

# Health Center Medical-Legal Partnership Environmental Scan



## KICKOFF WEBINAR

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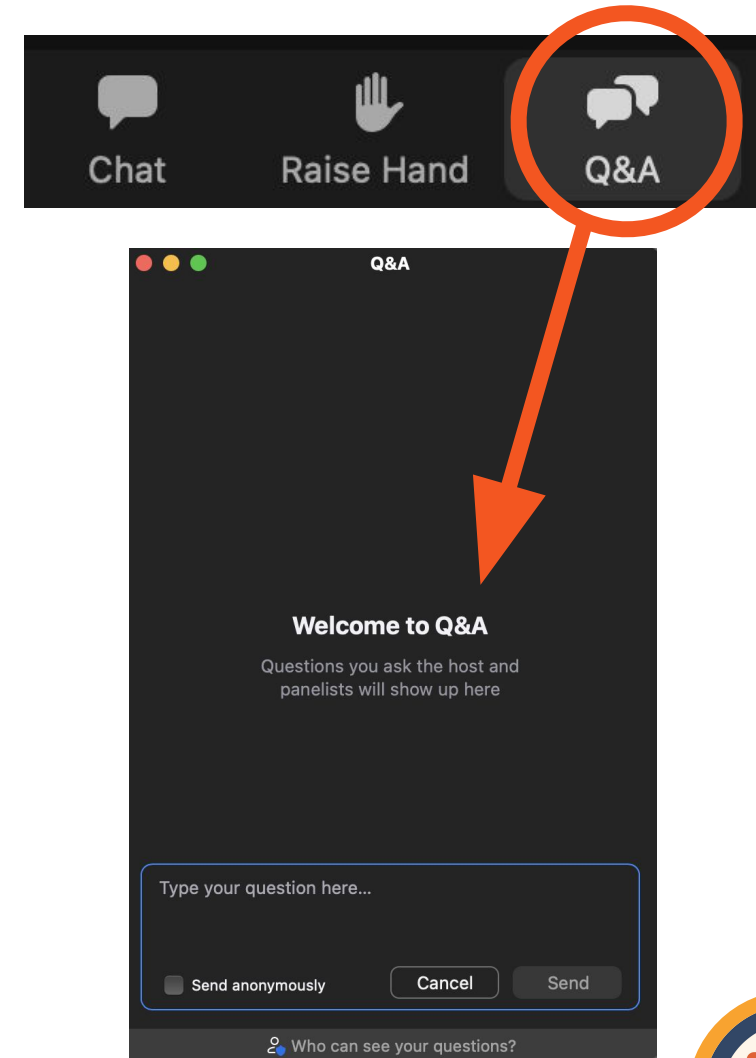
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# Meet NCMLP's Environmental Scan Team



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# Today's Special Guest



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# Objectives

Through our funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), we focus significant effort in the health center community, providing training and technical assistance to health centers, HCCNs, and PCAs on three main objectives:

1. *Population Health* by increasing the number of health centers that address health related legal needs of patients to improve population and community health;
2. *Health Equity* by increasing the number of patients screened for unmet legal needs that may affect health outcomes; and
3. *Building Medical-Legal Partnerships (MLPs)* by increasing the number of health centers that implement MLPs to address the social determinants of health (SDOH). Currently, there are over 163 health center-based MLPs that have helped communities address health related legal needs of patients.





**WHY NOW?**

# Needs Landscape

- Increase in select social and supportive services since the start of the pandemic
- Increase in patients seeking legal services
- Health centers adapt to growing needs but not without challenges
- Using enabling services funds to support MLP services for health center patients





# What does a typical health center with an MLP look like?



Health centers with MLPs tend to have larger staff, higher patient volumes, and a greater number of sites than health centers without MLPs.



MLPs tend to be found in health centers in large urban cities, but the number of MLPs in rural situation health centers is growing.

