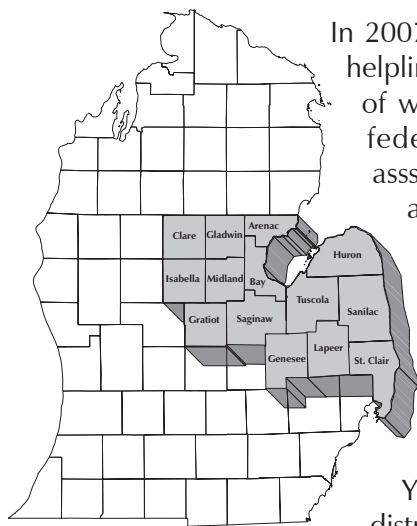


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2007 CCJ Office Locations: Saginaw and Flint

CCJ Service Area: Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola Counties; Statewide on anti-hunger advocacy

Service Population: 213,110 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



In 2007, CCJ assisted over 4400 helpline callers, more than 90% of whom were eligible under federal law for food stamp assistance. Also, CCJ settled a case against a company accepting advance payments in exchange for “supposed” help with preventing foreclosures; the company has now stopped its unlawful practices. CCJ’s One

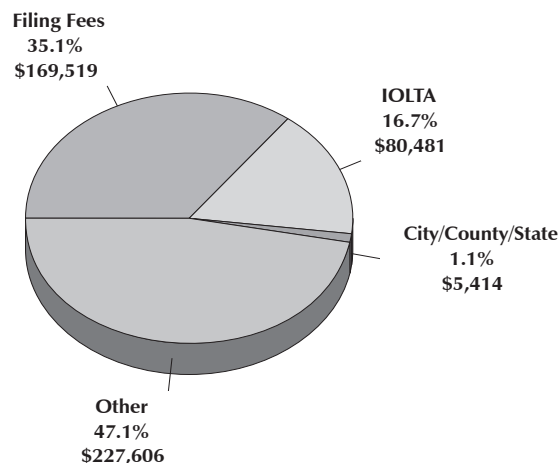
A veteran, his wife and 3 children went weeks without food and other assistance they qualified for because an agency improperly counted as income veteran’s educational benefits which paid only for schooling. CCJ advised the agency of the correct rule which resulted in the family receiving benefits for food and the other assistance they needed to live.

Year One School project resulted in a local transportation liaison to school districts to facilitate transportation requests for homeless students, distribution by judges of information about the rights of homeless children to parents who are

evicted, and sharing a manual CCJ wrote to help others set up similar projects to help homeless children. In 2007, a CCJ’s attorney won a “Globie” Award for helping low-income immigrant women receive prenatal care in accordance with federal law. CCJ often works with state agencies without litigation to improve policies or conform them to the law. CCJ worked with the state on computer access to birth records to meet quickly new federal requirements for Medicaid for children. CCJ also persuaded state officials to include more options in their telephone system for people who speak Spanish. The Public Service Commission adopted suggestions from CCJ and other local agencies on improving billing notices, shut-off procedures and protections to benefit thousands of low-income utility customers.

A disabled man trying to work part time to support himself was threatened with losing his medical assistance. CCJ worked with state officials on correctly applying rules intended to help persons with disabilities undertake work without losing their Medicaid. Now, this disabled man does not have to stop working to retain the medical help he needs to maintain his health.

CCJ Sources of Funding for 2007: \$483,020



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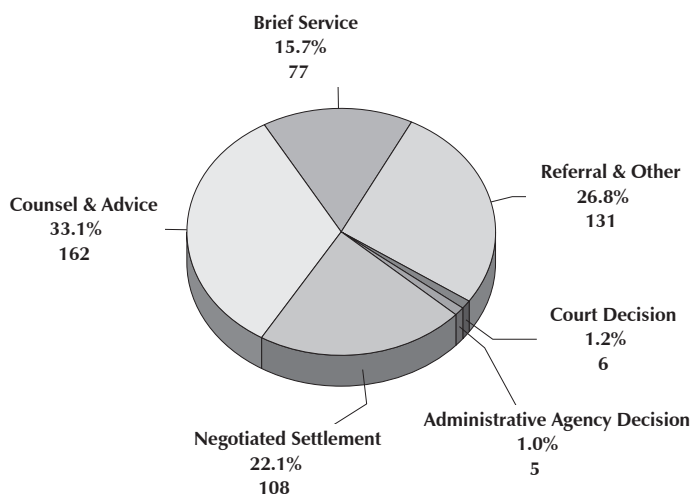
Community Outreach and Collaboration. CCJ staffs three interagency networks that receive training and coordinate advocacy efforts. CCJ also staffs a Genesee County Health Forum attended by over 30 representatives from community agencies, health providers, churches, and others concerned about healthcare. CCJ worked with Michigan State University Extension and the Food Bank Council of Michigan to develop a county-by-county assessment of food programs and unmet needs, which was included in a statewide Blueprint Against Hunger that was unveiled at a 2007 Statewide Hunger Conference. CCJ has trained local county health plan staff to identify members who could qualify for more comprehensive insurance; this has helped several thousand people obtain better insurance coverage. CCJ also held several community trainings for school districts and agencies on legal issues affecting homeless youth. CCJ's staff provides technical assistance to local and other organizations and are members of many multi-agency groups working together on issues affecting the poor.

Client Age	
18 & Under	35
19-59	411
60 & Over	43
Groups	0
Total	489

Pro Bono Support. In 2007, CCJ worked with a volunteer attorney and other local agencies to develop educational pamphlets about rights and responsibilities of public utility customers, including answers for common questions about utility bills, terminations and assistance programs to help prevent utility shut-offs. In addition, CCJ works with the Michigan Poverty Law Program to help law students at the University of Michigan Law School do Food Stamp eligibility screening and referrals in Washtenaw County. CCJ also continues to refer clients to and work cooperatively with Legal Services of Eastern Michigan which operates a pro bono program in the region.

Client Ethnicity	
White	273
Black	158
Hispanic	31
Native American	1
Asian	5
Other	21
Total	489

CCJ Types of Service in 2007



CCJ Cases Closed in 2007: 489

