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| <p>The Bronx Defenders: <i>Family Defense Practice</i> (NYC) ^A</p> | <p>Parents being investigated by Administration for Children’s Services</p> | <p>Self-referral; <i>Other?</i></p> | <p>Advocacy during the investigation; Connecting families to proven prevention services.</p> | <p>Attorney; Social worker; and Parent Advocate.</p> | <p>Private seed money</p> | <p>?</p> | <p>Between 2015 and 2017, in 68% of cases where parent was represented during the investigation did not result in a legal filing; In 2015, 68% of babies born to women involved with child welfare in the Bronx were removed at birth but, currently, only 30% of such babies are now removed at birth</p> |
| <p>Center for Children & Youth Justice: <i>Family Advocacy Center</i> (King County, WA) ^B Closed in 2019</p> | <p>Families with a legal issue that, if resolved, would: Prevent removal; Close CPS investigation; or Close a Family Assessment Response case; or Cause dismissal of a dependency case.</p> | <p><i>Not stated, but the project appears to have partnered with two of eight child welfare agencies in the county - is this for referrals?</i></p> | <p>Guardianship, custody, divorce, paternity, and parenting plans; Protection orders; Criminal (records and outstanding warrants issues); Public benefits; Housing; and Other ancillary issues.</p> | <p>Attorney (from the Northwest Justice Project); Social worker (from Center for Children & Youth Justice); and Parent ally (from Parents for Parents).</p> | <p>?</p> | <p>?</p> | <p>During the 3-year pilot project, legal objectives were met in 95% of preventative cases</p> |

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| Center for Family Representation, Inc.: <i>Community Advocacy Project</i> (NYC) ^C | Parent subject to investigation by Administration for Children’s Services in Manhattan or Queens (will soon expand to the Bronx) | Other legal services agencies and community organizations; NYC 311 call line; Self-referrals. <i>* Note: referrals from ACS are rare</i> | Social work advocacy and explain parent’s rights during the investigation <i>*Note: may consult with an in-house attorney for housing, protection order, immigration and criminal legal advice and/or direct assistance</i> ^D | Social workers; and Parent advocates. | Discretionary funding from New York City Council Plan to pursue incorporating this “early defense” work into the Center’s contract to provide representation to parents in pending child protection cases | Collect client demographic information at intake and track: Time investigation remains open; Outcome of investigation (court petition? removal? if so, to whom - kinship?); Number of referrals made for other services. | <i>Older Community Advocacy Teams:</i> Between July 2007 and Nov. 2010, successfully diverted court filings in 70% of pre-filing cases. |
| Children’s Law Center of California: <i>Pritzker Pre-Filing Project</i> (Los Angeles, CA) ^E | Pregnant or parenting youth involved in the child protection system | Other Children’s Law center attorneys; Dept. of Children & Family Services caseworkers; and Self-referrals. | Advocate for clients in child welfare system; Obtain protection orders; Connect client to needed services; Collaborates with MH, immigration and other experts. | Attorney; and Parent-support case manager. | Philanthropic funding sources but hoping to use Title IV-E administrative cost funding in the future | ? | As of 7/2/12: Only 3 of 168 (1.8 %) of clients had their children removed (one was later successfully reunified). |

