



AppalRED
LEGAL AID

Results, Achievements and Impacts

An Overview
for the Legal Services Corporation
Board of Directors

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Overview

- Who We Are
- Who We serve
- Our Three Priority Areas
- Our Economic Impacts

AppalReD is the Largest Legal Aid Program in Kentucky.

■ Nine offices covering 37 counties

- 33 Attorneys
- 2 Paralegals
- 31 Support & mgt Staff

■ \$4.5 million (2009 funding)



We serve some of the poorest people in America.

- ▶ 19 of our 37 counties are among the 100 poorest counties in the nation.
- ▶ Owsley County, KY is #3 in the nation with 45% of its people in poverty.
- ▶ 24 percent of Appalachian Kentucky lived in poverty in 2000
 - 1.5 times KY's rate as a whole
 - Twice the national average

**We face an overwhelming need:
Our services are addressing less than 8 percent
of the legal problems experienced
by our service population.***

- ▶ **221,000 people** meet our financial eligibility guidelines.
- ▶ **88,200 legal problems** per year are experienced by these folks.
 - **74,800 people** with problems in 2009 did NOT apply for our services.
 - **13,373 people** DID apply.
 - **6,312 applicants** were turned away due to lack of resources.
 - **7,061 cases** were accepted.
 - **In 79 percent** of the cases we “fully” addressed the problem.
 - **In 21 percent** we could only “partially” address what clients needed due to lack of resources.

** Estimated by The Resource for Great Programs*

**To address this “Justice Gap,” we
prioritize our services
to address three critical areas of need.**

- ▶ Maintaining economic stability
- ▶ Safety, Stability and Health
- ▶ Preserving the Home

Priority: Maintaining economic stability

In 2009, AppalReD...

- ▶ Obtained **\$1.6 million** in SSI or SSD benefits.
- ▶ Obtained **\$1.3 million** in spousal and child support payments.
- ▶ Directly benefited **4,700 people**

With more resources, we could help even more people.

- ▶ In our service area, there are **25,600 households** in our service population experiencing legal problems in this area each year.

Priority: Safety, Stability and Health

In 2009, AppalReD...

- ▶ Saved Southeastern KY taxpayers **\$1.1 million** in costs of domestic violence, such as emergency medical care, mental health counseling and lost productivity.
- ▶ Directly benefited **9,415 people**
- ▶ Protected **994** people from domestic violence including **511** children.
- ▶ Obtained **\$300,000** in Medicare or Medicaid benefits to provide people with decent health care.

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- ▶ In our service area, there are **17,800 households** in our service population experiencing legal problems in this area each year.

Priority: Preserving the Home

In 2009, AppalReD...

- ▶ Prevented or delayed **240 evictions and/or foreclosures**.
- ▶ Kept an estimated **701 individuals and families** in their homes.
- ▶ Saved Kentucky taxpayers an estimated **\$3.0 million** in costs of providing emergency shelter and supportive services.

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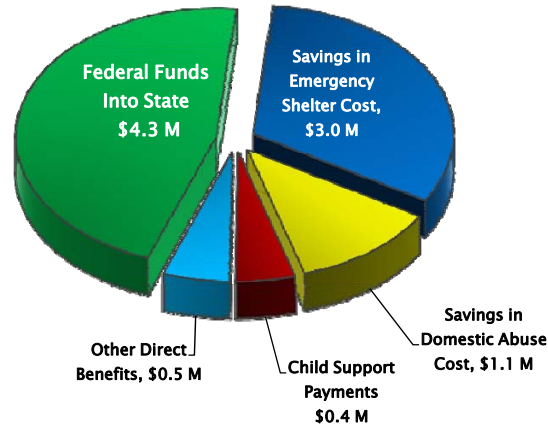
- ▶ In our service area, there are **14,900 households** in our service population experiencing "Housing" legal problems each year.



Economic Impacts

By helping the poor, we produce ripple effects
benefiting every segment of the community.

Our Total Economic Impact in 2009: \$9.3 Million



Savings in Emergency Shelter Costs: \$3.0 Million*

- ▶ People for whom eviction was avoided or delayed or foreclosure was averted in 2009: 701
- ▶ Percentage who would have likely become homeless: 34%
- ▶ People who avoided homelessness: 241
- ▶ Average cost savings per person: \$12,368

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Estimated savings in 2009: \$3,000,000

**Source: The Resource for Great Programs*

**Savings in costs related to domestic abuse:
\$1.1 Million***

- ▶ Cases for which families obtained protection from domestic abuse in 2009: 334
 - ▶ Average cost per DV incident: \$3,406
- Estimated savings in 2009: \$1,100,000**

**Source: The Resource for Great Programs*

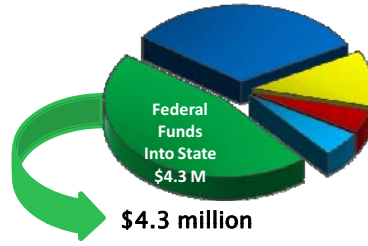
**Federal benefits into the state:
\$4.3 million***

- ▶ SSI/SSD back awards: \$191,000
- ▶ SSI/SSD monthly benefits (lifetime value...average duration = 9.7 years): \$1,640,000
- ▶ Federal share of Medicaid benefits: \$169,000
- ▶ Tax benefits (e.g., EITC): \$20,000
- ▶ Federal grants to AppalReD (LSC, Title III, other federal): \$2,465,000

Total: \$4,300,000

**Source: The Resource for Great Programs*

Economic Stimulus Effect: \$7.6 million*



- ▶ Federal funds we bring into the state: **\$4.3 million**
- ▶ Multiplier (per U.S. Dept. of Commerce "RIMS II" data for KY): **X 1.78**
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- Total economic stimulus effect on local economies in our service area: \$7.6 Million**
- ▶ Average cost per job supported by federal funds brought into Kentucky: **\$45,394**
- Total Jobs supported by our efforts: 162 jobs**

**Source: The Resource for Great Programs*

With more resources, we could do much more.

- ▶ Currently we generate more than **\$9.3 million** in economic impacts every year.
- ▶ Annually, more than **16,600 people** receive direct, positive results from our legal help.
- ▶ Every additional **\$100,000** of funding will enable us to directly benefit **370** more people.



Conclusion:

- AppalReD serves an area that is one of the poorest in America.
 - We directly improve the lives of more than 16,600 people annually.
 - We produce benefits and savings totaling more than \$9.3 million.
- We support 162 jobs which would otherwise be lost to local economies in this depressed area.

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