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The Call for Justice-United Way 2-1-1 Training Program is One Year Old! March marked the first anniversary of Call for Justice's inaugural training session for United Way 2-1-1. The training, which covers the myriad of available Twin Cities legal resources, has since grown to include a multi-chaptered training manual that covers such topics as landlord-tenant law, youth law, and the programming offered by the Volunteer Lawyers Network.

In all, we've conducted ten training sessions for 2-1-1 Information & Referral Specialists, Legal Liaisons, and law and public librarians. Since July, 2012, we've also videotaped the training sessions. You can access all of the training materials (including the videos) on our website [here](#). Any legal or social services provider is welcome to attend the training sessions (contact [Jillian](#) if you'd like to know more about this).

To our knowledge, this training program is the only one of its kind in the country. We've been able to track how 2-1-1 legal referrals have increased in their diversity and targeting--key goals of the training program.

Our thanks to those who have presented at the training sessions for your help in making the program a success. Our community greatly benefits from 2-1-1 being better informed about available legal resources!

Remember to refer your clients and constituents to United Way 2-1-1 for legal referrals (dial 2-1-1)!

Lavender Lawyers Hit the Ground Running for Homeless Youth. The Minnesota Lavender Bar Association's Lavender Lawyers panel is now operational!

Call for Justice facilitated the collaboration between the [Minnesota Lavender Bar Association](#), [Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid's Youth Law Project](#), [The Bridge for Youth](#), and the [United Way Arise Project](#) to provide counsel to LGBT youth experiencing homelessness. LGBT youth are often estranged from their guardians and need guidance through the often intimidating legal system to protect their best interests. For youth enduring so much that can lead to homelessness, this support is critical.

The Lavender Lawyers are MLBA members working in Twin Cities law firms. Their passion-to-action sense of service is an inspiration to us all!

Call for Justice is committed to engaging and convening legal service and social service organizations to increase civil legal access. [Contact Ellie](#) to learn more.

The Legal Liaison Program Grows to Nearly 50 Social Service and Legal Service Organizations!

Ten months after the launch of the LLP, 22% of member organizations reported they had entered into collaborations with fellow Liaison organizations, while another 56% reported they may have a collaboration in the works. This is a phenomenal result from a program meant to facilitate communication and partnership between service organizations. See a list of current Liaison organizations [here](#), and learn more about the LLP [here](#). If you know of an organization that may benefit from being included in the LLP, please let us know! Benefits include access to the Legal Liaison Listserve, a list of volunteer interpreters (23 volunteers working in 13 languages who have agreed to offer their services to Liaison organizations at no charge), invitations to quarterly meetings, and more. Contact [Jillian](#) for more information.



Support Legal Aid, the Volunteer Lawyers Network, and United Way 2-1-1

Please consider a charitable donation to [Minnesota Legal Aid Programs](#), the [Volunteer Lawyers Network](#), and [United Way](#). Your generosity will help support programs that provide much needed legal assistance to low and moderate-income Minnesotans. Every dollar makes a difference!

Legal Clinics on C4J Site

We do our best to maintain an up-to-date and comprehensive listing of Twin Cities legal clinics. If you have clients seeking legal resources, or if you host a clinic and would like to be listed, please [check it out!](#)

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