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The Milwaukee Justice Center continues to serve an important role in civil legal aid within Milwaukee County. Our co-missions of assisting self-represented individuals in their civil matter and educating students on access to justice issues in our community gives the MJC opportunity to affect the legal experience of tens of thousands of people each year. This only happens, however, with the involvement of hundreds of you--our partners, volunteers, donors, and friends. Thank you for your support, commitment, and care that you share with the MJC.

We hope you enjoy a look at the MJC's efforts in 2018. Thank you for your support and interest. We truly could not do all of this great work without you!

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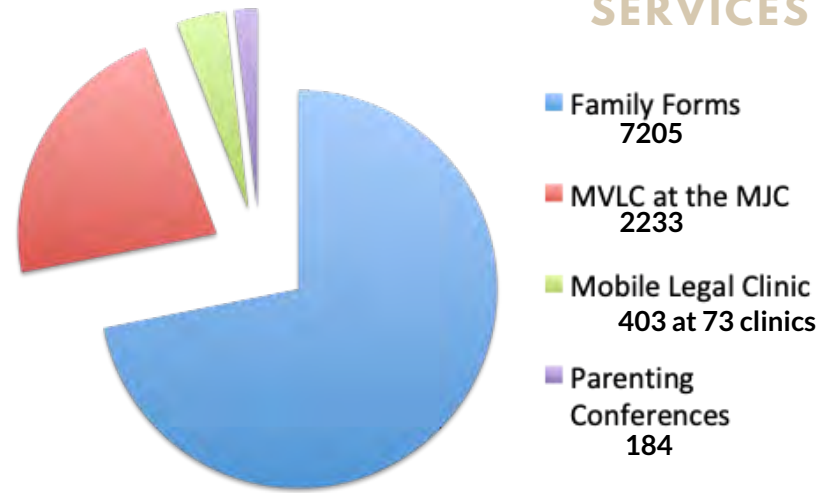
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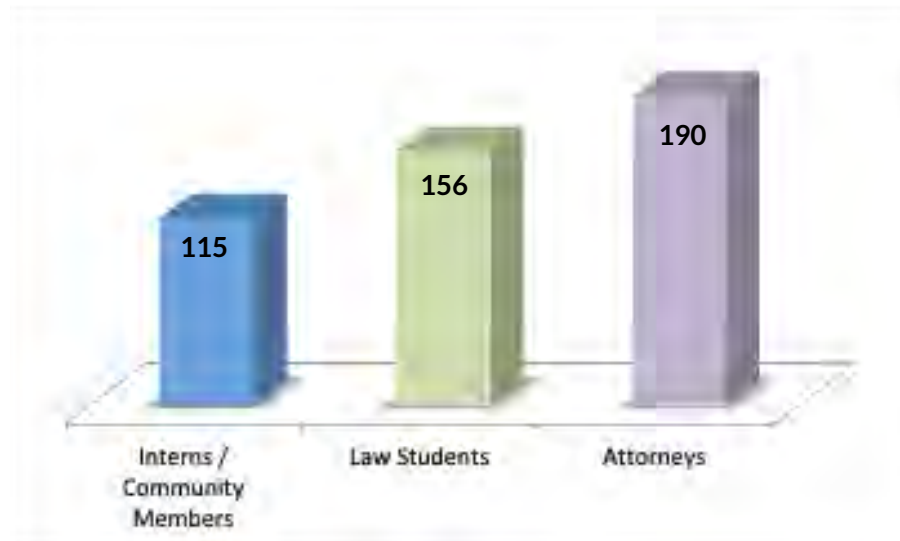
Year in Review BY THE NUMBERS

416 volunteers gave **11,834** *pro bono* hours to assist **10,025** people for a total of **\$1.15 million** in free legal services provided to our Milwaukee neighbors.

