Medical-Legal Partnership Update
The Medical-Legal Partnership for Children
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MLP NEWS

Congratulations to the Community Advocacy Program in Cleveland, OH, a featured grantee of the Local Initiatives Funding Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation! Watch "Beyond Medicine: Removing Legal Barriers to Health" to learn more about CAP.

Call for Abstracts! "Medical-Legal Partnership: A Prescription for Prevention" will feature an accredited poster session on March 12th. Share best practices and innovations with the medical-legal partnership network. Posters should focus on a core area of: capacity and sustainability (including service delivery), evaluation, systemic advocacy or training and education. Posters presented at other conferences (AAP, STFM, APA) are welcome! Abstracts are due December 15, 2007. What is a poster session? Ask your medical champion for more info!

TOOLS AND RESOURCES

Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity, an initiative sponsored by The Annie E. Casey Foundation and The Eos Foundation, was launched to focus attention on poverty issues during the 2008 presidential campaign and encourage candidates to discuss their ideas and views on how to reduce poverty and increase opportunities for all Americans.


SITE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Community Advocacy Program (CAP) of Cleveland, OH, is a partnership of MetroHealth Medical Center and The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. Established in 2002, CAP began serving patients in January 2003. CAP is led by legal champion Mallory Curran, JD, and medical champions Robert Cohn, MD, and E. Harry Walker, MD. CAP continues to serve the pediatric population at MetroHealth while expanding their medical-legal partnership into new clinical settings including recent immigrants, re-entry for formerly incarcerated persons and geriatrics.

Legal Services Offered: Income supports, health, disability benefits, education, housing, immigration, family law, and consumer. Referral Sources: CAP receives referrals from pediatrics at MetroHealth Medical Center, and pediatrics, family practice, internal medicine, and OB/GYN at MetroHealth Broadway, Buckeye, and McCafferty Health Centers. CAP will begin to accept referrals from geriatrics at Broadway and Buckeye in 2008. Training: CAP provides regular trainings for front-line health care staff and developed pre- and post- test training assessment for providers. Evaluation: CAP is being evaluated by the Center for Reducing Health Disparities. Evaluation incorporates feedback from patients, medical providers, and legal providers. The evaluation is IRB-approved.
Regional Collaboration: CAP is one of six medical-legal partnership sites to form the Ohio Medical-Legal Partnership Task Force (OMLP). Established in January 2007, OMLP works to cultivate medical-legal partnerships in Ohio and develop a statewide advocacy agenda and evaluation tools.


The Medical-Legal Partnership for Children (MLPC) is a program of the Department of Pediatrics at Boston Medical Center and the BU School of Medicine. For more information, please visit our website: www.mlpforchildren.org

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