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| <p>Dependency Advocacy Center: 2 pre-petition programs</p> <p>First program:</p> <p><i>Santa Clara County Corridor</i> ^F</p> | <p>Santa Clara county resident;</p> <p>Who is an adult on probation and a parent at risk of involvement with Dept. of Family and Children’s Services (DFCS)</p> | <p>Primarily adult probation officers; and</p> <p>Sometimes community partners.</p> | <p>Referrals to community services;</p> <p>Peer and social work support regarding DCFS;</p> <p>Legal advice, help filing court forms, representation or referrals for: guardianships, restraining orders, custody, housing, and caregiver affidavits (custody plan if parent is re-incarcerated)</p> | <p>Attorney;</p> <p>Social worker;</p> <p>Mentor parents.</p> | <p>Operates under contract with county adult probation using county funds</p> | <p>Client satisfaction survey;</p> <p>Was petition filed?</p> <p>If > 45 days of services provided, assess client self-sufficiency across 10 domains;</p> <p><i>Note: working to obtain data to track recidivism in criminal justice system; DAC is currently notified if a child protection petition is later filed (but doesn’t receive substantiation info.)</i></p> | <p>Has been in effect for 5 years;</p> <p>DAC will send us the data (relevant person currently is on vacation)</p> |
| <p>Dependency Advocacy Center: 2 pre-petition programs</p> <p>Second program:</p> <p><i>First Call for Families (CA)</i> ^G</p> | <p>Santa Clara county resident;</p> <p>Has interacted with Dept. of Family & Children’s Services (DFCS) within past year (ex: unfounded past report of abuse or neglect or who currently have a voluntary services plan) who seek pre-petition advocacy and support</p> | <p>Primarily DFCS caseworkers; also</p> <p>Community partners; and</p> <p>Self-referrals.</p> <p><i>* Note: soon opening office co-located in a hospital’s high-risk pregnancy clinic to obtain referrals</i></p> | <p>(1) <i>Warm line:</i> support, legal advice and community referrals; and</p> <p>(2) <i>Individualized support</i> (if needed & staff available):</p> <p>Peer and social work support regarding DFCS;</p> <p>Legal advice, help filing court forms, representation or referrals for: guardianships, restraining orders,</p> | <p>Attorney;</p> <p>Social worker; and</p> <p>Mentor parent.</p> | <p>1st year: short-term county funds;</p> <p>On Sept. 1, 2022, expanding staff and will operate under a contract with DFCS using other county funds</p> <p><i>* May pursue Title IV-E funding in the future; DAC and other California parents’ attorney providers currently receive Title IV-E funding through</i></p> | <p>(1) <i>Warm line:</i> collect data on type of warm line service provided and whether client referred to other services.</p> <p>(2) <i>Individualized support:</i></p> <p>Client satisfaction survey;</p> <p>Was petition filed?</p> <p>If client > 45 days, assess client self-sufficiency across 10 domains;</p> | <p>Program began in 2021; data not yet available.</p> <p>Anecdotally, only one client with individualized support had a court petition filed and the child was returned after only a brief time</p> |

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| | | | custody, housing and related issues | | <i>DFCS when appointed to represent parents during child protection proceedings after a petition is filed</i> | If client > 60 days, obtain data from DCFS whether any reports have been substantiated at 6-months and 12-months after services complete. | |
| Family Intervention Response to Stop Trauma (F.I.R.S.T.) Clinic (Snohomish County, WA) ^H | Pregnant mothers and parents of substance-exposed infants (<1-month old) in the county who are subject to a child welfare investigation | Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) caseworkers; Medical providers, (hospital staff and drug and alcohol treatment providers). | Advocacy with DCYF; Assist in obtaining substance-use evaluations and treatment and referrals to nursing and/or home visitation parent-support programs; Assist with some ancillary legal needs (family law, protection orders, guardianships) | Attorney; Resource navigator; and Parent Ally. | Began as pro bono services; In 2020, state appropriated \$500,000 over two years; Beginning Oct. 2020, pilot program to help parents who are screened-out intakes (<i>i.e.</i> , they are pregnant and child is not yet born) funded by Title IV-E Family First Prevention Services Act Funds | ? | Between July 2019 and Nov. 2021: 15% of 123 total clients has a court petition filed; Children were not removed for 89% of clients whose final outcome was recorded. Snohomish County infant removals generally decreased by 37% between 2018 and 2020, compared to 17% reduction statewide. |

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| <p>Greater Boston Legal Services: <i>Domestic Violence Family Preservation Project (MA)</i> ¹</p> | <p>Low-income survivors of domestic violence involved with Department of Children and Families (DCF) whose children haven't been removed</p> | <p>Community partner organizations; Other GBLS attorneys; and Self-referral through GBLS intake</p> | <p>Advocate during DCF investigation (inform of rights, negotiate required services; appeal substantiations); DV protection orders; Custody, child support, divorce; guardianships; and Tax, housing, welfare, immigration and healthcare issues (via referral to other GBLS staff attorneys).</p> | <p>Attorney</p> | <p>Began with one attorney funded through an Equal Justice Works Fellowship; Second attorney funded (at least in part) with ARPA funds.</p> | <p>Collect client demographic data; & track following outcomes: Avoiding juvenile court involvement; outcome of DCF case--including: day DCF case closed and time DCF case open; Income of family at beginning of representation; Government benefits obtained via representation; Outcome of Probate & Family case; and Whether safety/restraining order obtained.</p> | <p>Not yet available.</p> |
| <p>Iowa Legal Aid: <i>Parent Representation Project (IA)</i> ¹</p> | <p>Low-income families involved in child welfare system in project counties</p> | <p>Majority of referrals from Iowa Department of Human Services; and contracted service providers Self-referrals?</p> | <p>Assist with child welfare system; Child custody and guardianship; Protection orders; Expungements; Housing issues; and Denials of public benefits.</p> | <p>Attorney; Case manager; and Parent advocate.</p> | <p>Began in 1 county with CIP funding; Then private funding; <i>* In 2020, was pursuing using Title IV-E funds to expand to 6 counties under a contract with the Iowa State Public Defender's Office.</i></p> | | <p>In 2018: Closed 62 pre-filing cases, helping 118 children avoid court involvement</p> |

