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SOUTH FLORIDA

**ANNUAL REPORT 2024**



## **EVOLVING FOR TOMORROW. ADVOCATING EVERY DAY.**

Our new look reflects growth—but our work remains grounded in the same core values. We remain committed to standing with those who need us most, breaking down barriers, and delivering civil legal aid that changes lives.

— Lisa G. Goldberg, Executive Director



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**Annual Report 2024**

## Message from Our Executive Director



At Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida (CCLA), we are committed to supporting thousands of individuals as they navigate challenges to their stability. **For more than two decades, CCLA has been a leader in innovation, providing award-winning, high-quality legal services to our clients.** With steadfast dedication, we protect our clients' well-being, steadying their economic uncertainty, and helping them remain in the comfort and security of their life-long homes.

**Our mission to provide equal access to justice for underserved individuals is more vital than ever.** For the 360,000 residents of Broward & Collier Counties living at or below the poverty line, a single unexpected event—a medical emergency, an unforeseen expense, or a job loss—can push them into crisis.

The demand for our services continues to grow. Our tenacious team of attorneys, support staff and volunteers work tirelessly and compassionately to protect the rights of those who need us most. But we cannot do this alone. Your financial support is appreciated more than ever.

**Thank you for standing beside us, for believing in the importance of access to justice, and for ensuring that our community's most vulnerable always have an open doorway to justice at Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida.**

With Gratitude,

*Lisa Goldberg*



## Message from Our 2024 Board Chair

We believe that the heart of justice is service. Here, at Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida (CCLA) leadership comes from proximity—standing beside those in crisis. It's about listening deeply, acting humbly, and leading with courage and compassion. **Real change begins when we recognize the inherent dignity of every person and meet them where they are—with radical empathy and unwavering commitment.** That is the work of CCLA. And that is the work your support makes possible.

**Because of you, we are able to serve survivors of violence, vulnerable seniors, struggling families, and others who would otherwise go unheard.** You make it possible for us to approach every case with not just legal skill, but humanity—wiping away fear, offering hope, and walking alongside our clients with intention and respect. I challenge us all to continue building a community where compassion comes before competition, where leadership is measured by service, and where justice is built on humility, courage, and the commitment to lift others first.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your belief in this mission. **Together, we are not just delivering legal aid—we are restoring lives and shaping a more just future.**

Sincerely,

*Alejandro Larrazabal, Esq.*



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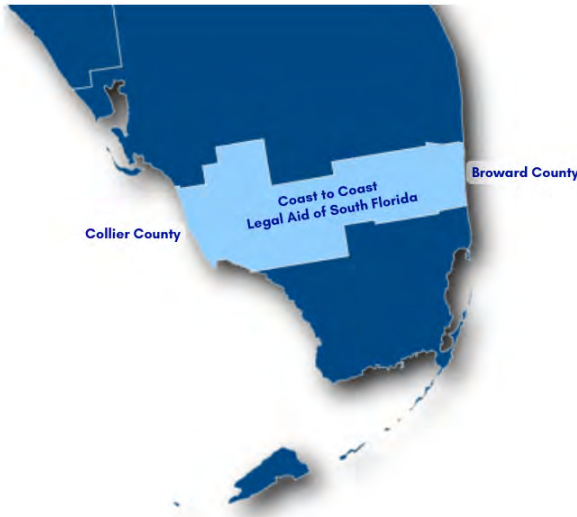


“Leadership and dedication to justice are invaluable as we advance our mission to support vulnerable communities. Our Board members play a pivotal role in shaping the organization’s vision and ensuring that we remain responsive to the evolving legal needs of those we serve.”

- Berbeth Foster, 2025 Board Chair



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## 2024 By the Numbers

**360,000+**

people live at or below the poverty line across  
Broward & Collier Counties



Staff n 2024  
(as of November 2024)  
**21 Attorneys**  
**19 Paralegals**  
**5 Administrative**



**3,360+**

Total CCLA Cases Open in 2024

**497**

Pro Bono Cases Closed through 2024

**92**

volunteer attorneys in 2024



**7,355+**

total individuals &  
their children served



**599**

People screened on-site at the  
Broward Central Courthouse as part  
of the Family Court Self Advocacy  
Program

## WHAT WE DO

### Family Law and Victims of Crime Unit

**Stable, loving families are the heart of a strong and resilient community.** They provide the safety, support, and foundation that allow individuals to heal, grow, and thrive.

**At CCLA's Family Law and Victims of Crime Unit, we stand beside survivors of domestic abuse and crime,** offering expert legal representation with deep compassion and care. **Our holistic approach goes beyond immediate legal needs—we provide emotional support, connect survivors with vital social services, and develop long-term safety plans that empower them to rebuild their lives.** Every family that finds stability and healing creates a ripple effect, strengthening not only their own future but the entire community. When families thrive, we all thrive.

