

Understanding DMHAS Legal Services

Since 1990, Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc., a non profit law firm, has provided legal services to DMHAS-eligible clients. We do not work for DMHAS. We represent our clients. We are funded by the DMHAS Legal Services Line Item.



"We should preserve core government services for our most vulnerable residents"

CLRP's clients are low income* people living with mental health conditions.

CLRP attorneys and paralegals represent DMHAS clients in hospital and community settings on issues related to discrimination in employment, education and housing, Probate issues such as commitment and conservatorships, access to trauma-informed, gender-sensitive, culturally competent services, due process and individual rights

Advocating for and protecting these rights promotes recovery and saves the system money by helping people access and retain employment and housing.

CLRP provides legal representation and information about legal rights to patients in State Operated inpatient psychiatric facilities.

CLRP offers training to DMHAS, DMHAS-funded providers, and DMHAS-eligible clients about the legal rights of DMHAS clients.

Small Dollars Yield Big Results

CLRP is Cost Effective



Daily Cost of Care

ER Visit	\$1,518 **
Hospitalization	\$2,406 ***
Inpatient Psych State Hospital	\$3,275 ***

Housing

100%



of the 212 housing clients represented by CLRP in the first nine months of 2018 retained or had access to housing when their case was closed.

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* Monthly income of CLRP clients must be at or under 125% of Federal poverty income guidelines: \$1,265 (Family of 1), \$1,715 (Family of 2), \$2,165 (Family of 3).

**Hospital Emergency Department Use and Its Impact on the State Medicaid Budget; Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, January 2014

*** <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/average-cost-per-inpatient-day-across-50-states.html> Accessed on 9-13-18