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| Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma (LSAO): <i>Family Representation Contract</i> (OK) ^K | Actively involved with Child Welfare Services in some capacity; also subject to representation qualification requirements of LASO | Oklahoma Dept. of Human Services caseworkers as well as judicial referrals | Legal matters impacting the stability of the home with the exception of criminal and appellate cases. Included but is not limited to divorce and custody; paternity; protection orders; guardianships; housing and utility issues, and benefit entitlement appeals | Attorney | Contract between Dept. of Human Services and LASO | None at this time. Are working to establish a research study to determine efficacy of intervention under the contract. | None at this time (see column to left). |
| Legal Service of New Jersey: <i>Family Stability Project</i> (NJ) ^L | Indigent parents involved with child welfare agency in a pre-petition stage are referred based on safety concerns the agency cannot resolve with in-home services | Child welfare agency caseworkers | Various ancillary services— <i>e.g.</i> : Public benefits; Evictions and housing voucher terminations; Divorce, custody, child support; Special education and other school-related issues; Healthcare; and Immigration. | Attorney (project attorneys can refer clients to other LSNJ attorneys with expertise in a specific issue); Social worker; and Parent ally. | ? | ? | From 2018 to 2020: Out of over 200 referrals, none of the more than 300 children were removed |

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| <p>Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel: <i>Preventative Legal Services</i> (Jefferson County, CO) ^M</p> | <p>Indigent parents in Jefferson County with unmet legal needs that may be affecting the safety of their child</p> | <p>Caseworkers (including from county Dept. of Human Services and TANF programs); Community-based organizations; Self-referrals; Other.</p> | <p>Pre-filing child welfare advocacy; Housing; Custody and visitation; Guardianship; Parentage/paternity; Protection orders; Advice on some criminal matters (outstanding warrants, sealing records and expungement, de-registration); and Immigration (VAWA and U-Visa petitions). ^N</p> | <p>Attorney (contracts with Colorado Legal Services to help with specific issues—<i>e.g.</i>, housing and immigration); Social worker; and Parent advocate.</p> | <p><i>Title IV-E administrative costs reimbursement for preventative legal services (at least in part)?</i> <i>State funding?</i></p> | <p>Conduct short interview with parent upon case closure; Follow-up parent interview 6-months after case closure.</p> | <p><i>Data may not yet be available (pilot began in March 2022)?</i></p> |
| <p>Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid: <i>Family Defense Project</i> (TX) ^O</p> | <p>Indigent parents engaged with Tex. Dept. of Family & Protective Servs. when no right to a court-appointed attorney exists: Investigation; If a court issues an Order in Aid of Investigation; If parents agree to Family Based Safety Services.</p> | <p>Self-referrals; <i>Other?</i></p> | <p>Assist with child welfare system; <i>Other?</i></p> | <p>Attorney; <i>Social worker?</i></p> | <p><i>?</i></p> | <p><i>?</i></p> | <p><i>Data may not yet be available (began in 2021)?</i></p> |