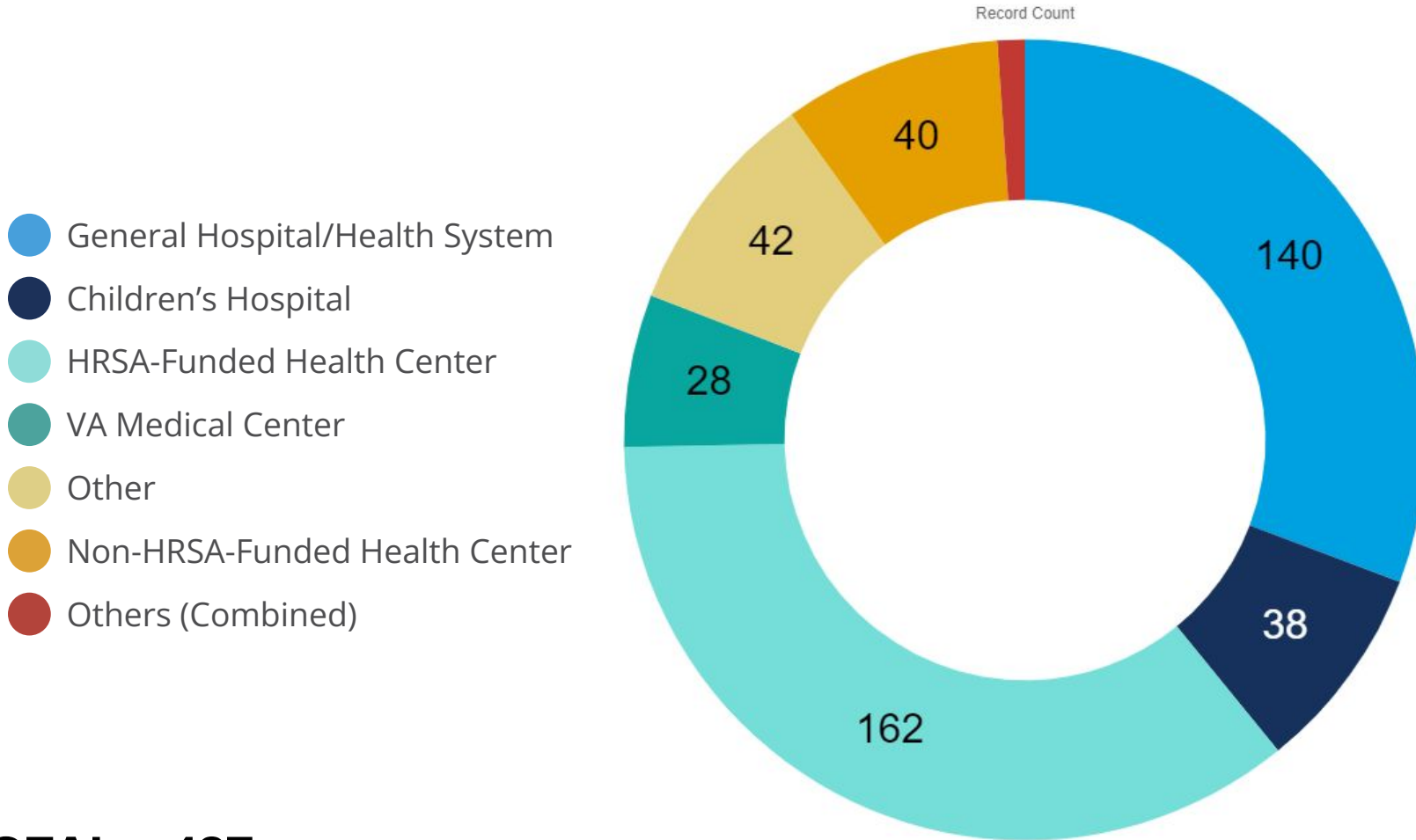


Health centers with MLPs typically have larger budgets than health centers without MLPs.



Health centers with MLPs typically utilize health IT to coordinate or provide enabling services more often than health centers without MLPs (79% versus 65%).