SERVICES



VOLUNTEERS



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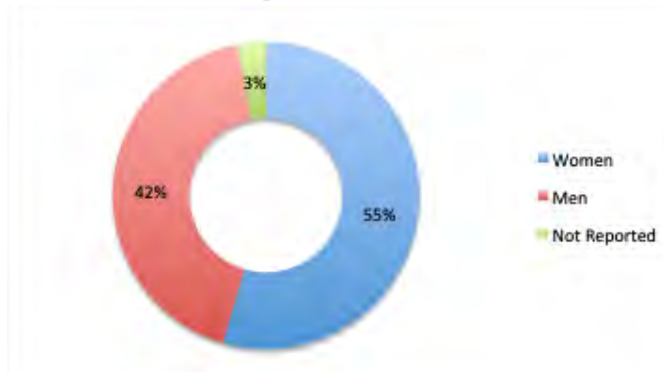
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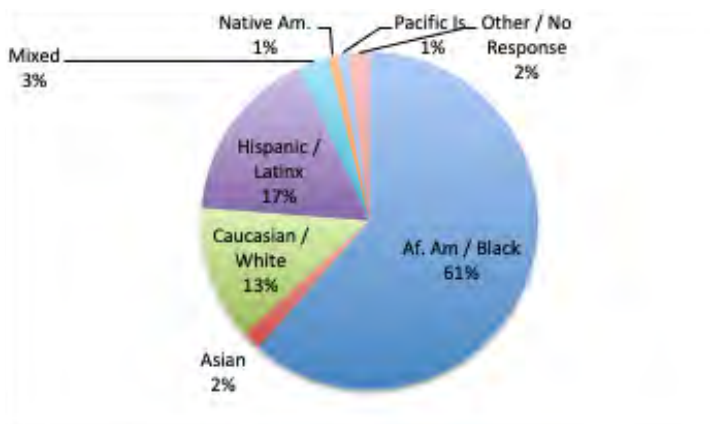
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Year in Review ABOUT THE PEOPLE WE SERVE

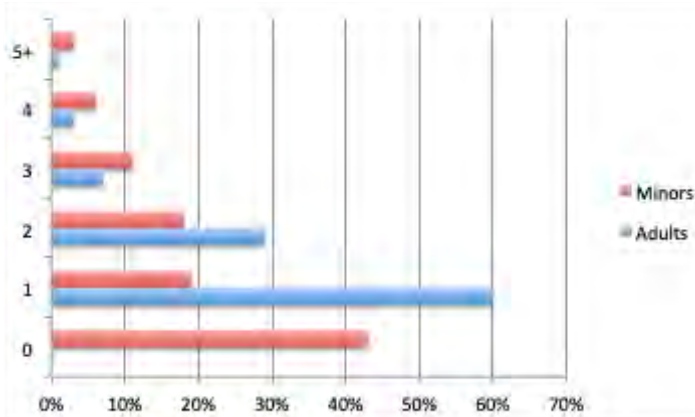
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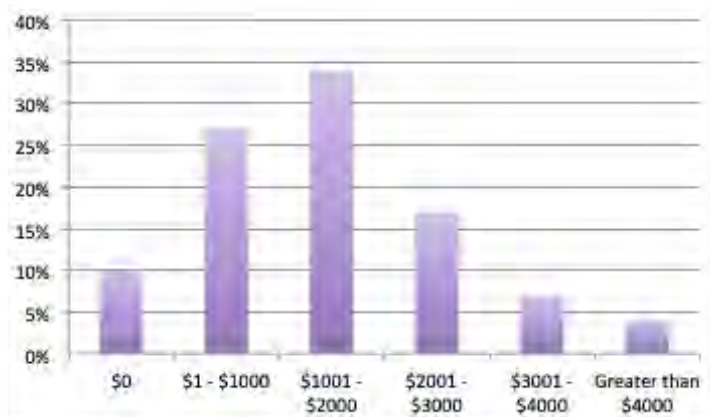
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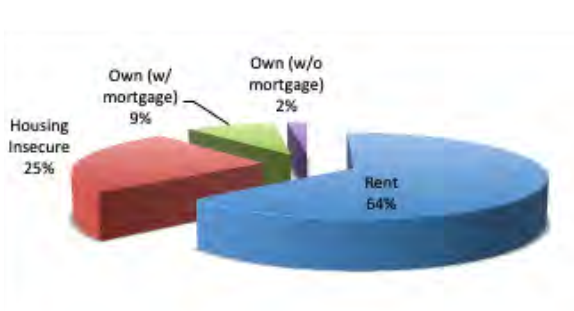
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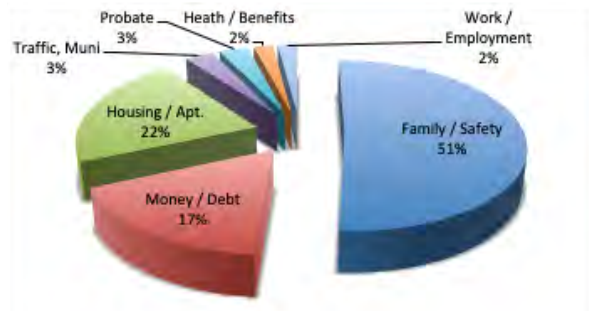
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HOUSING STATUS



