DC Legal Aid Transformations Network
FALL 2022 Report
A PARTNER CPRM Highlights Brief

Through the DC Legal Aid Transformations Network (DC LATN), the DC Bar Foundation (DCBF) is bringing together legal aid providers, funders, community activists, social service providers, and other stakeholders to build and sustain a network that will help us achieve a big goal: advancing a user-centered system grounded in wellbeing, anti-racism, and anti-poverty, starting with creating a coordinated intake and referral system in DC and evolving into a “network of networks” for connectivity, alignment, and action.

Since DC LATN’s first convening in June 2021, DCBF asked the network at the September 2022 convening for feedback about the network status, progress, and existing ecosystem of organizations and community stakeholders. A total of 103 organizations were invited to participate in a Social Network Analysis of their current organizational partnerships. These organizations were sent a network survey using Visible Network Labs’ PARTNER CPRM platform (www.partnertool.net). Sixty-one organizations responded to the survey, for a 59% response rate. The DC Legal Aid Transformations Network will use the PARTNER data to understand how to build on current collaborative strengths, identify opportunities for effective collaboration in the future and how to develop an effective structure to achieve its goals.

**Network Structure**

This is the network map of the DC Legal Aid Transformations Network. This map shows each organization represented as a circle (node). The lines among the nodes represent all relationships that were reported by respondents.

Nodes are colored by organizational type.

The size of the node shows which organizations have the greatest number of connections.

The node labels, their corresponding organization names, and their organizational types are listed in the Aggregate Network Report.
Which barriers prevent the DC LATN from having a bigger impact in the community? (n=59 responses)

42% Competing programs and/or priorities
39% Lack of clarity of objectives/goals of the network
39% Lack of staff/capacity to participate

As a result of participation in the DC LATN, my organization has: (n=57 responses)

44% Gained new insight/perspective on the legal aid system in DC.
35% Made valuable contacts with other stakeholders
21% Learned new ways to collaborate

Intensity of Interaction

Level of Interaction

Awareness
Involves awareness of an organization’s services, mission, etc.

Cooperation
Involves exchanging information, attending meetings together, and sharing resources

Coordination
Involves synchronization of activities for mutual benefit

Integration
Involves a formal or binding relationship that may involve contracts, grants, etc.

When asked how successful the DC LATN been at facilitating or achieving the following activities and outcomes, respondents selected Increased Knowledge Sharing as the most successful. Alternatively, respondents selected Improved services for target populations as the least successful.