Snapshot of New Haven Legal Assistance

- Founded in 1964
- Non-profit law firm
- 41 staff, including 21 lawyers
- Main office on Orange Street in New Haven; Satellite office in Derby
- Cities and Towns we serve: Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden (elderly clients only), Milford, New Haven, North Haven, North Branford, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, Wallingford, West Haven, and Woodbridge
Our Mission

- We provide high quality legal services to people who could not otherwise obtain legal assistance because of income, age, disability, or discrimination.
Our Connecticut Legal Aid Network

- 3 large full scale legal aid programs in Connecticut (New Haven Legal Assistance, Greater Hartford Legal Aid, and Connecticut Legal Services)
- Small substantive focused programs
- www.CTLawHelp.org
What We Do At LAA

- Housing: evictions, housing conditions
- Family: domestic violence victims
- Child law: abuse and neglect; education
- Immigration: undocumented immigrants in need of immigration relief
- Employment: workers’ rights, including wage theft
- Benefits: disability benefits
- Community and Economic Development: affordable housing, grassroots efforts, nonprofit issues
- Criminal: individuals whose criminal record interferes with their civil legal issue
Our Representation

➢ Individual legal representation
  ➢ Opened 3,974 cases in the last three years

➢ Administrative and Legislative Advocacy
  ➢ Lobbying, community organizing, campaigns

➢ Community Outreach
  ➢ Know Your Rights
  ➢ Training community providers
Cities and Towns Breakdown

Lower Naugatuck Valley: 6%
Shoreline: 3%
North Haven, East Haven, and Wallingford: 7%
Hamden and Cheshire: 5%
Milford, Orange, Woodbridge, Bethany: 3%
West Haven: 9%
New Haven: 58%
Our Clients (Demographics)

- 125% of the federal poverty level
  - Eg. Family of 4: $32,188 annual income

- Race/Ethnicity:
  - African American: 36%
  - White: 25%
  - Hispanic: 32%
Our Clients (Demographics)

- Age Breakdown
  - 0-5: 10%
  - 6-18: 23%
  - 19-24: 4%
  - 25-64: 54%
  - 64 and over: 9%
Getting Our Cases
Our Funding

- $4.6 million annual budget
- 27 different funding sources
- State funding: 58.5% of our annual budget
- Individual donors and foundations: 35% of annual budget
Our Challenges

- Meeting the demand
- Funding
- Transferring knowledge to next generation of legal aid attorneys
LAA Staff
Room For All Coalition
2018 Freddy Fixer Parade