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| <p>U. Mich. Law School, Child Advocacy Clinic: <i>Detroit Center for Family Advocacy</i> (Detroit, MI)^P</p> <p>Program closed; was in effect from 2009 - 2016</p> | <p>Parents/custodians (grandparents or other relatives) of children from Wayne County for whom the child welfare agency has substantiated abuse or neglect but has not removed the children or filed a court petition</p> | <p>Michigan Department of Human Services (90% of referrals); Wayne County Juvenile Court; Private agencies; and Self-referrals</p> | <p>Assist with child welfare system; Guardianships; Child support, custody, divorce and paternity; Protection orders; Public benefits; and Other ancillary issues. ^Q</p> | <p>Attorney; Social worker; and Parent advocate.</p> | <p>Private funds were used to leverage state matching funds from Michigan's Child Care Fund</p> | <p>Demographics; Monitor: whether petition filed and whether children removed; length of time served by program (hours by staff and months case open), type of service received and whether goal was achieved; Stakeholder surveys (child welfare agencies, judges, AAGs, GALs, community organizations); Client satisfaction surveys.</p> | <p>From 7/2009 to 6/2012: Served 110 children in 55 families; Prevented filing of petition in 92.7% of cases (petitions filed for 4 children, of those removed, none went to non-kin foster care and all were returned quickly); Achieved legal objective of ancillary services in 98.2% of cases</p> |
| <p>Vermont Parent Representation Center, Inc.: had 2 pre-petition programs</p> <p>First program: <i>Family Intervention Team</i> (VT)^R</p> <p>2-year project; closed in 2012</p> | <p>Families* for whom Dept. of Children & Families (DCF) had completed an investigation or assessment and had opened a services case <i>* Only represented 1 parent in each case</i></p> | <p>Referral sources: DCF (50%); Community providers (29%); Probate Courts (13%); and Other (8%: via web, 2-1-1 or other clients).</p> | <p>Advocacy with DCF (including also appeals of substantiations, and represent in CHINS case if later opened); Guardianships; Housing (ex: help with §8 vouchers, eviction defense); Protection orders; Public benefits (ex: TANF);</p> | <p>Attorney; Social worker; and Peer Advocate.</p> | <p>State legislative funding for one year (until budget crisis due to Hurricane Irene); and Later private foundations and donors.</p> <p><i>Note: some staff occasionally provided pro bono services.</i></p> | <p>Number referrals, how many became clients; Number of visits to parents in home/community; Parent satisfaction surveys; % children not removed (and if removed, % later reunited); % older children who were already</p> | <p>During 2-year pilot (2010-2012): 78% of families whose children were not in custody of the State or a relative at outset also did not have a child removed while receiving services 50% of other children who had previously been removed were</p> |

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| | | | Other ancillary issues advocacy. | | | removed who were reunited. <i>* request to agency for longer-term outcomes (6- and 12- month intervals) was denied</i> | reunified with the parent 100% of parents found project helpful to achieve desired outcomes |
| Vermont Parent Representation Center, Inc.: Second program: <i>Rapid Intervention Prenatal Program (RIPP) (VT)</i> ^s 2-year project; closed in 2016 | Mothers in medication assisted treatment who were pregnant or parenting infants (under 1 month) regardless of whether there was yet DCF involvement <i>Note: DCF policy prevented involvement until 30 days before the due date</i> | Treatment providers; Community partners; and Self-referrals. | Same as above and also: Advocacy with hospital, medical providers, and service providers; Providing transportation and other needed services/supports to facilitate visits if child was removed (to help speed & facilitate reunification). | Attorney; and Family advocate (skilled but not licensed as MSW). | Private foundations and donors <i>Note: some staff occasionally provided pro bono services.</i> | Same as above <i>* but did not again request long-term data</i> | During 2-year pilot (2014-2016): 63% of 27 women served were successful in maintaining custody of children within 12 months of being served by RIPP |

^A See The Bronx Defenders: Family Defense Practice (website) at <https://www.bronxdefenders.org/our-work/family-defense-practice/> (last visited Aug. 11, 2022); see also Office of Respondent Parents’ Counsel, *Preventive Legal Services Implementation Guide* at Appx. B (May 11, 2022), at https://coloradolab.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/ORPC-Preventive-Legal-Services-Implementation-Guide_May-2022.pdf; Family Justice Initiative, *Guide to Implementing FJI System Attributes: Attribute 4: Timing of Appointment* (2020) at <https://15ucklg5c821brpl4dycpk15-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/48/2020/03/fji-implementation-guide-attribute4-1.pdf>.

^B See Casey Family Programs, *How can pre-petition legal representation help strengthen families and keep them together?* (Feb. 13, 2020) at <https://www.casey.org/preventive-legal-support/>; Am. Bar Ass’n & Nat’l Council of Juv. & Fam. Ct. Judges, Judge’s Action Alert, *Supporting Early Legal Advocacy before Court Involvement in Child Welfare Cases* (March 2021), at https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/child_law/early-legal-advocacy.pdf; Office of Respondent Parents’ Counsel, *Preventive Legal Services Implementation Guide*, *supra* note A, at Appx. B. The Family Advocacy Project operated for three years, ceasing operations in July 2019.