# Medical-Legal Partnerships Count



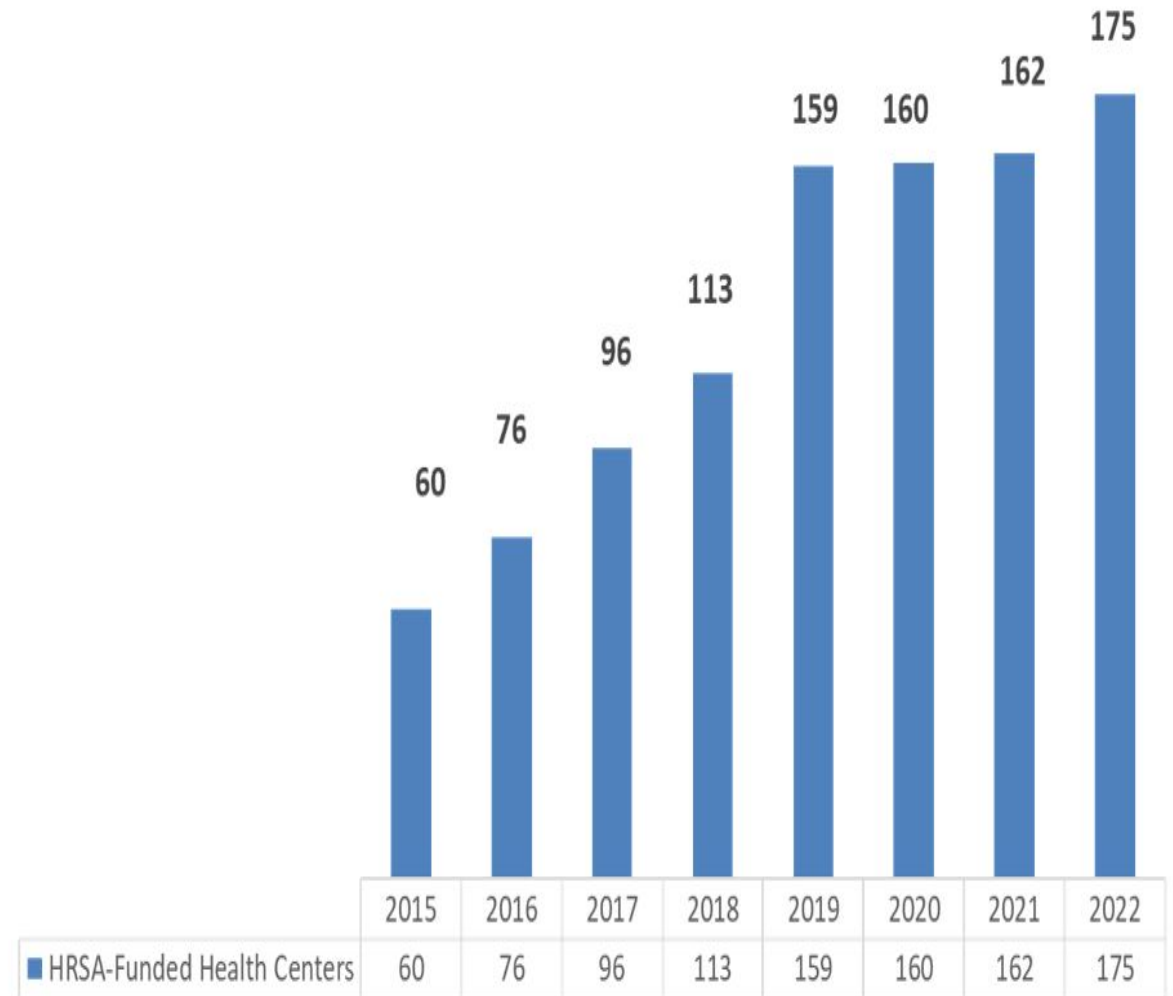
Data Note: Data from NCMLP database and current as of September 2022. Non-HRSA-Funded health center includes: FQHC Look-Alikes, free clinics, primary care clinics, student-run free clinics, community-based health centers, dental clinics, mobile health centers, country health departments, and community-based clinics, and religiously affiliated health centers. Other includes: Behavioral health clinics, outpatient specialty clinics, academic research institutes, military family clinics, and Medicaid managed care organizations.

