



# FACT SHEET



## Adams & Broomfield Eviction Clinic

- Over 600 households served keeping at least 1,569 individuals housed.
- Through CLS advocacy, \$782,753 in emergency rental assistance payments provided to clients.

## BACKGROUND

In late 2018 Adams County, the City and County of Broomfield, and the Cities of Westminster, Thornton, Federal Heights, Brighton, Commerce City, Aurora, and Northglenn collaborated to fund Colorado Legal Services (CLS) to create an eviction defense and housing assistance Legal Services Pilot Project.

The purpose of the Pilot Program was and continues to be to “provide legal assistance to low-income households, to help prevent or mitigate the adverse familial and societal impacts of involuntary displacement and/or homelessness within the contributing jurisdictions.” CLS received continued funding for the Program in both 2021 in 2022.

CLS is requesting continued funding and support from IGA members to continue the Eviction Legal Clinic through December 2024.

## OBJECTIVES

Reduce preventable evictions through the provision of high-quality legal services.

Mitigate eviction-related consequences for tenants by providing quality legal services and advocacy.

Connect tenants with community resources that will assist them with rental assistance and other resources that will help them stay housed.

## PROGRAM STRATEGY

### APPROACH

Provide onsite legal education and services at the Adams County Courthouse. Services include legal education and information, advice, or representation from CLS paralegals and attorneys. CLS staff also work with community partners to provide outreach and legal education.

### THE CLINIC MAKES AN IMPACT

The 61-year-old disabled man who received a court summons had no idea what it meant. He came to the Eviction Clinic confused and scared. CLS clinic staff researched and found that the man had a total of three eviction cases filed against him for the same issue – non-payment of rent.

The CLS grant attorney drafted an Answer to the eviction summons that required a response that day. The CLS grant paralegal assisted the client with an emergency rental assistance application and was able to get it expedited. The application was approved.

The CLS grant attorney then negotiated with opposing counsel and a stipulated agreement was reached that allowed the disabled client to remain in his home of ten years; the past due rent and attorney fees were paid for by the Colorado Stability Fund.