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GETTING THE WORD OUT



Legal Problem-Solving: It Matters for *Whole Person, Whole Family Health!*

MLPB recently concluded an 18-month planning process convened in partnership with [First 5 Orange County](#), the [Rhode Island Department of Health Office of Family Visiting](#), [Smart from the Start](#), and [The JPB Foundation](#). Are you a system-builder invested in exploring new strategies that can accelerate families' access to resources and legal protections? If so:

[Watch the Handbook Release event!](#)



[Thank you to our event panelists:](#)

Dounia Belmir, Parent Leader

[Smart from the Start](#)

Charlyn Harper Browne, Senior Fellow

[Center for the Study of Social Policy](#)

Lori-Anne Dufresne, Program Specialist

[Smart from the Start](#)

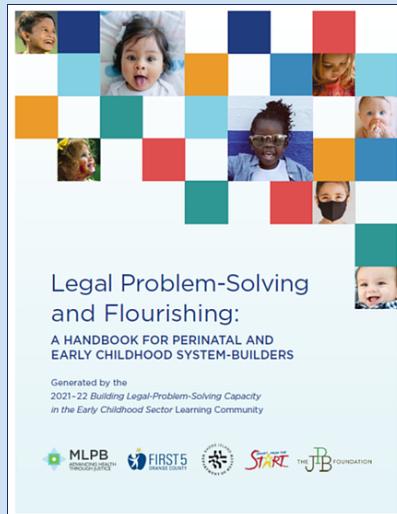
Ana Page, Consultant

[First 5 Orange County](#)

Sara Remington, Program Manager
[Office of Family Visiting, RIDOH](#)

Laura Sternberger, Director, Pregnant and Postpartum Women's Programs
Director, MA Moms Do Care Project
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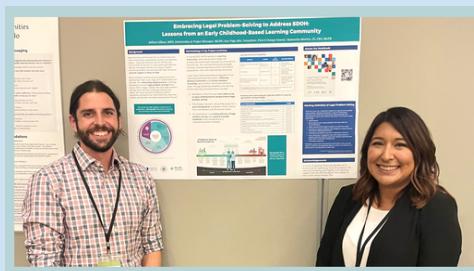
[Download](#) the Handbook!



[Read](#) the blog post!

BRIDGING DIVIDES

Check out the [poster](#) presented at [The Root Cause Coalition National Summit!](#)



Earlier this month, [First 5 Orange County](#) consultant **Ana Page** (above, right) and MLPB Partnership & Project Manager **Jeff Gilbert** (above, left) represented the *Building Legal Problem-Solving Capacity in the Early Childhood Sector Learning Community* at this event in Minneapolis, MN. You can find the poster – *Embracing Legal Problem-Solving to Address SDOH: Lessons from an Early Childhood-based Learning Community* – [here](#).

IDEAS IN MOTION



Learning from an AGO-sponsored SDOH pilot: New Article in the *Journal of Urban Health*!

[Beyond Housing for Health: Using Flexible Funds to Improve Maternal and Child Health](#) (*J. Urban Health*, Oct. 13, 2022) (subscription required)

In 2019-2020, MLPB joined [Community Care Cooperative](#), the [Boston Public Health Commission](#) and the [Boston Housing Authority](#) in a pilot – [Upstreaming Housing for Health](#) (*Upstreaming*) – that aimed to improve housing stability and reduce health inequities among pregnant and parenting people experiencing a range of behavioral health conditions. This pilot was funded through the [Attorney General's Social Determinants Partnership Grant Program](#) and leveraged the strong foundation of [Healthy Start in Housing](#), a BPHC-BHA collaboration launched in 2011.

Upstreaming integrated, among other things, MLPB's [team-facing legal partnering support for the interdisciplinary care team](#) as well as an innovative [flexible fund](#). This fund was a kind of [cash transfer policy](#) that enabled more than 75% of enrolled families to access resources (like rental assistance, cribs, and breast pumps) that they otherwise could not afford. This new article describes the pilot, related learning, and how *Upstreaming*'s flexible fund innovation aligns with a range of cash transfer policies gaining momentum across the country.

And ICYMI:

Legal partnering in an Emergency Medicine context

[High Touch, High Trust: Using Community Health Advocates And Lawyers To Address ED High Utilizers](#) (*Am. J. Emerg. Med.*, Aug. 1, 2022) Subscription required

More evidence of DULCE impact!