**TOTAL = 487**



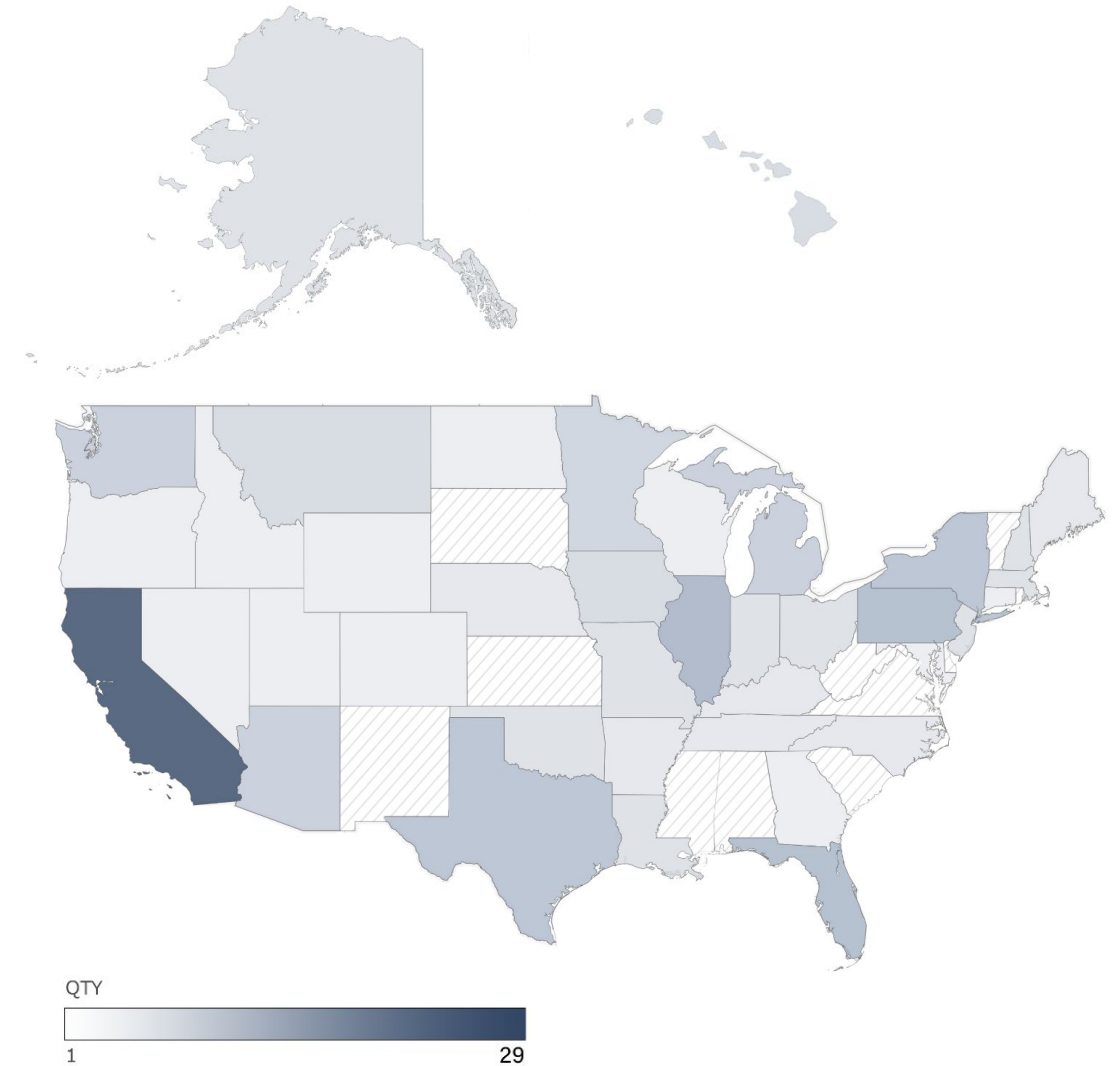
# Growth of Medical-Legal Partnerships in Health Centers

- Data sources:
  - MLP yearly surveys;
  - Salesforce database;
  - T/TA of field
- Number of active MLPs have tripled since 2015
- Significant increase in 2016 and 2018
- Health centers are an area of growth for MLPs



# Health Centers with MLPs Map

- Health centers operate in 39 States and D.C
- Top States with health center based MLPs: CA, IL, NY, PA, TX, WA, FL
- In general, located in:
  - underserved area
  - high medicaid site
  - high uninsured site

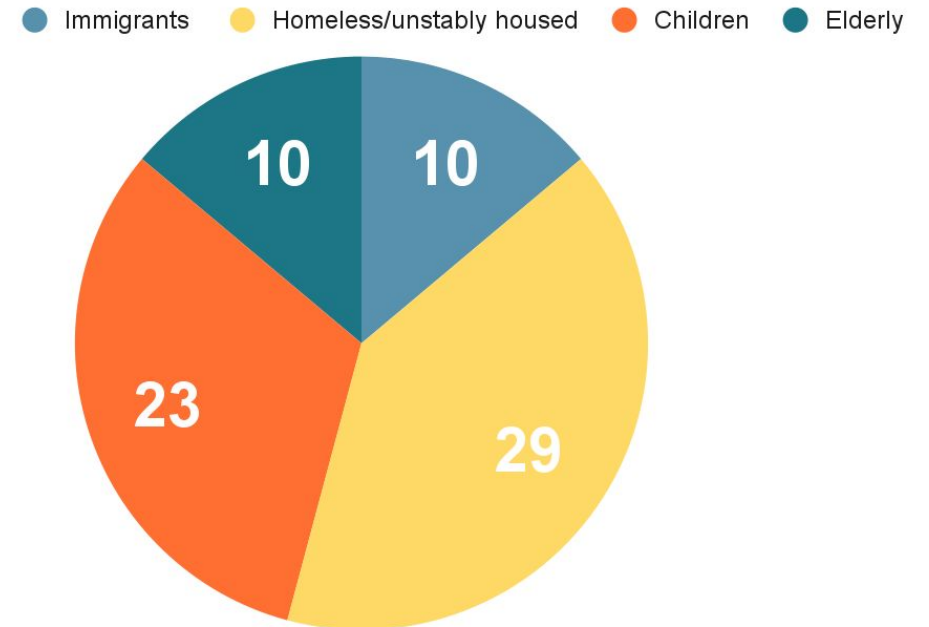


Source: Data extracted from NCMLP Salesforce database in September 2022

# Health Center MLPs population served

- Children (14%)
- Homeless/unstably housed (17%)
- Elderly (6%)
- Immigrants (6%)