MOST COMMON LEGAL ISSUES



Together, we make a difference

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O'Neill Cannon Hollman DeJong & Laing, volunteers who chair the annual Run for Justice Committee

2018 Mobile Legal Clinic Host Site Partners

16th St. Clinic-Parkway	Meta House
Bradley Crossing	Milwaukee Islamic Dawah Center
City on a Hill	Milwaukee Public Libraries
Despensa de la Paz	Milwaukee Rescue Mission
Dominican Center	Muslim Community Health Clinic
Hope House	Puerto Rican Family Fest
Interchange Food Pantry	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Back to School Festival
Jericho Church without Walls	Riverwest Food Pantry
Juneteenth Community Celebration	St. John's Lutheran Church, West Milwaukee
Marshall High School	Washington Park Senior Center





On the road

MJC MOBILE LEGAL CLINIC

The Mobile Legal Clinic had its largest year of service since it began in 2013!

403 clients assisted in brief legal advice

245 people provided referral information

73 different clinics were held from February through November

149 attorney volunteers gave 304 hours of *pro bono* services

Since beginning this program in July 2015 in partnership with Milwaukee County Child Support Services, a total of **471 conferences have been scheduled.**

40% (186) resulted in full agreement

24% (113) only one party attended and a motion to modify was completed

20% (92) no show / no call by either party

Remaining 16% were rescheduled, parties developed agreement before conference occurred, canceled in advance, or no agreement was reached and no motion filed

PARENTING CONFERENCES

a three year assessment

80+% agreement rate when both parties attend the conference



What they say

VOLUNTEER VOICES

"I realized just how impossible being a pro se litigant would be without volunteers."
~ Steven, Marquette Law

"I learned that [the self-represented individual's experience] is very time consuming. There are so many little things, that have nothing to do with the legal experience, which impact the [them] and make the work they are trying to accomplish even more difficult."

~Haley, Marquette Law

"[My internship] helped to expand my experience and how I can be a better listener. I learned many things...and was able to use information I learned to reflect on how I want to redirect my life and career path."

~Kanthicha, UW-Milwaukee

"I am an introvert and thought that it would be hard to communicate with [people], but I am enjoying it very much and like hear their stories. I learned to listen actively and be present. I also learned to believe in myself and that I can learn anything I put my mind to.",

~Sugeiry, UW-Milwaukee



What they say

CLIENT COMMENTS

"Thank you guys for helping me. It's been very stressful. I feel a lot lighter with help that was made. Tears of joy."

~ Teresa D., assisted by volunteer attorney Mary P. and Marquette Law Student, Xavier

"...I don't know what I would have done without their help here. They are truly a blessing for those of that gets the chance to use them. Thank you!!!"

~ Kevin A., assisted by volunteer attorney JJ and Marquette Law Student, Rohit.

"Honestly, a service like this provided to people...is superbly wonderful. Very gracious I am and so should be all others who receive information on confusing, trouble court matters that the common person will not understand so well..."

~ Phillip R., assisted by volunteer attorney Kathy C., and Marquette Law Student Emily

"I am very grateful for the voluntary service that you provide. I got all that was needed in minutes from friendly and professional people....Thank you very much for your time."

~Geoff S., assisted by volunteer attorney, Josh G., and Marquette Law Student, Rohit.



Oh, What a Night!

8TH ANNUAL RUN FOR JUSTICE

A beautiful evening at the lakefront welcomed the largest crowd ever for the Milwaukee Justice Center Run for Justice.

301 Registered Participants
\$13,582 raised for the MJC

June 20, 2018

2018 JON ALLEN PACE SETTER AWARD *Volunteer of the Year Awards*

Attorney Volunteer

Kathy Charlton,
Hawks Quindel

Law Student Volunteer

Matthew Sowden, 2L
Marquette Law

Intern/Community Member

Grace Kreuser,
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\$25,000+

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