[Benefits Of A Universal Intervention In Pediatric Medical Homes To Identify And Address Health-Related Social Needs: An Observational Cohort Study](#) (*Acad. Pediatr.*, Jul. 18, 2022) Subscription required

Cancer health disparities and legal partnering

[Patient navigation to address sociolegal barriers for patients with cancer: A comparative-effectiveness study](#) (*Cancer*, Jul. 1, 2022)

Legal partnering as part of a Family Medicine residency program

[From HRSA Grant To A Medical Practice: Improving Care For Children And Adolescents In A Family Residency Clinic \(R.I. Med. J., May 2022\)](#)

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Let's talk!

MLPB will present on recent innovation and learning at these upcoming events. Stop by and tell us what's on your mind!



Nov. 2-3, 2022 | Framingham, MA & virtual

Legal Education & Rights Education: A Pioneering Element of Family Support



Nov. 6-9, 2022 | Boston, MA

Building Legal Problem-Solving Capacity in the Early Childhood Sector

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October is [National Disability Employment Awareness Month \(NDEAM\)](#)!

[Top Stories: Disability & Health Equity](#)

- [These Doctors Admit They Don't Want Patients With Disabilities](#) (The New York Times, Oct. 19, 2022)
- [Some Doctors Are Reluctant To Care For Patients With Disabilities, Study Finds](#) (The Boston Globe, Oct. 6, 2022)
- [Advancing Health Equity And Reducing Health Disparities For People With Disabilities In The United States](#) (Health Affairs, Oct. 2022)
- [Have Almost Fifty Years Of Disability Civil Rights Laws Achieved Equitable Care?](#) (Health Affairs, Oct. 2022)
- ['I Am Not The Doctor For You': Physicians' Attitudes About Caring For People With Disabilities](#) (Health Affairs, Oct. 2022)
- [Identifying And Exploring Bias In Public Opinion On Scarce Resource Allocation During The COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (Health Affairs, Oct. 2022)

Education & Health

- [With Boston Special Education Students Missing Classes Because Of Late Buses, Two Advocacy Organizations Seek State Intervention](#) (The Boston Globe, Oct. 18, 2022)

Employment & Health

- [A Foundation For Health And Well-Being: Meaningful Employment](#) (Health Affairs, Oct. 2022)

Environmental Justice & Health

- [These Communities Want To Lower Residents' Electric Bills – And Carbon Emissions. Here's What's Stopping Them](#) (The Boston Globe, Oct. 16, 2022)

Food Security & Health

- [Association Of The Expiration Of Child Tax Credit Advance Payments With Food Insufficiency In US Households](#) (JAMA Network Open, Oct. 21, 2022)

Gun Safety & Health

- [Seizing A Critical Opportunity To Reduce Gun Violence: The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#) (Health Affairs, Oct. 7, 2022)

Health Inequities and Care Transformation

- [1.3 Million Americans Ration Insulin Because Of The Cost, Study Says](#) (The Boston Globe, Oct. 17, 2022)
- [Medical Care Alone Won't Halt The Spread Of Diabetes, Scientists Say](#) (The New York Times, Oct. 5, 2022)
- [Expanding Moral Injury: Why Resilience Training Won't Fix It](#) (JAMA, Sep. 27, 2022)

Housing & Health

- [Late Baby Boomers Have Long Been Vulnerable To Homelessness. Now As They Age, Housing Providers Are Struggling To Keep Up With Their Needs. \(The Boston Globe, Oct. 22, 2022\)](#)
- [Defunct Hotels Offer New Real Estate For Housing Homeless People \(The Boston Globe, Oct. 5, 2022\)](#)

Immigration & Health

- ['The System Is Strained': Greater Boston's Support Networks Struggle To Keep Up As Thousands Of Migrants Surge Into The Area \(The Boston Globe, Oct. 13, 2022\)](#)

Care planning, delivery and financing should systematically account for people's legal rights, risks and remedies. MLPB equips communities of care with legal education and problem-solving insight that fosters prevention, 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.

At a household level, this capacity-building support disrupts the trajectory of a social, economic or environmental need into a legal — and health — crisis. At a population level, this work cultivates communities of care as partners in system and policy change.

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