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LCH Provides Legal Services to OUR Community



In the current political environment, many of the families served by La Comunidad Hispana (LCH) need support to handle the stress and anxiety of potential separation. Since 2010, LCH has had a legal program that helps provide legal advice and referrals to our clients. Now more than ever, this service is important to ensure that vulnerable individuals in our community have access to accurate information and resources.

LCH has a long history of assisting immigrants from many nations with health and social services, and is a trusted resource in southern Chester County. We operate from a main facility in Kennett Square, with a smaller Oxford Health Center, and a Dental Center in Kennett. Our legal program has helped our clients with a wide range of concerns, including family law matters, employment issues, and landlord/tenant disputes, and typically assists more than 250 individuals each year.

In recent years, LCH has helped clients with immigration issues, such as helping victims of crimes to acquire visas, helping a terminally ill patient arrange for guardianship of his child, and helping eligible minors apply for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as the “Dreamers program”). LCH has also assisted with custody arrangements for refugee children. Villanova University School of Law’s Farm Workers Legal Aid Clinic (FLAC) has collaborated often with LCH to prepare DACA applications. Shane O’Holloran, a recent Villanova Law School graduate who took part in the FLAC program, notes, “I’m so glad I was able to help some folks at LCH! I consider the DACA work to be the most meaningful of my law career, and I appreciate LCH’s encouragement along the way.”

Other local attorneys have donated their time to provide pro bono assistance to LCH clients from time to time. CCB/ member Edith Chew, Esq., of West Chester says, “LCH is a



wonderful agency. They are organized, efficient, friendly, and above all, compassionate. When their legal program attorney calls and asks me for help, I always say yes, because I find it so gratifying to assist their clients, who are among the most vulnerable residents in the county.”

LCH’s President and CEO Alisa Jones notes, “Legal services provided by high quality lawyers and legal students make all the difference in the lives of our clients. Legal advice and services help individuals and families to understand their rights and responsibilities. It helps set them on the right path

to achieve important life goals and maintain economic security.”

LCH is a bilingual, bicultural nonprofit organization, founded in 1973 to provide social services to immigrant workers in southern Chester County’s mushroom industry. Since that time, we have evolved into a multiservice health center and social services agency, offering high-quality health care, social services, and adult education to more than 6,000 individuals each year. Our professional staff includes physicians, certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNPs), registered nurses, a staff dentist, and a part-time staff attorney. In addition, our in-house, fully bilingual behavior health professionals are there to assist families dealing with anxiety or depression due to exceptionally stressful situations.

LCH remains extremely grateful for the partnership with our legal community in helping all residents of our county to stay healthy, stable, and strong. We want to thank all of the attorneys and law students who have helped LCH and our clients. To learn more about LCH and its Legal Fund and services, please contact our President and CEO Alisa Jones at ajones@lchps.org, or at 610-444-7550 X252.



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