

March 2024 Newsletter



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On March 11, MLPB Law & Policy Consultants Sarah Yan and Kate Gannon delivered our **Advocacy Bootcamp** for a group of pediatric residents from Boston Medical Center. The three hour training focused on **immigration**, **housing** and **access to benefits**, and it was a lively discussion. It is heartening to see the residents **embracing social care problem-solving** as integral to their **goals of delivering quality health care**.





Read our new blog post featuring our partnership with DULCE sites in Rhode Island



Jalyn Alzate
DULCE Family Specialist

For the post, Executive Director Amy Copperman interviewed Jalyn Alzate, a DULCE Family Specialist, who speaks enthusiastically about her experiences launching the program. Jalyn's expertise and passion for this work highlights just how transformative this model can be.

Read the Blog Post



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In other Rhode Island news, MLPB is excited to announce the launch of a new partnership with the **Rhode Island Department of Health Office of Family Visiting**. Through this partnership, MLPB Law & Policy Director Jeannine Casselman will be supporting four programs across the state: **First Connections**, **Healthy Families America**, **Nurse-Family Partnership**, and **Parents as Teachers**.

Jeannine will embed at three implementing agencies: <u>Comprehensive Community Action Program</u>, <u>Family Service of Rhode Island</u>, and <u>Connecting for Children & Families</u>. We will be drawing on nearly nine years of experience providing legal-problem solving support to The Children's Trust and Healthy Families Massachusetts. We can't wait to get started!



MLPB recently hosted two students from Roger Williams University School of Law

This month **Desiree James**, a 1L, and **Khalifa Al-Ghanim**, a 3L, spent their Alternative Spring Break with MLPB. They jumped in to attend trainings, observe team meetings, and complete some critical research for us.

We are grateful they chose to donate their time to MLPB!



Federal Digital Digest Update

The <u>Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)</u>, a benefit that helps pay for internet service, is ending. Due to the lack of federal funding, the last fully funded month will be April 2024.

Care teams can direct people to another federal benefit called <u>Lifeline</u>. This program provides discounted phone and internet service to eligible households.



DIGITAL DIGEST

Learn about other federal benefits and legal protections, as well as state-specific information for Massachusetts and Rhode Island by visiting MLPB's Digital Digest.

Care planning, delivery and financing should systemically account for people's legal rights, risks, and remedies. MLPB equips communities of care with legal education and problem-solving insight that fosters preventions, health equity, and human-centered system change. Through training, consultation and technical assistance, we help teams and organizations better connect people to the resources and legal protections they seek.

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