^C Zoom interview with Malena Arnaud, Social Work Supervisor, Center for Family Representation, Inc., Community Advocacy Project. See also Center for Family Representation: Community Advocacy Project (website) at <https://cfny.org/community-advocacy-project/more-about-cap/> (last visited Aug. 10, 2022); see also Elizabeth Fassler & Wanjiro Gethaiga, *Representing Parents During Child Welfare Investigations: Precourt Advocacy Strategies*, 30 Child L. Practice 17 (2011) at <https://cfny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Representing-Parents-During-Child-Welfare-Investigations-April-2011.pdf>.

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^D A social work service model was chosen for the Community Advocacy Project because current policies prevent ACS caseworkers from speaking to parents' attorneys without counsel present. The Center for Family Representation, which houses the Community Advocacy Project, is one of several contracted providers of indigent parent representation in child protection cases in NYC and, in that capacity, has attorneys that specialize in housing, immigration and criminal matters who can, on occasion, assist clients in the Community Advocacy Project. While the Center provides assistance in obtaining orders of protection, it does not provide legal representation in custody matters.

^E See Jody Leibman Green & Kaveh Landsverk, American Bar Association, *Breaking the Foster Care Cycle, One Young Family at a Time* (July 1, 2021) at <https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/committees/childrens-rights/articles/2021/summer2021-breaking-the-foster-care-cycle-one-young-family-at-a-time/>; see also Am. Bar Ass'n & Nat'l Council of Juv. & Fam. Ct. Judges, Judge's Action Alert, *Supporting Early Legal Advocacy before Court Involvement in Child Welfare Cases*, *supra* note B; Rob Wyman, *Testimony before the Maine Commission to Develop a Pilot Program to Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System* (Aug. 1, 2022) at <https://legislature.maine.gov/doc/8716> (hereinafter "Rob Wyman, *Testimony*").

^F Zoom interview with Hilary Kushins, Chief Program Officer at the Dependency Advocacy Center. See also Family Justice Initiative, *Guide to Implementing FJI System Attributes: Attribute 4: Timing of Appointment*, *supra* note A.

^G Zoom interview with Hilary Kushins, Chief Program Officer at the Dependency Advocacy Center. See also Dependency Advocacy Center: First Call for Families (website) at http://www.sccdac.org/?page_id=501 (last visited Aug. 10, 2022); Rob Wyman, *Testimony*, *supra* note E.

^H See Adam Ballout & Melinda L. Drewing, American Bar Association, *The F.I.R.S.T. Legal Clinic: A New Frontier of Partnerships to Stop Trauma* (July 14, 2022) at <https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/committees/childrens-rights/articles/2022/summer2022-the-first-legal-clinic/>; see also Am. Bar Ass'n & Nat'l Council of Juv. & Fam. Ct. Judges, Judge's Action Alert, *Supporting Early Legal Advocacy before Court Involvement in Child Welfare Cases*, *supra* note B; Casey Family Programs, *How can pre-petition legal representation help strengthen families and keep them together?*, *supra* note B; Rob Wyman, *Testimony*, *supra* note E.

^I Zoom Interview and email correspondence with Alyssa Rao, Esq., Equal Justice Works Fellow Attorney, Greater Boston Legal Services, Family Law Unit. See also Rob Wyman, *Testimony*, *supra* note E; Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel, *Preventive Legal Services Implementation Guide*, *supra* note A, at Appx. B.

^J See Iowa Legal Aid, *Parent Representation Project*, at https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/child_law/ila-parent-rep-project.pdf (undated pamphlet); see also Amber Gilson & Michelle Jungers, American Bar Association, *Preserving Families Through High-Quality Pre-Petition Representation* (March 4, 2021) at <https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/committees/childrens-rights/articles/2021/spring2021-preserving-families-through-high-quality-pre-petition-representation/>; Casey Family Programs, *How can pre-petition legal representation help strengthen families and keep them together?*, *supra* note B; Am. Bar Ass'n & Nat'l Council of Juv. & Fam. Ct. Judges, Judge's Action Alert, *Supporting Early Legal Advocacy before Court Involvement in Child Welfare Cases*, *supra* note B; Family Justice Initiative, *Guide to Implementing FJI System Attributes: Attribute 4: Timing of Appointment*, *supra* note A.

