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# MID-SHORE PRO BONO

The Eastern Shore's Legal Assistance Network

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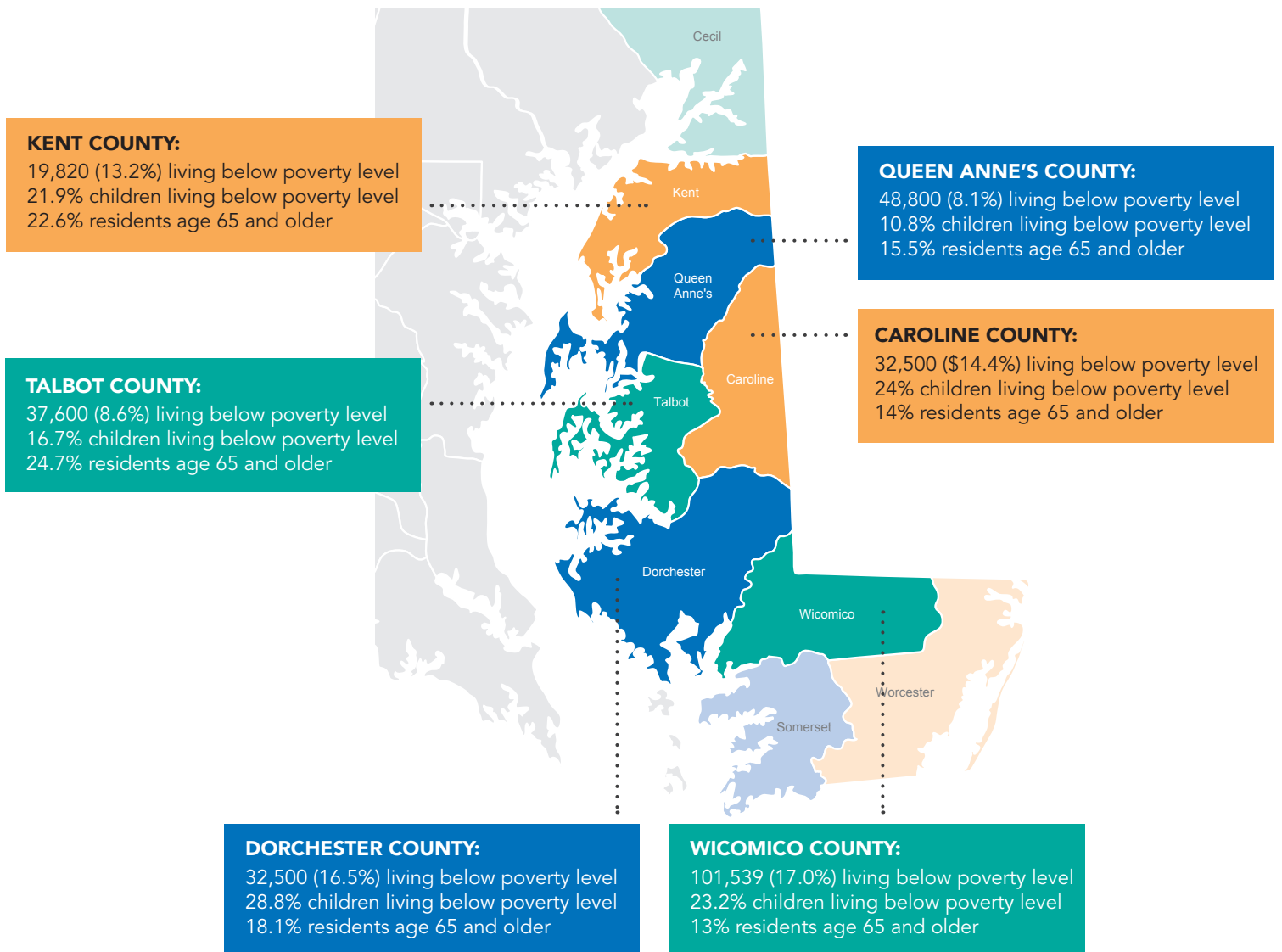
Our mission is to strengthen Eastern Shore communities by ensuring equal access to civil justice by connecting low income individuals and families in need of civil legal help with volunteer attorneys and community resources.

