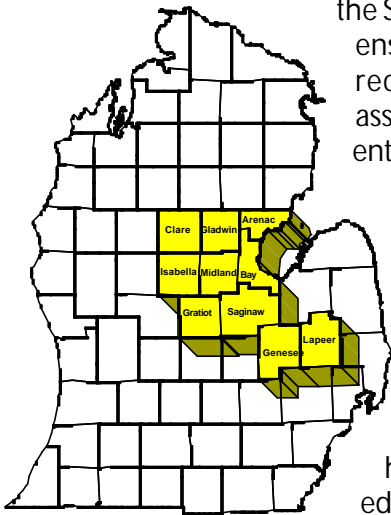


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CCJ Office Locations: Saginaw

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

Service Population: 209,288 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



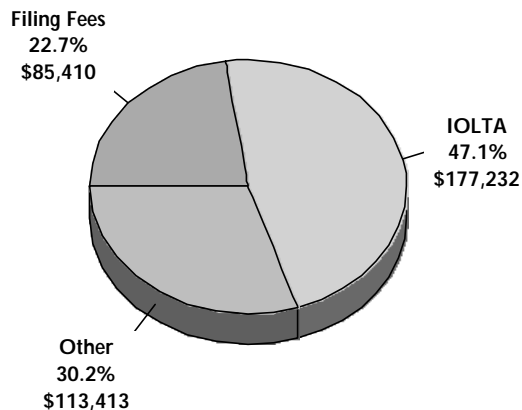
In 1999, CCJ won an appeal before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ensuring that children would receive the federal food assistance to which they were entitled. In another case, CCJ successfully challenged an unlawful policy that denied children medical benefits by overestimating a parent's income by twice or three times its actual amount. CCJ also worked with a bipartisan group of human services organizations,

CCJ won a case on behalf of very low-income people who were not eligible for Medicaid, but required in-patient hospitalization. The court ordered that the county must comply with a longstanding Michigan law that requires counties to establish a residential hospitalization program. The court also required the county to notify residents about the program and to provide an application process. Many low-income families will now know about and be able to receive in-hospital medical services.

educational institutions, and policy makers who sought changes to help low-income parents obtain job skills needed to move out of poverty. CCJ persuaded policy makers to allow parents on public assistance to satisfy the state's work requirements by combining employment and vocationally relevant education or training.

CCJ won a federal case filed to ensure that low-income people who need medical treatment receive transportation assistance as required by law. In a reversal of a lower court decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit agreed with CCJ that the U.S. Constitution and federal law require that Medicaid recipients be informed about their right to transportation to get to medical providers. Because the court said that there must be application forms, written denials, and an appeals process available, families that are improperly denied transportation will have a way to get the help they need.

CCJ Sources of Funding for 1999: \$ 376,055



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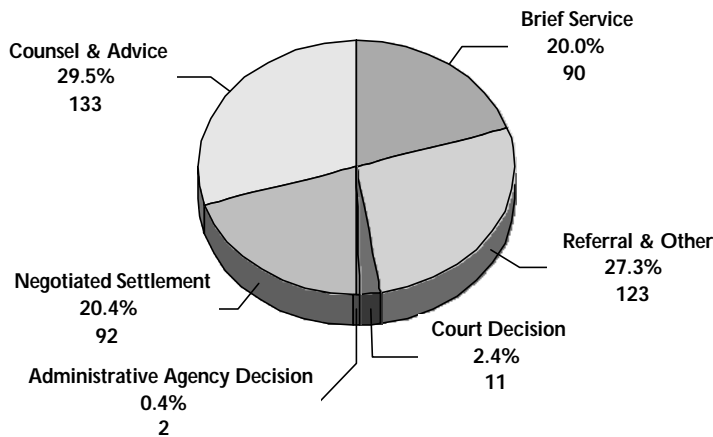
Community Outreach and Collaboration: CCJ met with and provided technical assistance and education to local and state organizations and coalitions interested in legal and policy issues affecting low-income people. CCJ helped these organizations and the clients they serve to identify barriers to self-sufficiency that can be addressed using legal tools and concrete advocacy strategies so they were able to help the working poor access employment-related support services, child care, health care, and meaningful education and training opportunities, as well as alleviate hunger by protecting clients' legal rights to receive food and nutrition assistance. CCJ also helped a new nonprofit organization establish a pilot program for low-income people to provide job skill development opportunities both for potential entrepreneurs and for entry-level workers. CCJ helped the organization design a program that could meet state requirements and secure legislative support. CCJ also ensured that the nonprofit had access to continued legal and technical assistance from others in the community.

18 & Under	273
19-59	172
60 & Over	6
Groups	0
Total	451

Pro Bono Support: The pro bono program throughout CCJ's service area was handled by Legal Services of Eastern Michigan. CCJ assisted with the program by contributing substantive articles to the Legal Services of Eastern Michigan pro bono newsletter and by providing training and technical assistance to pro bono attorneys. CCJ also identified significant legal issues for potential referral to large law firms that have volunteered to participate in the Michigan Litigation Assistance Partnership Project.

White	159
Black	258
Hispanic	22
Native American	5
Asian	4
Other	3
Total	451

CCJ Types of Service in 1999



CCJ Cases Closed in 1999: 451

