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ADVANCING HEALTH THROUGH JUSTICE

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

LEGAL PARTNERING FOR CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH

An Opportunity and Call to Action for Early Childhood Systems

[The Center for the Study of Social Policy \(CSSP\)](#) has published a timely and ground-breaking brief: [Legal Partnering for Child and Family Health: An Opportunity and Call to Action for Early Childhood Systems](#). Authored by Samantha Morton of MLPB with Stephanie Doyle of CSSP and funded by the [JPB Foundation](#), this paper spotlights **best practices for aligning early childhood systems with the public interest law community** in ways that can accelerate families' access to concrete supports in times of need and therefore promote child and family health, safety, and stability.

Want to learn more?

CSSP and MLPB will host a free webinar series this fall to engage interested stakeholders. [Register now](#) for the first **Legal Partnering for Child and Family Health** webinar, geared to early childhood systems leadership, and set for:

Thursday, October 10

3-4:30pm EST

Stay tuned for the balance of the webinar series schedule!



Mark your calendars!



**Whole Person. Whole Team.
Whole Communities.**

A SUMMIT HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL CENTER
FOR MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP

See you at the [MLP Summit](#) on September 19-20!

MLPB will co-present on:

- **How Medical-Legal Partnerships Serve [Socially Vulnerable Older Adults](#)** (Thursday, 9/19 - 4:45-6pm)
- **[Strengths-Based Social Needs Screening](#): Engaging Our Way to Empowerment** (Friday, 9/20 - 1:45-3pm)

and facilitate a *Breakthrough Series* on:

- **[DULCE](#): An Evidence-based Model that Aligns Pediatric, Legal and Early Childhood Systems** (Friday, 9/20 - 12:15-1:45pm)

Health Justice 2019 Conference in Sydney, Australia



Hello to colleagues in the Land Down Under! **Baraka Floyd, MD, MSc** (Clinical Assistant Professor - Stanford Medical School; Unlocking Access Consulting Lead - MLPB) and **Samantha Morton, JD** (CEO - MLPB) will virtually present on *Building and Maintaining HJPs: Lessons from the US* on Sep. 25 at the [Health Justice 2019 conference](#) being convened in Sydney, Australia. This session will be recorded and made available for viewing after the event — stay tuned!



Department of Family Medicine Grand Rounds

Tenth Annual Lynne Stevens Memorial Lecture

“A Strengths-Based Approach to Screening Patients and Families for Social Needs”

Guest presenters:

Renee Boynton-Jarrett, MD, ScD *BU School of Medicine/BMC*
JoHanna Flacks, JD *MLPB*

Tuesday October 1st, 2019

12:00 - 1:00 PM

FGH Conference Room, Boston Medical Center

Lunch will be provided

Lynne Stevens (1946-2009) *was the director of the Responding to Violence Against Women Program and an Assistant Professor in the BMC Department of Family Medicine. She was a clinician, activist and researcher who worked locally, nationally and internationally, specializing in evaluation of the quality of care offered to women who were victims of violence.*

REGISTER NOW

"Orientation to Affordable Housing Search: A Marathon, Not a Sprint"



Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 12:00-1:30pm

Nannery Conf. Room (Rm.134, Clemence Hall)
Saint Anne's Hospital, Fall River, MA

**Lunch will
be served!**

There is an affordable housing crisis in Massachusetts for all lower income people — and chronic disease management can further drain patients' budgets, making the search for scarce deeply subsidized housing a top priority. MLPB will present a 1-hour overview of affordable housing programs and eligibility criteria, spotlighting opportunities for healthcare team members to supply documentation that improves a patient's standing on long waiting lists. There will be a half-hour for discussion following the presentation: an opportunity to workshop thorny problems that arise in your own real-life practices.

Email to register

Coming soon!

MassHealth Flexible Services Learning Symposium

MLPB looks forward to joining valued Massachusetts colleagues next month for a panel discussion of ***What Does it Really Mean to Put Patients at the***

Center? Organized by [The Alliance for Community Health Integration, Health Leads](#), and the [Massachusetts Public Health Association](#), this important event will take place in **Worcester on October 3.**

Agenda and registration information available [here](#).



