Justice & Health Partnerships

Eastern and Central Region Transformation Project

Project Lead: CALC with partners Stormont, Glengarry & Dundas LC, Kingston CLC, Northumberland CLC & Peterborough CLC

Change We Are Trying to Create

New partnerships with primary health car providers, especially in areas

Develop **promising practices** to improve impact & reach of legal help including "**trusted intermediary" partnerships**

Develop & advocate for **policy tools** for systemic analysis of adverse impact

Improve health outcomes and lower health costs

Short Term Deliverables

National
Presentation at the University of Saskatchewan
Meds & Law - A2J week in October 2017

Provincial
Created and co-chair **Community of Practice**
25+ members from East, Central and Southwest

Regional
15+ shared resources & presentations
3 supported partnerships
Presentations at **Fall 2016 & Spring 2018**
Eastern Region Training

Local
8 Partnerships
150 Healthcare Providers Trained
250+ Rural Referrals
93% Early Intervention
16 placement students from health disciplines

Local Impact

Over 500 referrals received from healthcare providers (HCPs) - 10x as many as before the project launch.

50% of referrals are from rural areas, an underserved population.

50% of referrals have not accessed help from the legal clinic before. This jumps to **64%** when looking exclusively at rural referrals.

We have trained closed to **120** HCPs how to spot poverty law issues.

We have been able to intervene early and prevent problems from escalating in **93%** of referrals.

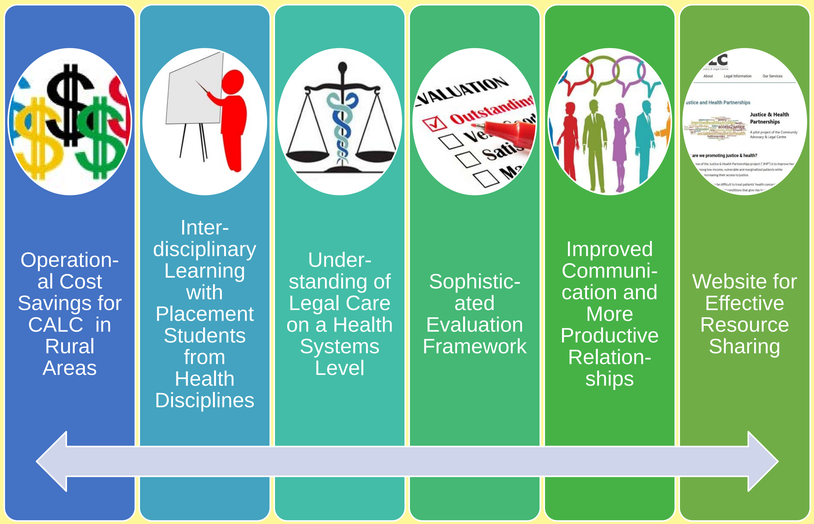
Nearly **90%** of HCPs reported they were better able to identify legal issues because of the project, and were more likely to refer their clients to legal help.

The project is valued by our HCPs. 94% reported the project is helpful to them. 97% reported the project is helpful to their patients.

"The Justice and Health network has **changed the way that we think about client problems**. It makes us think we have hopeful resources for them. It is **empowering** for them to get help to resolve a problem. The **legal clinic is extremely welcoming**, open to providing support in whatever way that would be helpful to us. **The heart that they bring to it is so evident**."

– Healthcare Provider 2017

Unexpected Value Added



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PLE Learning Exchange Ontario

Published a blog on the PLE learning exchange, & maintain the KnowledgeNow space for the Health & Justice Community of Practice

Legal health

Prescribing legal help: Intervening early to improve patient health

Posted on: October 26, 2016 Posted in: Legal health

Guest author Michele Leering, Executive Director of Community Advocacy & Legal Centre in Belleville, Ontario, joins us today to tell us more information about libraries and justice partnerships. Justice and health partnerships have emerged as important new strategy for improving "legal health", and for increasing access to justice for people living on a low […]

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Next steps to legal health

Posted on: February 16, 2016 Posted in: Legal health

The Legal Health Check-Up project that was developed by Halton Community Legal Services in Halton Region is expanding to an additional nine community legal clinics in the southwestern Ontario region.

Read more

SASKATCHEWAN ACCESS TO JUSTICE WEEK OCTOBER 16-21

Lecture on Expanding Engagement: **Creating Connections Between Delivery of Justice and Health Services**

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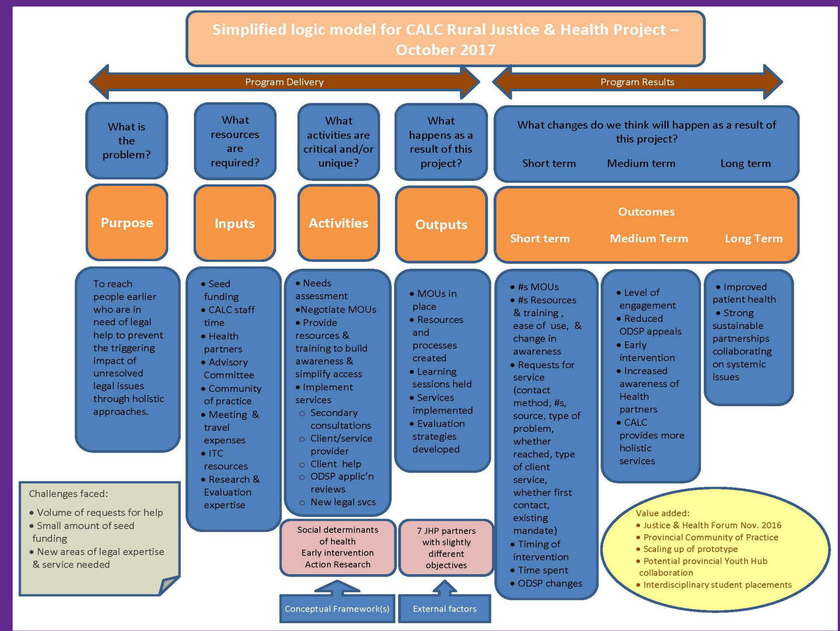
Getting recognition on a national level: we were invited to present on Ontario's health and justice network at the University of Saskatchewan's A2J week in Oct 2017

We created a website to facilitate resource sharing with healthcare providers: www.communitylegalcentre.ca/JHP



Future Intentions

1) **Developing** JHP Initiatives in the East & Central Region, Supporting Initiatives Province-Wide
2) **Expanding** the Local Project to Mental Health Agencies, Hospitals, Sole Practitioners
3) **Leading** Interdisciplinary Learning, Transforming How Legal Services Are Viewed & Connected to SDOH
4) **Tracking Progress** Nationally and in Other Countries

April 19 Spring Conference workshop: Improving Legal Health: How to Build a Justice & Health Partnership (hosted by ECRTP Medical Legal TAG/Justice & Health COP)