# OUR IMPACT

- Completed **3,101** Intakes
- More than **3,600** individuals received help from a pro bono attorney
- Worked with **87** volunteer attorneys who gave more than **9,600** pro bono service hours valued at more than **\$2.4 MILLION** in support of our clients.
- Executive Director, Sandy Brown, received William L. Marbury Outstanding Advocate **AWARD** from the Maryland Legal Services Corporation
- More than **\$750,000** in grants received to support programs and services
- **NEW** Salisbury Office Opened in March 2018
- Vulnerable Populations Assistance Project received **ACCREDITATION** from the United States Department of Justice and grants from the Maryland Bar Foundation and the Mid-Shore Community Foundation
- Mid-Shore Pro Bono reorganized its operations into **FIVE** project teams to better serve clients
- Inaugural Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser raised more than **\$7,000** in June
- Mid-Shore Pro Bono hosted **SIX** summer interns

## THE NEED

More than 10% of individuals residing on the Eastern Shore live in poverty, and many more are just barely making ends meet.



# WORKING TOGETHER TO SERVE THE SHORE

## PARTNERS

*This list is not exhaustive and MSPB welcomes any partners with a shared mission looking to help our friends and neighbors.*

- Churches
- Colleges
- Courts
- Housing Counseling Agencies
- Eastern Shore Nonprofits (Talbot Hospice, For All Seasons, Mediation Center, etc.)
- Public Libraries
- Statewide Legal Service Providers (HPRP, MVLS, FreeState Justice, etc.)
- Senior Centers
- Social Service Agencies



## LAWYERS

Our panel of attorneys volunteer at free legal clinics and take on individual cases to support our clients and stabilize our communities. Our attorney network is comprised of practicing attorneys, retired attorneys and out-of-state attorneys committed to giving back. For a complete list of our volunteer attorneys please visit our website at [midshoreprobono.org](http://midshoreprobono.org).

## FUNDERS

Make all of Mid-Shore Pro-Bono's efforts possible.

## PROGRAMS

Mid-Shore Pro Bono responds to the unique needs of our rural communities and has developed the following project areas to assist clients from across more than 3,000 square miles on Maryland's Eastern Shore.



### VULNERABLE POPULATIONS ASSISTANCE PROJECT

This project focuses on the specialized legal needs of immigrants and is led by a bilingual, B.I.A. (Board of Immigration Appeals) accredited project manager who is passionate about helping immigrants and their families with various citizenship and general legal issues.



### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT

MSPB offers several Alternative Dispute Resolution options for youth and adults facing disputes, crime and conflict. Community Conferencing is available for incident-based referrals while our Restorative Dialogue Circles are a proactive tool for engaging youth in safe, open discussions. Our goal is to provide options for keeping our region's youth out of the juvenile justice system.



### ELDER LAW PROJECT

The Elder Law Project supports the growing population of seniors on the Eastern Shore by providing assistance with end-of-life documents and general legal advice in a safe and secure setting. Services offered include wills, powers of attorney, advance medical directives, estate administration and adult guardianship.



### ECONOMIC STABILITY PROJECT

The Economic Stability Project offers legal advice and support on a variety of financial challenges faced by low-income individuals including: foreclosure, landlord-tenant issues, consumer debt, consumer protection, bankruptcy, record expungement and other real property issues. Our services in this area help clients remain employed, remain in their homes and continue providing for their families.



### FAMILY LAW PROJECT

MSPB connects low-income individuals who are involved in difficult family matters such as divorce and child custody with an attorney who can guide them through these legal processes and often provide representation in court.

# PROGRAMS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH FUNDING FROM

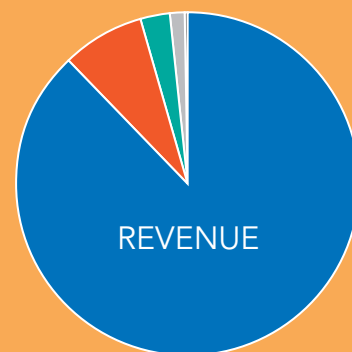
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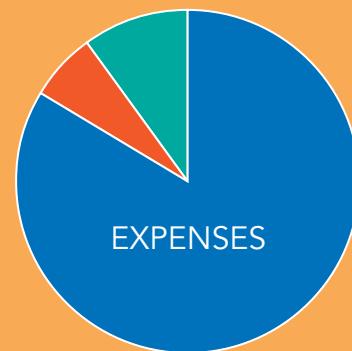
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# FINANCIALS



Grants	\$752,842
Contributions	\$65,757
Program Income	\$22,357
Special Events	\$11,721
Application Fees, Interest & Other Income	\$2,369



Program Services	\$801,804
Development/Fundraising	\$61,601
General & Administrative	\$94,701

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