Panel (L-R): **Ivys Fernandez-Pastrana, JD** (Director of the [Family Navigation Program - Boston Medical Center](#)), **Vanesa Diaz, LMSW** (Social Worker - Immigration and Refugee Services, [Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans](#)), **Kara Hurvitz, JD, MSW** (Legal Advisor - [MLPB](#)), **Genevieve Preer, MD** (Assistant Professor of [Pediatrics - Boston Medical Center](#)).

On July 31, the [Vera Institute](#) hosted a panel in Boston that featured a diverse group of interdisciplinary colleagues on the difficult question of how to work effectively with unaccompanied minors, including those separated from parents and caregivers at the border. MLPB was honored to be part of this conversation and to learn from colleagues and participants!



... to our fall intern, **Mahima Agrawal!**



"I am a senior at [Tufts University](#), where I double major in [Computer Science](#) and [Community Health](#). My interests in health policy, equity, and justice surrounding access to care and resources brought me to MLPB. I am so amazed by the work that MLPB does and how the team understands SDOH. It's been a wonderful experience so far, and over my time here, I hope to be fully immersed in all the health-related law and policy I can get my hands on!"



Do you value a curation of recent scholarship and press relating to social dimensions of health, emerging social science, and how people's legal risks, rights and remedies intersect with health and well-being? We do.

Recent highlights are below. For more, head [here](#).

Access to Justice & Health

- [Civil Rights Law and the Determinants of Health: How Some States Have Utilized Civil Rights Laws to Increase Protections Against Discrimination](#) (*The*

Care Transformation: Delivery & Financing that Account for SDOH

- [How States Can Use County Health Rankings To Make Population Health—Not Process—Their Bottom Line](#) (*Health Affairs*, Sep. 10, 2019)
- [Cooling The Hot Spots Where Child Hospitalization Rates Are High: A Neighborhood Approach To Population Health](#) (*Health Affairs*, Sep. 2019)
- [Mike's Labels](#) (*New England Journal of Medicine*, Aug. 15, 2019)

Food Insecurity

- [Caught In The Crossfire Of The Trump Administration's New SNAP Proposal: 500,000 Children](#) (*Health Affairs*, Sep. 18, 2019)

Housing Instability

- [Can Medicaid Expansion Prevent Housing Evictions?](#) (*Health Affairs*, Sep. 2019)
- [Gentrification And The Health Of Low-Income Children In New York City](#) (*Health Affairs*, Sep. 2019)

Income & Health

- [Income and Poverty in the United States: 2018](#) (*US Census Bureau*, Sep. 10, 2019)

Immigration Status & Health

- [Public Charge: Getting the Help You Need](#) (*Protecting Immigrant Families*, Sep. 2019)
- [Sick Migrants Undergoing Lifesaving Care Can Now Be Deported](#) (*The New York Times*, Aug. 29, 2019)
- ['I feel like I'm signing my son's death warrant.' Children at Boston hospitals face deportation](#) (*Boston Globe*, Aug. 26, 2019)
- [Women Are Fleeing Death at Home. The U.S. Wants to Keep Them Out](#) (*The New York Times*, Aug. 18, 2019)
- [The Final Public Charge Rule Is Out. Here's How It Affects Immigrants.](#) (*California Health Care Foundation*, Aug. 16, 2019)

Older Adults

- [Older People Need Rides. Why Aren't They Using Uber and Lyft?](#) (*The New York Times*, Aug. 16, 2019)

MLPB believes in the power of justice to advance health. We equip health and human services teams with problem-solving strategies that disrupt the evolution of a person's social, economic, or environmental need into a legal — and health — crisis. Through robust training and technical assistance, we help workforce partners understand their unique capacities to *unlock access* to a range of health-promoting benefits, services, and legal protections — for which many individuals, families, and populations are eligible.

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