^K Email correspondence with Ronald Baze, General Counsel, Oklahoma Department of Human Services. See also Oklahoma Human Services Waypoint Podcast Episode 5: *OKDHS and Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma help families engaged with the child welfare system navigate legal issues* (Sept. 21, 2021) at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/waypoint-podcast-episode-5-okdhs-and-legal-aid/id1566960281?i=1000536190430>; Am. Bar Ass'n & Nat'l Council of Juv. & Fam. Ct. Judges, Judge's Action Alert, *Supporting Early Legal Advocacy before Court Involvement in Child Welfare Cases*, *supra* note B; Casey Family Programs, *How can pre-petition legal representation help strengthen families and keep them together?*, *supra* note B; Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel, *Preventive Legal Services Implementation Guide*, *supra* note A, at Appx. B.

^L LSNJ's program was formerly known as the Family Representation Project. See Gianna Giordano & Jey Rajaraman, American Bar Association, *Increasing Pre-Petition Legal Advocacy to Keep Families Together* (Dec. 15, 2020), at <https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/committees/childrens-rights/articles/2020/winter2021-increasing-pre-petition-legal-advocacy-to-keep-families-together/>; see also Casey Family Programs, *How can pre-petition legal representation help strengthen families and keep them together?*, *supra* note B; Family Justice Initiative, *Guide to Implementing FJI System Attributes: Attribute 4: Timing of Appointment*, *supra* note A; Am. Bar Ass'n & Nat'l Council of Juv. & Fam. Ct. Judges, Judge's Action Alert, *Supporting Early Legal Advocacy before Court Involvement in Child Welfare Cases*, *supra* note B.

^M Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel, *Preventive Legal Services Implementation Guide* at Appx. B (May 11, 2022), at https://coloradolab.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/ORPC-Preventive-Legal-Services-Implementation-Guide_May-2022.pdf.

Office of Policy and Legal Analysis (draft 8/19/2022)

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^N The Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel Preventative Legal Services specifically will not address the following legal issues: divorce (exception: may have Colorado Legal Services assist in DV cases); criminal defense representation (but will help connect client to a public defender); employment; civil rights; small claims and private lawsuits.

^O See Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid: Family Defense Project (website) at <https://www.trla.org/fdp> (list visited Aug. 11, 2022); see also Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel, *Preventive Legal Services Implementation Guide*, *supra* note A, at Appx. B.

^P See University of Michigan law School, *Detroit Center for Family Advocacy Pilot Evaluation Report 7/2009 - 6/2012* (Feb. 2013); Detroit Center for Family Advocacy, U. Mich. L. Sch., *Promoting Safe and Stable Families* (2014), at <https://artscimedia.case.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2014/02/14194055/CFARReport.pdf>; ; See Vivek Sankaran, *Using Preventive Legal Advocacy to Keep Children from Entering Foster Care*, 40 Wm. Mitchell L. Rev. 1036, 1042-1043 (2014) at <https://repository.law.umich.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1946&context=articles>; The Detroit Center for Family Advocacy closed in 2016 due to a lack of funding. See Vivek Sankaran, *What We Need to Protect American Families*, *The Imprint: Youth & Family News* (Oct. 30, 2018) at <https://imprintnews.org/opinion/need-protect-american-families/32590>.

The following sources of funding and technical assistance were cited in the Detroit Center for Family Advocacy's 2014 report: Casey Family Programs, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Dewitt C. Holbrook Memorial Fund, McGregor Fund, Pillsbury Family Advocacy Fund, Retired Justice Bobbe & Jon Bridge, Skillman Foundation, Quicken Loans Foundation and W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The center also received an in-kind donation of administrative support from the University of Michigan Law School.

^Q The Detroit Center for Family Advocacy assisted with powers of attorney, parking tickets, central registry expunctions and educational advocacy.

^R Zoom interview and email correspondence with Trine Bech, founder and former Executive Director, Vermont Parent Representation Center, Inc.; see Vermont Parent Representation Center, Inc., *Bending the Curve to Improve Our Child Protection System: A Multiyear Analysis of Vermont's Child Protection System & Recommendations for Improvement* at 40-47 (Nov. 14, 2018), at <https://www.vtprc.org/2018/11/14/bending-the-curve-to-improve-our-child-protection-system-report/>; see also Vivek Sankaran, *Using Preventive Legal Advocacy to Keep Children from Entering Foster Care*, *supra* note P, at 1042-1043.

^S Zoom interview and email correspondence with Trine Bech, founder and former Executive Director, Vermont Parent Representation Center, Inc.; see Vermont Parent Representation Center, Inc., *Rapid Intervention Prenatal Program* (website) at <https://www.vtprc.org/rapid-intervention-prenatal-program/> (last visited Aug. 13, 2022); Vermont Parent Representation Center, Inc., *Bending the Curve to Improve Our Child Protection System*, *supra* note R.