KY Equal Justice Radio episodes in both English and Spanish for Lexington Community Radio (LCR). New episodes cover General Assembly, FMLA, Pregnant Workers Rights, and black lung. Sheriffer is researching, scripting, and translating for upcoming episodes on mental health access and mental health in the workplace and working in the heat.

 ✓ **Social Media:** Beka and Sheriffer continue to update our @KEJCRadio Facebook page for our monthly English and Spanish radio shows. In addition to our podcasts, the shows air on Lexington Community Radio 93.9 FM and LCR’s Spanish station, El Pulso Latino 95.7 FM. Followers can request episode topics and submit questions.

 ✓ **Volunteers:** Beka paired five new ELL Maxwell Street clients with tutors. They hope to take their citizenship test soon! Berea student Sheriffer Chisanga is interning with Miranda for 10 weeks. She is helping us prepare more radio episodes on new topics and cover outreach!

Health Insurance Enrollment

- **Assisted 15 new individuals and families** since April 20, 2019, as well as previously established cases.
  - Mostly Medicaid and KCHIP enrollments/renewals, 4 complete healthcare.gov applications
  - 2 new applicants from the **New Life Day Center**, a day shelter for the homeless
  - 6 **immigrant applicants** from Kentucky Refugee Ministries and other referrals
  - 2 applicants from the Federal Medical Center

Workers’ Rights Team

- **4 claimants** attended a self-help clinic May-June
- Completed assistance with **3 demand letters**
- Helped coordinate national and regional speakers for May Workers’ Rights Task Force meeting
Healthcare Advocacy: Miranda

- Participated in monthly update meetings with the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange.
- Participated in a KHBE workshop and discussion about doing outreach and enrollment with the Justice Involved.
- Attended a meeting of the Consumer Rights & Patient Needs Technical Advisory Committee to Kentucky’s Medicaid Advisory Council, delivered Consumer TAC report to May MAC meeting
- Updated and submitted comments to Kentucky’s Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs regarding Medicaid recipient cost-sharing regulation
- Submitted comments to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in response to the proposed rule that would prohibit “mixed-status” families from living in public or other subsidized housing.
- Connected client to the Public News Service for an interview about Medicaid churn.

Grants Work

- We were rewarded the On the Table Mini-grant for $2,000! We were able to apply for the grant due to our participation in On the Table 2019. Beka wrote the grant. Partner Dan Wu is helping us design “Immigrants Belong Here” signs which this grant will allow us to place in business windows throughout Lexington. If you know business owners who may want a sign, let us know!
- We were awarded a $10,000 from the Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign to fund some of our work doing outreach, community education, story gathering, and advocacy around the proposed change to immigration public charge policy and other federal policies regarding immigrants.
- Miranda gathered materials and wrote the “Boots on the Ground” annual grant report with Rich for the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

Professional Development

Miranda attended:

- Victims Assistance Conference in Frankfort