

COLORADO POVERTY LAW PROJECT

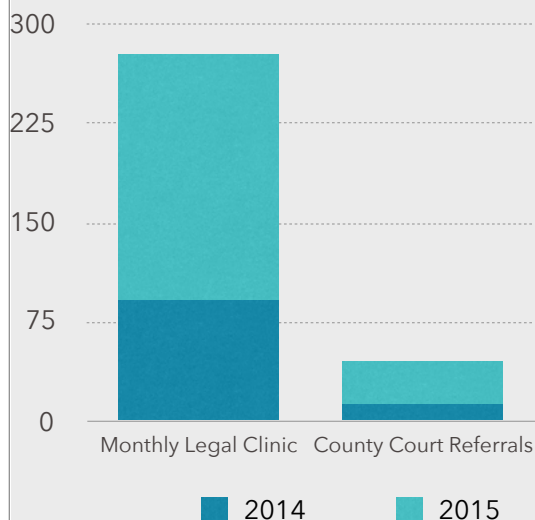
Dates for the 2016 Clinic

The monthly legal clinic will continue to take place on the third Wednesday of each month from 4-6 PM.

2016 Clinic Dates		
January 20	February 17	March 16
April 20	May 18	June 15
July 20	August 17	September 21
October 19	November 16	December 21

2014 v. 2015 Statistics

How we helped!

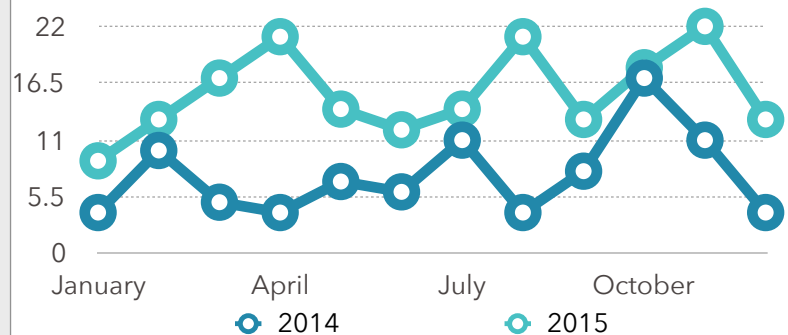


A Year In Review

It has been a busy year for the Colorado Poverty Law Project! CPLP has continued to grow the breadth and depth of our services to help the critically indigent tackle legal barriers to avoid or transition from homelessness. In 2015, CPLP doubled the number of people we saw in monthly legal clinics at Stout Street Health Center, began our *Pro Bono* Eviction Program, facilitated two continuing legal education trainings on eviction issues, and hosted our first fundraiser event.

During 2015, CPLP volunteers helped close to 200 individuals during our monthly legal clinics at Stout Street! This is double the number of individuals that we saw in 2014. Thank you to our reliable and dedicated

Monthly Legal Clinic Attendance



volunteers for making this possible!

CPLP also implemented a first-of-its-kind *Pro Bono* Eviction Program with the Denver County Court to help indigent individuals defend eviction proceedings. During 2015, the Self Represented Litigant Center at the Denver County Court referred over 30 eviction cases to

For more information or to contact us

Please check out our website if you are interested in donating or volunteering with CPLP.

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Looking towards 2016

In 2016, CPLP plans to continue to grow its current programs, as well as develop additional tools and resources for individuals facing poor housing conditions and homelessness in Colorado.

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CPLP Volunteers to take on *pro bono* basis.

In an effort to provide our volunteer attorneys with the legal



knowledge to take on these eviction cases for the first time, CPLP facilitated two CLE trainings on eviction issues. We were fortunate to have Les Ebert of Colorado Legal Services present at our Spring 2015 CLE and Judge Espinosa and Judge Gonzales

of Denver County Court present at our Fall 2015 CLE.

The spring of 2015 also included CPLP's first fundraising event. In May 2015, Julie Snyder of NPR's *This American Life* and *Serial* came to Colorado and spoke to two sold out shows at the Denver Art Museum. We were able to raise over \$15,000 through ticket sales from the event and use these proceeds to hire Caitlin Finn, Esq. as our Executive Director.

We are incredibly grateful that we were able to assist over 200 people in 2015. As always, thank you to our volunteers, Colorado Poverty Law Project's success is because of you!

Please consider supporting CPLP's work in 2016 with a donation through our website or by email (see left column for more information). CPLP is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible. We appreciate your support!

Client Success Story

Eviction can equate to a sentence of homelessness. This is especially true for the indigent and disabled as an eviction often results in forfeiture of an individual's subsidized housing and other benefits. Obtaining other housing also becomes increasingly more difficult when an individual has an eviction on their credit record. Unfortunately, many individuals are subject

to eviction procedures even when they have meritorious defenses simply because they do not know their rights or are not able to effectively represent themselves in court.

Y. R., a young Spanish-speaking mother of five, faced eviction preceding under such circumstances. An eviction complaint had been filed against her for failure to pay rent after her husband was arrested and put in jail for domestic violence. While safe from domestic abuse, the arrest and imprisonment of Y.R.'s husband put Y.R. in dire circumstances as he was the sole breadwinner for the family while Y.R. cared for their young children. However, the landlord had also engaged in improper self-help remedies like turning off the heat in the apartment to force Y.R. and her children out after her husband's arrest. Based on these facts, CPLP Volunteers were able to negotiate a non-judgment settlement that allowed Y.M. time to move out and find somewhere else to live and to avoid an eviction judgment on her record.