Population Served



Source: NCMLP Salesforce Database. Data extracted in September 2022

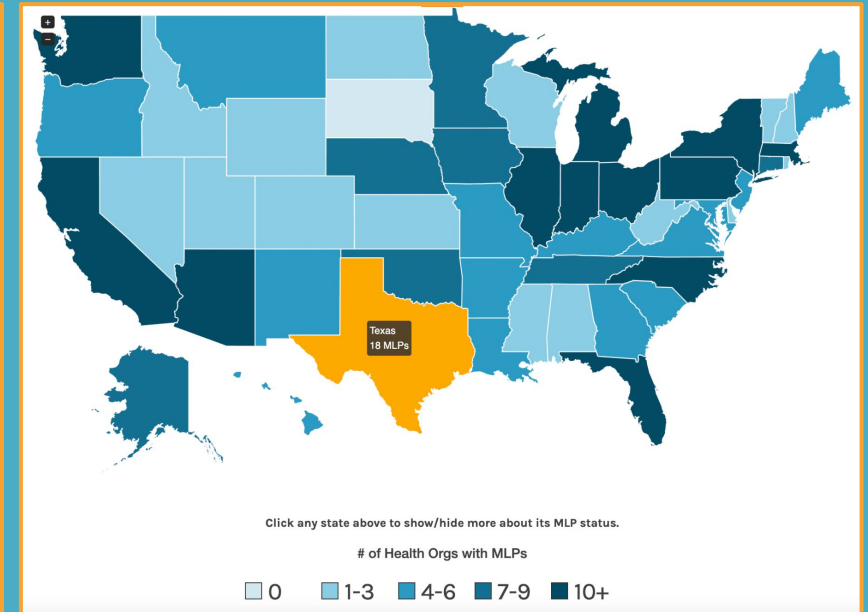
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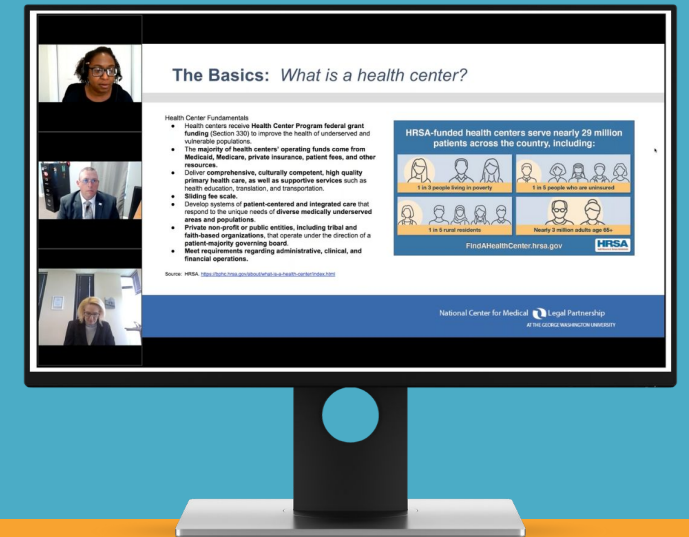
# SCAN KICKOFF

# NCMLP Performs Periodic Scans To:

- monitor development of new MLPs
- build a network of MLP practitioners and experts
- develop better resources to support MLP advancement and sustainability



Results are used to inform the MLP map, reports, & training/technical assistance work.