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**3200+**

Individuals &  
their children  
were helped  
with family law  
issues in 2024



*I want to express my sincere thanks to my attorney and the legal assistance team for the care and support you provided me in my domestic violence case. Your generosity and professionalism were essential at such a difficult time in my life, and I feel deeply grateful for the time and effort you put into helping me, especially knowing that you did it for free.*

*Thanks to your intervention, I was able to feel heard and understood, and that has been invaluable to me. Your dedication and empathy have made a huge difference in my process, and I will always be grateful for everything you did.*

*—Family Law & Victims of Crime Unit Client Ashley*

“*I want to publicly thank the Coast to Coast Legal Aid team, who have helped me resolve my divorce case, especially my attorney and paralegal who were always willing and efficiently available to me when I needed them. I wouldn't have made this big step if it weren't for you. Eternally grateful!*

*– Family Law & Victims of Crime Unit Client Maria*



“*I'm beyond grateful for the legal support I received. My attorney handled my domestic violence case with professionalism, care, and compassion. From the very beginning, I felt heard and supported during one of the most difficult times in my life. He went above and beyond to make sure I was protected and informed every step of the way. I highly recommend CCLA's services to anyone in need of a strong, reliable, and genuinely caring attorney. Thank you for everything!*

*-Family Law & Victims of Crime Unit Client Joan*



## RESTORING LIVES: Survivors of Human Trafficking

**Florida ranks third in the nation for human trafficking, and Broward County reports one of the highest numbers of cases in the state.** To raise awareness, travelers at Fort Lauderdale International Airport hear a recorded message urging vigilance.

At Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida, we respond with action. **Our award-winning Anti-Human Trafficking Program offers free, trauma-informed, holistic legal services to survivors across the county.**

*For years, my past followed me everywhere—on job applications, housing forms, even in moments when I finally felt free. The charges weren't my choice; they were forced on me when I had no way out. CCLA didn't just help me clear my record—they saw me, believed in me, and stood by me every step of the way. They connected me with services that helped me heal, and now, for the first time in a long time, I feel like I have a future. I'm not just surviving anymore—I'm rebuilding my life.*

—Human Trafficking Client Jen

With a survivor-centered model, each client works with a dedicated attorney who guides them through complex legal needs—from T-Visas and expungements to restraining orders, divorces, and enforcement of victims' rights.

**By reducing trauma and streamlining the legal process, we help survivors reclaim their safety and dignity as they build a new life with confidence and hope.**



CCLA Human Trafficking Attorney, Victoria Sexton presenting during Human Trafficking Awareness Month with collaborative partners from the 17th Judicial Circuit Court, Judge Ross, Office of the State Attorney, and Human Trafficking Task Force

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## LEGAL ADVICE FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS: Family Court Self-Advocacy Program (FCSAP)

**At the Central Broward County Courthouse, the Family Court Self-Advocacy Program (FCSAP) offers critical legal guidance to individuals who are navigating family law matters without an attorney.** As part of the 17th Judicial Circuit's Self-Help Center, FCSAP provides personalized legal advice, empowering self-represented litigants with the knowledge they need to proceed effectively in court. By offering intake interviews, legal advice, and access to essential resources, we ensure that vulnerable individuals, regardless of financial means, receive the support necessary to advocate for themselves. **FCSAP plays a pivotal role in increasing family courts' efficiency, enhancing access to justice, and helping individuals navigate difficult family matters with confidence.**

[Click here to learn more...](#)



“Without FCSAP, I wouldn't have known where to begin. CCLA staff helped me understand my rights and gave me the tools to represent myself in court. This program truly gave me a voice.  
—FCSAP Client Katie

## STANDING WITH SURVIVORS:

### The RISE Project

At Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida (CCLA), we believe every victim of crime deserves to be heard, protected, and empowered. **Through our award-winning RISE (Rights in Systems Enforced) Program, we provide free civil legal services to victims and survivors, ensuring their rights are not only acknowledged—but actively asserted and enforced.**

Unlike prosecutors who represent the State of Florida and defense attorneys who represent the accused, **our CCLA attorneys represent the victim.** We help clients understand their victims' rights, stay informed throughout the criminal justice process, and assert and enforce those rights in court.

Victims often face a justice system that feels overwhelming and isolating. CCLA's attorneys stand beside them—offering guidance, support, and legal representation when they need it most.

