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Chicago Coalition to end Homelessness

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About the Law Project of the Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness

Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness (CCH) builds community power and advances racial equity through organizing, advocacy, legal assistance, and education. CCH strives to prevent and end homelessness across Chicago and Illinois because housing is a human right. Since 1997, CCH's Law Project has provided comprehensive legal aid services to students, unaccompanied youth, families, and single adults living doubled-up, in shelters, or on the street. Law Project staff represent clients with varied legal needs including educational rights, public benefits, housing, family law, criminal records relief, and accessing identification documents.

Who We Serve

The Law Project serves individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. All are no- to low-income. About a third of CCH clients present multiple legal needs. In FY24, Law Project clients were 71% Black, 17% Latinx, 8% white, 2% Asian/Pacific Islander, and 2% multi-racial or another race; 65% were female, 33% male, 2% gender nonconforming or other gender. Nineteen percent had a disability, 21% were LGBTQ, and 45% of youth clients were unaccompanied, without a parent or guardian.

Some Law Project clients are denied healthcare or removed from lifesaving benefits due to clerical errors. Others are students wrongfully barred for enrolling in their local schools or denied financial aid after becoming homeless. CCH legal staff help people who struggle, often for months or years, to access the care and support they need now.

Our Impact

Last year the Law Project:

- Closed **391** cases for **295** clients, **62%** on behalf of children or youth
- Led efforts to file an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court Case *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, in collaboration with the law firm of Much Shelist, Legal Council for Health Justice, and the Law Center for Better Housing
- Reached **1,243** youth at **129** outreach sessions at youth shelters/drop-ins and high school legal clinics
- Reached **2,005** community members at **24** events, **63** people at adult/family shelters, and **66** people living in outdoor locations
- Distributed **23,440** pieces of know-your-rights materials on legal issues relevant to people impacted by homelessness
- Trained **2,055** attorneys, service providers, and educators at 26 sessions

Recent legislation passed with the support of CCH attorneys includes:

- Requiring Illinois school boards to conduct in-service trainings for all school personnel on how to support students experiencing housing instability (2023)
- Re-establishing a state grant program that allocates funds to support the enrollment, attendance, and success of students experiencing homelessness (2024)
- Protecting renters from landlord retaliation for requesting repairs, reporting code violations, or joining a tenants' union (2024)