# 2022 Scan Fast Facts

- Focused on Health Center (HC) Based MLPs
- **Separate instruments** for legal and health care providers
- Sent directly to:
  - HC contacts in our database
  - PCAs, HCCNs
  - NLADA
- Select data will be shared via a **fact sheet and webinar** presentation

**Non-HC MLPs:  
Please keep us  
informed!**



# Timeline

**TODAY**

**OCTOBER 31**

**WINTER 2022**

**SPRING 2023**

Kickoff Webinar &  
Instruments Open

Instruments Close

Data Validation &  
Analysis

Findings Webinar &  
Fact Sheet  
Publication

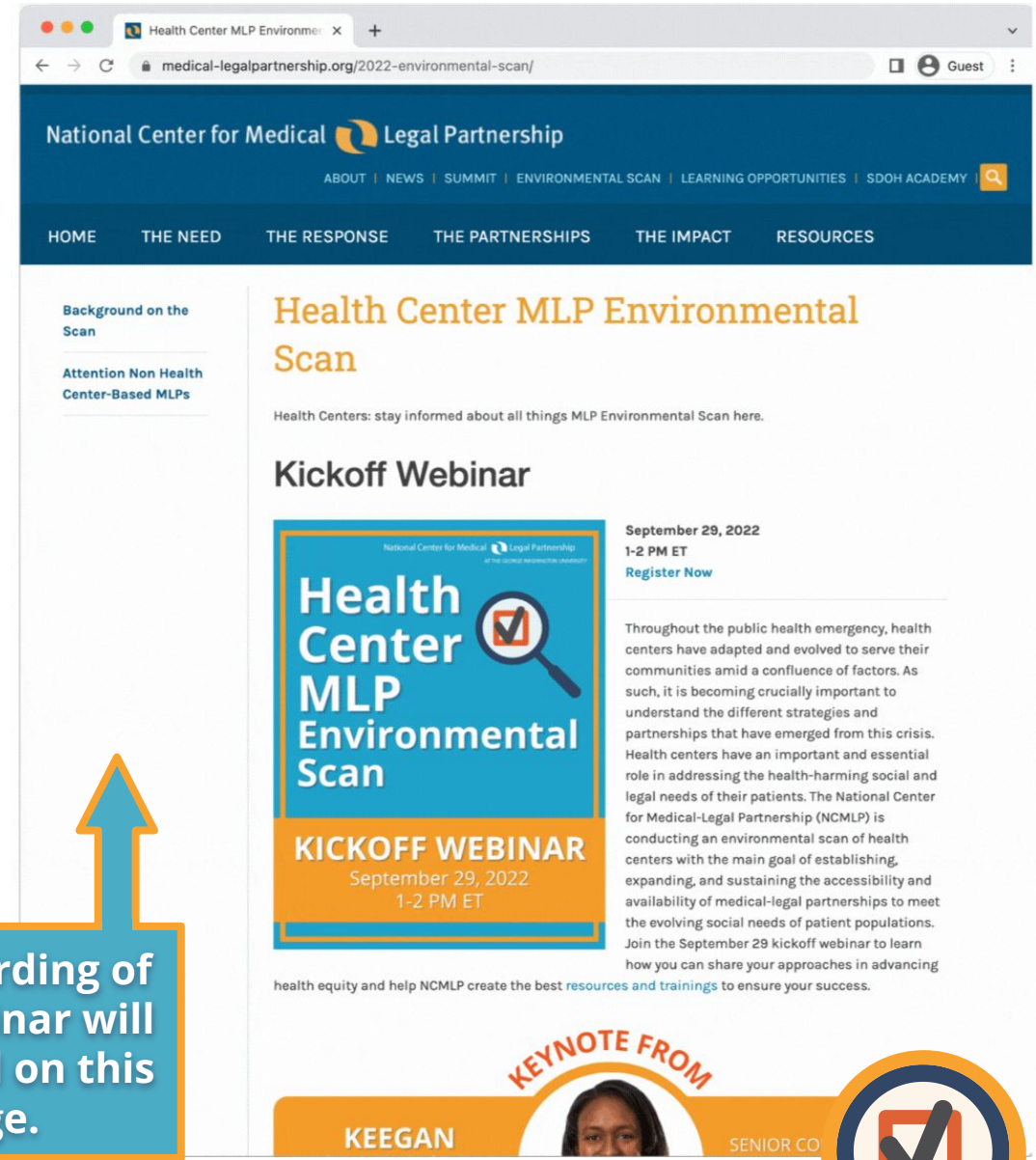


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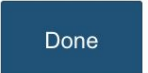
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[medical-legalpartnership.org/2022-environmental-scan/](https://medical-legalpartnership.org/2022-environmental-scan/)

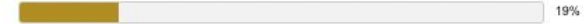
Once live, there will be a links/sections indicating Health Care Partner or Legal Partner.

The recording of this webinar will be linked on this page.



# Completing the Scan

1. The instruments are hosted through SurveyMonkey.
2. Your **responses will be saved** every time you click  to move to the next page.
3. You **MUST** complete the instrument **on the same computer** or device that you begin it on.
4. Responses will not be submitted until you select .



