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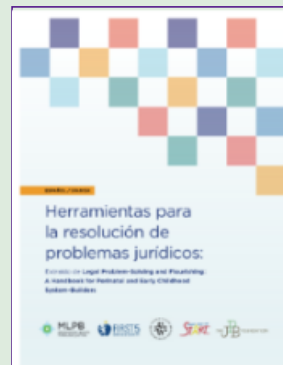
It's tax season, and all too often low income families miss out on some important deductions and savings. MLPB Law and Policy Consultants Kate Gannon and Marsophia Ducheine cover some key tax topics in our latest blog post.

[Read the blog post](#)



## Translated Materials

Last October, MLPB invited three partner communities to create a national Learning Community with us: [First 5 Orange County](#), the [Rhode Island Department of Health Office of Family Visiting](#), and [Smart from the Start](#). With generous support from [The JPB Foundation](#), this culminated in the release of [Legal Problem-Solving and Flourishing: A Handbook for Perinatal and Early Childhood System-Builders](#). This is a concrete and actionable guide for those who want bring legal problem solving into early childhood spaces. This Handbook includes ten tools that can enable integration of legal problem-solving as an element of family-centered care. **We're excited to share that these tools are available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Cape Verdean Creole, and Haitian Creole.** The four sets of translated materials are geared toward some of the key languages spoken in our partner communities in Orange County, CA; the state of Rhode Island; and Boston, MA.

[Vietnamese](#)[Cape Verdean Creole](#)[Haitian Creole](#)[Spanish](#)

## DIGITAL DIGEST

With the COVID-related Public Health Emergency set to expire in May, Medicaid is poised to begin eligibility recertification for participants for the first time since 2020. The “unwinding,” as it’s commonly called, is confusing and could result in hundreds of thousands of Medicaid covered individuals being dropped from coverage. For more about this unprecedented time, and information about what care teams can do, check out our [latest posts](#) in the Digital Digest.

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# WELCOME!

## Join our 2023 winter intern!



### Sophia Koolpe

I am a junior at Brandeis University, majoring in Health: Science, Society, and Policy and minoring in Legal Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. I am passionate about understanding the intersection of public health and law, and how legal remedies can empower and achieve greater health outcomes for communities. At Brandeis, I combine my two passions for health and law by volunteering at CareOne, a skilled nursing facility, and competing for the Mock Trial team. I am excited to learn about the ways in which MLPB provides public policy and legal advocacy to create and maintain equitable and community-centered health outcomes.

### Clare Tyler

I am a senior at the University of Rhode Island studying history. I got interested in medical-legal partnership through experiences working with disabled populations and reading about social determinants of health. I previously interned for the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights and was an Epilepsy Envoy for Epilepsy Foundation New England. I also have served as a research assistant to epidemiologist Dr. Anne Berg and currently am a research assistant to disability law scholar Dr. Doron Dorfman. At MLPB, I hope to learn more about how medical-legal partnership can help underserved populations in real time and how I can serve these populations as a lawyer in the future.



Care planning, delivery and financing should systemically account for people's legal rights, risks, and remedies. MLPB equips communities of care with legal education and problem-solving insight that fosters preventions, health equity, and human-centered system change. Through training, consultation and technical assistance, we help teams and organizations better connect people to the resources and legal protections they seek.

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