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*The RISE Project gave me more than legal help — they gave me hope. When I was at my lowest, they stood by me, listened to me, and helped me reclaim my independence. Thanks to their support, I feel safe, seen and supported.*  
—RISE Project Client



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## WHAT WE DO

### Economic Advocacy and Community Health Unit

The Economic Advocacy and Community Health (EACH) program is committed to ensuring that economic hardship does not prevent individuals from accessing essential benefit. **Through proactive legal advocacy, the EACH team helps clients secure vital support,** including SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Medicaid, Medicare, SSI (Supplemental Security Income), Social Security, and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). By connecting individuals and families to these critical resources, Coast to Coast Legal Aid plays a key role in strengthening the stability and well-being of our community.

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*CCLA helped me navigate my Medicare claim that was denied. Without their help I would have been left with a medical bill that would have made me use all my savings and lose my home*  
—EACH Client Rosa

*When my disability claim was denied, I felt hopeless and alone. CCLA fought for me when no one else would, and because of them, I finally have the support I need to live with security and self-respect.*

—EACH Client James



*Thanks to CCLA, I no longer have to choose between paying rent and putting food on the table for my family. Their support gave me hope and dignity when I needed it most.*—EACH Client Roger

**EACH Unit**

**376**

Open cases  
during 2024



## WHAT WE DO

### Senior Law Unit

**For CCLA, keeping seniors stable in their homes is crucial for their well-being and overall quality of life.**

The rising cost of housing has created a crisis for many older adults. In danger of losing their home means losing access to essential healthcare, community support, and the security they need to age safely. Through the **Senior Law Unit** and the **award-winning Broward Continuum of Care Project**, CCLA attorneys are providing **life-saving legal assistance** to seniors facing eviction, ensuring they can remain in their homes and avoid the devastating consequences of homelessness. **By advocating for vulnerable seniors, securing rental assistance, and defending against wrongful evictions, CCLA attorneys are not only protecting individual lives but also strengthening the community as a whole.**

*I didn't know where I was going to go—I thought I'd lose everything. But CCLA fought for me when no one else would. Thanks to them, I still have my home, my memories, my dignity. — Senior Law Client Edith*

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**1720+**  
Cases Open  
for Seniors  
in 2024



“When my landlord shut off my water without a reason, my CCLA attorneys worked quickly and tirelessly to restore my service. They were so wonderful. I am a disabled senior and don't know what I would have done without them. —Senior Law Client George

117

cases open during  
2024 under Mobile  
Justice Unit  
funding

For many vulnerable seniors, transportation can be an overwhelming barrier, often leaving them without a voice, an advocate, or access to legal assistance. **The award-winning Mobile Justice Squad (MJS)**, a fully equipped mobile law office, is here to change that. **This “Law Office on Wheels” brings free, critical legal services directly to those who need it most, ensuring that justice is not out of reach due to physical or financial barriers.**

With every home visit, the MJS team—composed of CCLA’s dedicated attorneys—delivers hope and legal protection to seniors facing domestic violence, housing instability, and other pressing issues. **The Mobile Justice Squad serves as a vital lifeline, reaffirming the belief that justice must be accessible to all, no matter their circumstances.**

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## DRIVING JUSTICE TO THEIR DOORSTEP: The Mobile Justice Squad’s Impact



*I couldn’t get to the office because of my vision, and I didn’t know how to fix the issue with my food stamps. CCLA’s Mobile Justice Squad came to me, listened to my concerns, and took care of everything. Thanks to them, I can now get the food I need without worry. I’m so grateful for their help!*  
—Mobile Justice Squad Client James

# PRO BONO REIMAGINED

Over the past 50+ years, access to justice has developed into a movement. Pro Bono work has moved beyond traditional direct, “one client, one case” representation. Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida (CCLA) offers different ways for you to volunteer with us to help ensure access to justice in our communities.

Whether you are a new attorney or experienced attorney, we offer different opportunities for you to give back.



**Represent  
Someone  
in Need**



**Lead an  
in-person  
Legal Clinic**



**Co-Counsel  
with Us**



**Provide Advice  
and Counsel  
Over the Phone**



**Conduct  
a CLE**



**Host a Fridays  
With Friends  
to Introduce  
Resources in  
Our Community**



**Teach a Virtual  
Legal Learning  
Episode or Clinic  
Session on Our  
Social Media**



**Create Materials  
for Us to Use  
With Other Pro  
Bono Attorneys  
and the Public**



**Engage in  
Outreach  
for Our  
Organization**



**Intern as a  
Law Student  
with CCLA**



**Host an  
Event for  
CCLA**



**Volunteer  
When a  
Disaster  
Strikes**



## WHY PRO BONO

In response to a need for legal services to the poor, the Florida Supreme Court ruled in 1992 that lawyers should aspire to do at least 20 hours of pro bono work a year or contribute \$350 to a legal aid organization like Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida. Volunteering to do pro bono work enriches the community where you live and work. Increased pro se education, advice, and representation helps the court system work more efficiently and effectively. It's the right thing to do. The best part, it makes you feel good.