13. Do you provide legal services on-site at any of your MLP's healthcare partner(s) facilities?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

14. Do you have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or another formal legal agreement with your MLP's healthcare partner organization?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. Over the last 12-month period, has anyone from your organization met with any of the following groups to discuss MLP activities?

|   | Yes                   | No                    | Don't know            |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Healthcare Partner(s)<br>CEO, COO, other senior leadership              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Healthcare Partner(s)<br>Board of Directors                             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Healthcare Partner(s)<br>General Counsel                                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Legal Aid Organization<br>Executive Director or other senior leadership | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Legal Aid Organization<br>Board of Directors                            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

16. MLP healthcare organization(s) often include their legal partner in team discussions about specific in order to provide efficient and effective integrated care.



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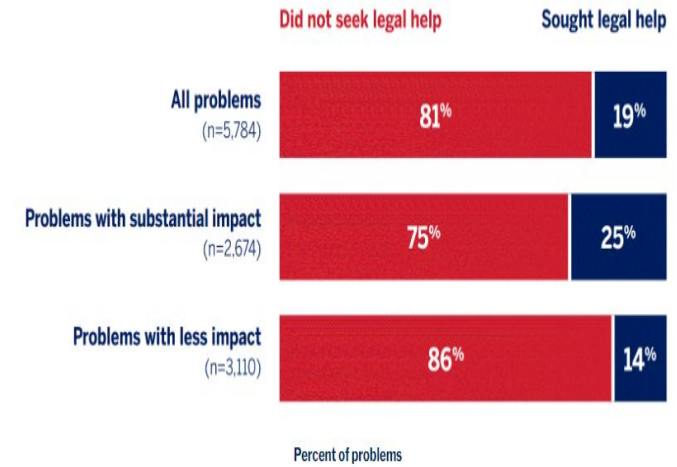


# APPENDIX

# The Legal Needs Landscape

- 3 in 4 low-income American households experienced at least one civil legal problem in the past year
- People are more likely to seek legal help for problems that are more obviously “legal”
- Low-income Americans did not receive any legal help or enough legal help for 92% of the problems that substantially impacted them in the past year
- When seeking legal help, low-income Americans did not receive all of the help they needed for 66% of their substantial problems

Figure 4A. Percent of problems for which low-income Americans sought legal help in the past year<sup>34</sup>

