HOPWA and Funding for Legal Services to Low-Income Clients who are HIV+
Legal Aid Service of Broward County has 40+ years of service to community

1 of 2 legal aid programs to receive HOPWA funding for legal services

Grantee is City of Fort Lauderdale

Housing Unit funded by HOWPA since 2012
## Client Demographics

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Totals</th>
<th>Self-Identify</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>696</td>
<td>Black, Haitian, Black–Hispanic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>86</td>
<td>White–Hispanic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>293</td>
<td>White</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td>Other, Asia/Pacific Islander, Native American</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Totals</th>
<th>Self-Identify</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>497</td>
<td>Female</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>602</td>
<td>Male</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Transgender</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Other</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Similar demographic trends continue from 2015–present
- To date, 1740 cases have been opened under the HOPWA grant
- 1104 cases opened 2012–2015
Cost Savings of Legal Services is a 7 to 1 return on investment

https://thefloridabarfoundation.org/impact/
HOPWA FUNDED SERVICES

- FHA and reasonable accommodations
- Landlord/Tenant Issues
  - Evictions, conditions, security deposits, etc.
- Federally Subsidized Housing
  - Rent calculations, administrative hearings, etc.
- Homeowner’s issues
  - Foreclosures, tax liens
- Impact on Housing Stability
  - Garnishments, taxes, driver’s license issues
- Outreach
  - Meet with clients at ASO, LGBTQ partner offices, etc.
  - HIV testing on site
Local Protections in Broward

- Broward County Ordinance 16 ½ – 2
  - Freedom from discrimination
  - DV, public accommodations, Sexual orientation, gender identity, etc.
  - Sources of funds protections

- Broward County Ordinance 16 ½ – 35.6
  - Within 45 days of completed application, COA/HOA shall provide notice of reason for rejection
BARRIERS FACED

- Restrictions by Grantee
- Lawyers in an adversarial role
- Competition for funding with housing providers
- HOPWA Modernization
- Limited income for clients
- Lack of affordable housing
- High cost of living
QUESTIONS

LEGAL AID
the housing unit