*Pro Bono Attorney Jason Neufeld & student intern helping Seniors at Clinic*



*(Above) Virtual Legal Information Clinic with Pro Bono Attorneys Michael Rajtar and Chad Van Horn*

*(Left) Appreciation for CCLA's Pro Bono Attorneys Jill Ginsberg & Jason Neufeld*



*Advance Directives Clinic for Seniors*

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## CCLA OUT IN THE COMMUNITY IN 2024

This year, CCLA conducted 172 community outreach events, bringing vital legal education and resources directly to neighborhoods across our region.

From senior centers to schools and community organizations, each event served as a bridge between the legal system and the people who need it most. The result: stronger, more informed communities and lives changed through early intervention and access to justice. [Click here to learn more...](#)



*Broward Co. Women Lawyers Association with 2025-2026 FL Bar President Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes*



*Nova Southeastern University's School of Law's 50th Anniversary Celebration*



*CCLA's Lisa Goldberg with Ret. Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince*





## CCLA OUT IN THE COMMUNITY IN 2024



*Broward Co. School Social Work Resource Fair*



*Presentation to Seniors on Preventing Fraud*



*Nina's Place with Deerfield Community Cares*



*Presenting at a Statewide Disaster Conference about Housing*



*Outreach table at Henderson Mental Health Event*



*Broward County Bar Association Gala*



## CCLA OUT IN THE COMMUNITY IN 2024



*CCLA with Ret. Florida Supreme Court Justice Pariente*



*Human Trafficking A21 Walk for Freedom*



*Hurricane Ian Disaster Recovery Panel*



*National Night Out in Plantation*



*Justice Unit Brunch with State Attorney Harold Pryor*





## CCLA OUT IN THE COMMUNITY IN 2024



*Outreach Presentation to Seniors*



*CCLA's Lisa Goldberg with FL Bar President Roland Sanchez-Medina Jr.*



*Ananda Balroop awarded Broward Domestic Violence Council's 2024 Victim Advocate Professional*



*Cindy Woodward awarded Broward Domestic Violence Council's 2024 Community Leader*



*CCLA Staff at 2024's For the Public Good Event*





## CCLA OUT IN THE COMMUNITY IN 2024



*Bernice Gaines Dorn Black Women Lawyers Association*



*CCLA & GJFS honored with 211 Broward Nonprofit Award for Collaboration*



*CCLA with Chief Judge Jack Tuter at Investitures*



*Outreach at Senior Focal Point*



*Board Meet and Greet Breakfast*



*Broward Aware Child Abuse Prevention Event*





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## CCLA OUT IN THE COMMUNITY IN 2024



*CCLA's Victoria Sexton honored as EmpowHer Awardee for her work with survivors of human trafficking*



*CCLA's Lisa Goldberg with Executive Directors from LSGMI and LSNF in Washington DC for LSC's 50th Anniversary*



*Caribbean Bar Association's Gala*



*Wearing Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Month*



*City of Fort Lauderdale's Live Well, Leave a Legacy Event*  
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## 2024 FINANCIALS

### REVENUE AND PUBLIC SUPPORT

Contracts and grants	\$6,264,480
Contributions	\$ 42,036
Special event revenue	\$ 23,802
Interest and other income	\$ 193,103
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND PUBLIC SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$6,523,421</b>

### EXPENSES

Program services	\$5,016,444
Supporting services:	
Management and general	\$1,330,951
Fundraising	\$42,466

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$6,389,861**

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** **\$133,560**

Net assets, beginning of year	\$173,104
Net assets, end of year	\$306,664



*CCLA awarded LETF Grant from the Broward Sheriff's Office*



*CCLA awarded a First Horizon Foundation Grant for Good*





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## Donors, Funders, and Community Partners

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire community for their unwavering support of Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida (CCLA). To all those who supported our organization financially, provided outreach opportunities to educate our clients and the legal community, and to our community partners and pro bono attorneys, your contributions were instrumental to the success of CCLA this year. Your dedication underscores the importance of civil legal aid as a doorway to a community of equal justice. Together, we have made significant strides in ensuring that everyone has access to the legal resources they need, fostering a more just and equitable society. Thank you for your invaluable support and commitment to our mission.



*CCLA's Lisa Goldberg & Katianna Mazard recognized by Florida Trend Magazine as Woman Leaders in Law*



*2024's 17th Judicial Circuit, BCBA, & TJ Reddick Bar Association's Black History Month: A Celebration of our Black Judges*



*CCLA in 2024's Lexus Corporate 5k Run/Walk*



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