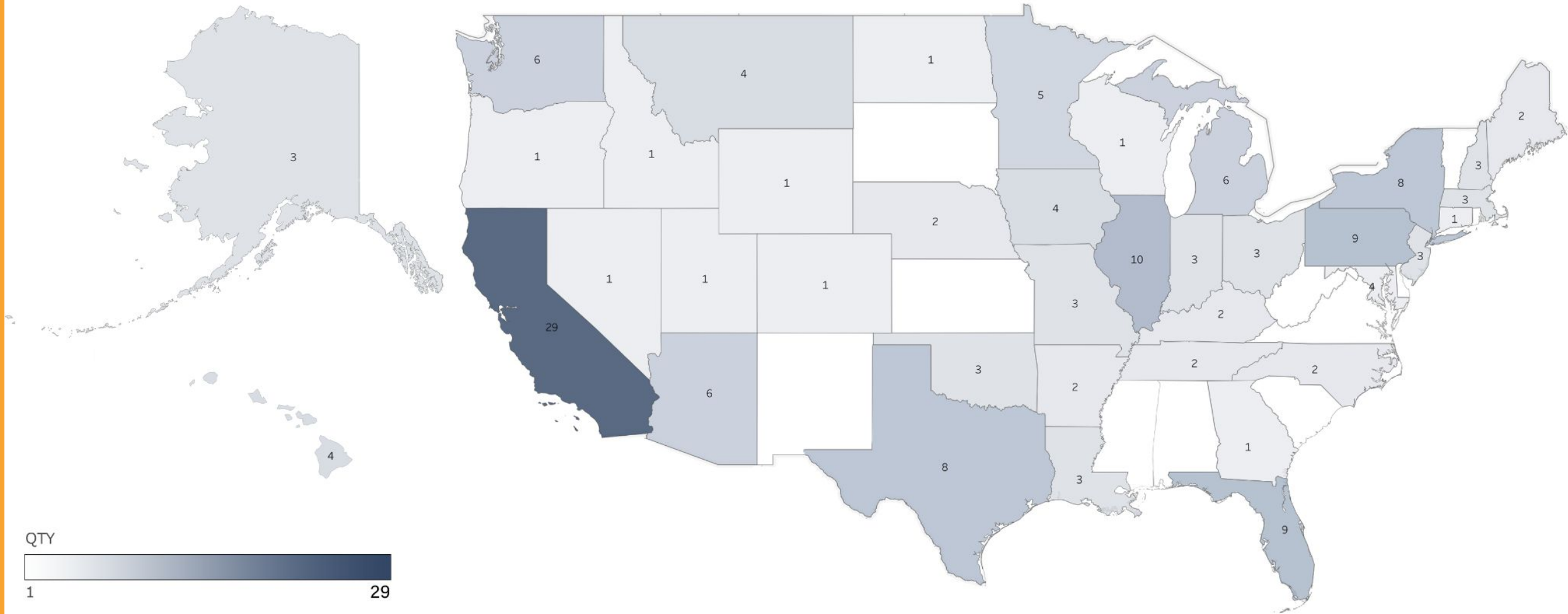


Low-income Americans sought legal help for **25%** of the civil legal problems that substantially impacted them in the

Source: Legal Services Corporation. 2022. The Justice Gap: The Unmet Civil Legal Needs of Low-income Americans. Prepared by Mary C. Slosar, Slosar Research, LLC.



# Map of FQHCs with MLPs (Slide 14)





# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

This report is based on a national survey of health care organizations and legal organizations actively operating medical-legal partnerships. The surveys were conducted by the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership for the 2016 calendar year.

This report also describes: (1) the characteristics of organizations participating in medical-legal partnerships; (2) the populations screened for social determinants of health and referred for legal services; (3) resources organizations dedicate to medical-legal partnership activities, (4) how medical-legal partnerships integrate and deliver services and share information; and (5) the ways these programs advance health and well-being.

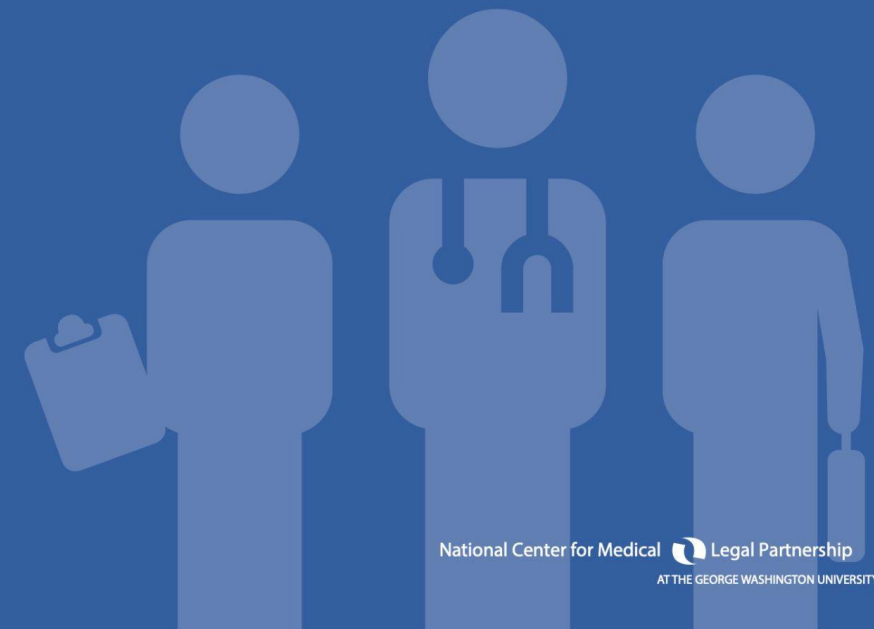
*Learn more at:*

[medical-legalpartnership.org/mlp-resources/2016-ncmlp-survey-report/](http://medical-legalpartnership.org/mlp-resources/2016-ncmlp-survey-report/)

# THE STATE OF THE Medical-Legal Partnership Field

AUGUST 2017

Findings from the 2016 National Center for  
Medical-Legal Partnership Surveys



This report is the result of the combined experience of the [Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance](#) team and their 2019-2020 mixed methods survey of medical-legal partnerships (MLPs) operating with at least one academic partner. Using the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership's original eight core elements of MLP as a backdrop to their study, the team defines how the academic medical-legal partnership (A-MLP) adheres to and deviates from these elements and formally recognizes three components unique to A-MLP.

Specifically, the team finds that A-MLPs focus on 1) educating pre-professional learners, 2) intentionally creating interprofessional learning environments, and 3) contributing to the evidence base for the MLP model as a health equity intervention.

*Learn more at:*

[medical-legalpartnership.org/mlp-resources/academic-mlp-report/](https://medical-legalpartnership.org/mlp-resources/academic-mlp-report/)

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