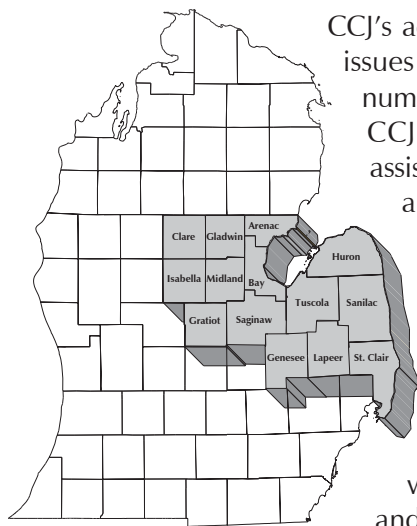


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2008 CCJ Office Locations: Saginaw and Flint

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



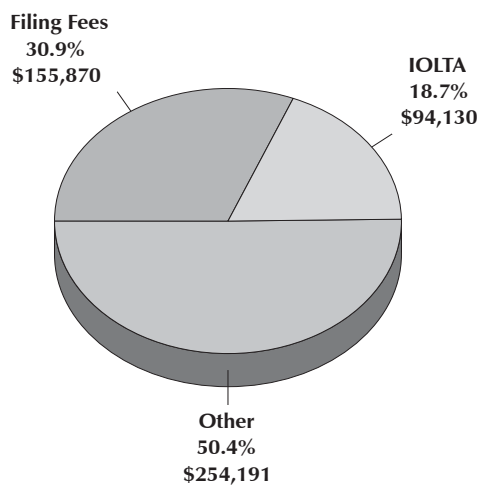
CCJ's advocacy emphasizes legal issues that impact a significant number of low-income persons. CCJ also provides technical assistance on policy questions and systemic legal issues for community-based organizations serving the poor. Areas of law where CCJ has been most active are: health care, food stamps and nutrition programs, welfare-to-work programs, education and training programs, child

CCJ challenged a local rule denying or terminating foster care licenses to people whose sole income was from a childcare business. CCJ helped the agency rewrite its policy so persons who could show their childcare business had been viable for at least a year would still be eligible for a license. Now, these parents can keep their foster care licenses and maintain a stable home for the foster children in their care.

day care programs, and subsidized housing programs. CCJ has also been involved in utility and consumer law issues, homelessness, prison-re-entry issues, and policies affecting domestic violence survivors. In 2008, CCJ successfully opposed a motion to vacate a federal court order that CCJ had previously won requiring reimbursement of Medicaid recipients for Medicaid-covered medical expenses incurred while the appealing the denial of Medicaid. CCJ's staff also worked with other organizations to raise awareness about the impact of changes to federal food programs on food assistance eligibility. In 2008, CCJ worked with Legal Services of Western Michigan and the ACLU to develop an outreach and litigation strategy to help ex-offenders who may be subject to unlawful race-based discrimination when they apply for jobs.

In 2008, CCJ trained the staff of a county health plan provider on how to screen its members to see which persons might qualify to apply for the Adult Benefit Waiver program which opens to applicants only once or twice a year. As a result, an estimated 3,000 additional people were able to transfer to a healthcare insurance program that will provide them with better coverage and services.

CCJ Sources of Funding for 2008: \$504,191



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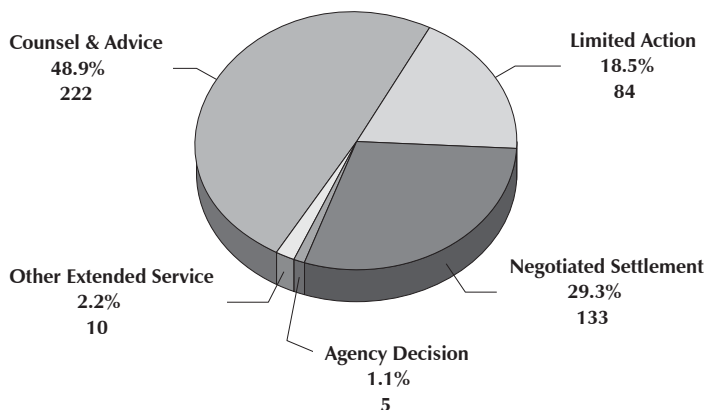
Community Outreach and Collaboration. CCJ's Food and Nutrition Program Helpline is now advertised by the Michigan Department of Human Services on its official Food Assistance webpage, which has significantly increased calls to the Helpline. CCJ worked with the Food Bank Council of Michigan to facilitate a monthly conference call for anti-hunger advocates, through the newly established Michigan Alliance to Stop Hunger. CCJ participates in Genesee Healthnet which targets gaps in local healthcare services; the group has improved coordinated delivery of mental health and other specialty services to indigent persons. In 2008, CCJ's Food and Nutrition Program Helpline contacted many agencies, churches, and other organizations to raise awareness of and utilization of federal food programs. CCJ also worked with other agencies on an improved system for referring persons from a work program to a homeless shelter pending resolution of their barriers to work, and the resulting protocols and forms have been made available as a model for homeless advocates elsewhere.

Client Age	
18 & Under	22
19-59	386
60 & Over	46
Groups	0
Total	454

Pro Bono Support. CCJ continues to help law students at the University of Michigan conduct food stamp eligibility screening and referrals. CCJ refers clients to and works cooperatively with Legal Services of Eastern Michigan which operates a pro bono program in the region. CCJ also sometimes also utilizes volunteer attorneys to assist in policy advocacy projects and specific community education efforts. Also, as part of a new immigration project, CCJ will also refer immigration cases beyond its expertise or scope of services to other attorneys. CCJ receives attorney financial donations through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	253
Black	144
Hispanic	38
Native American	0
Asian	2
Other	17
Total	454

CCJ Types of Service in 2008



CCJ Cases Closed in 2008: 454

