

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

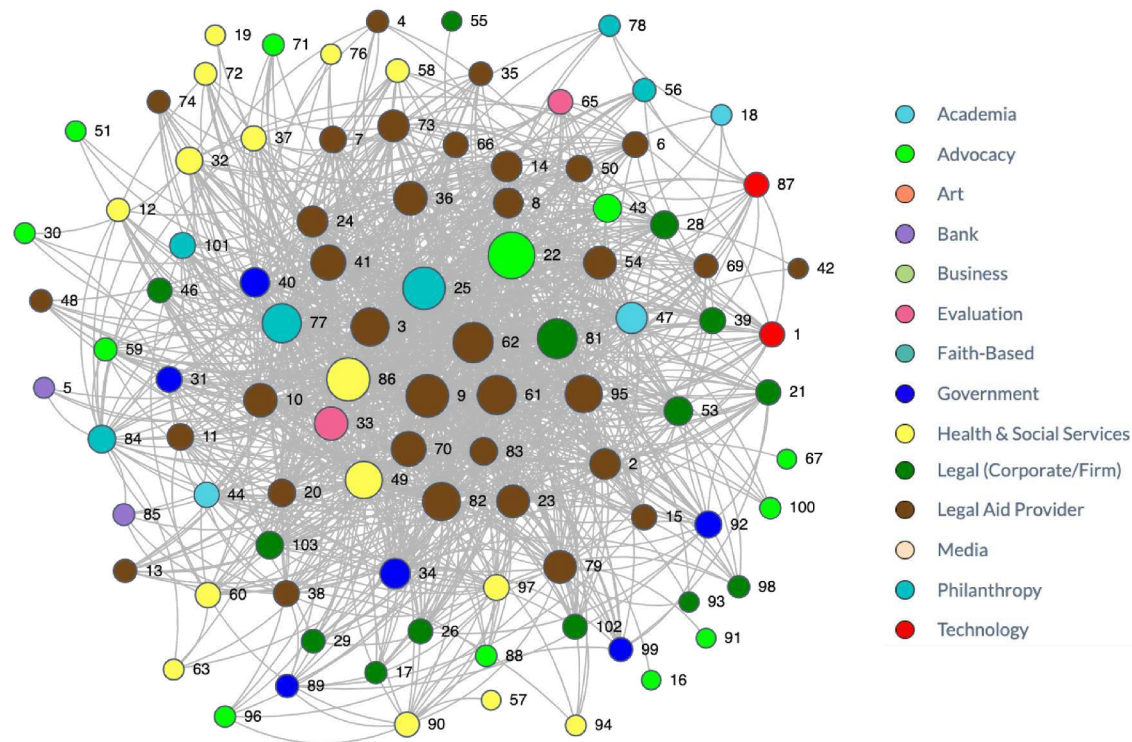
This is the network map of the DC Legal Aid Transformations Network.

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.

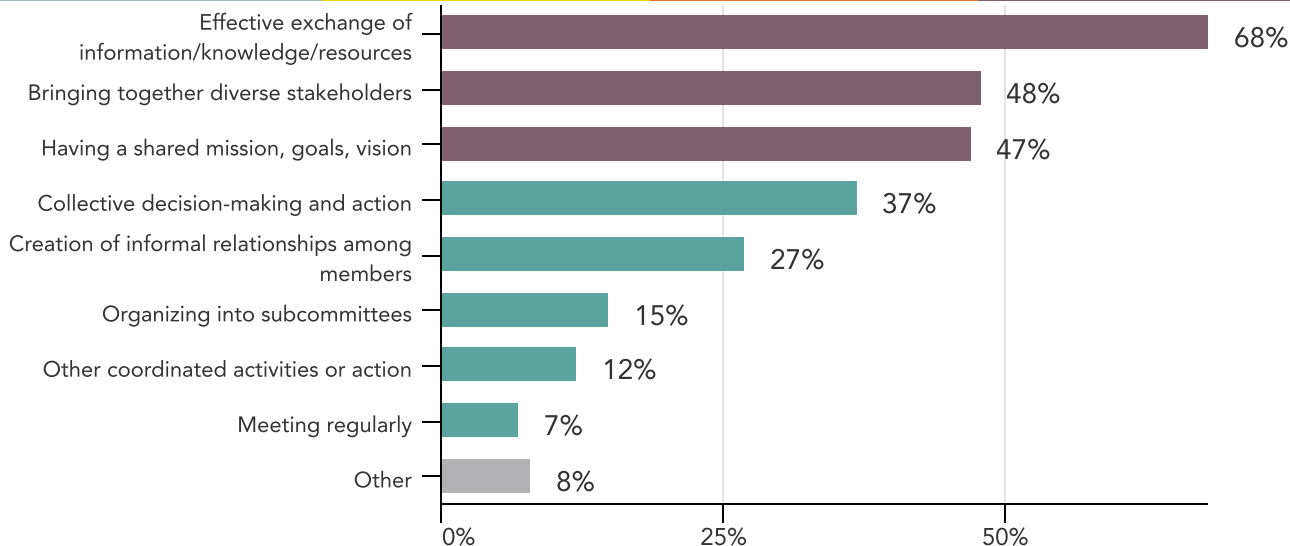
The size of the node shows which organizations have the greatest number of connections.

The node labels, their corresponding organization names, and their organizational types are listed in the Aggregate Network Report.



What aspects of collaboration will be the most important to the DC LATN's success?

The top 3 responses are highlighted in purple. (n=60 responses)



Which barriers prevent the DC LATN from having a bigger impact in the community? (n=59 responses)

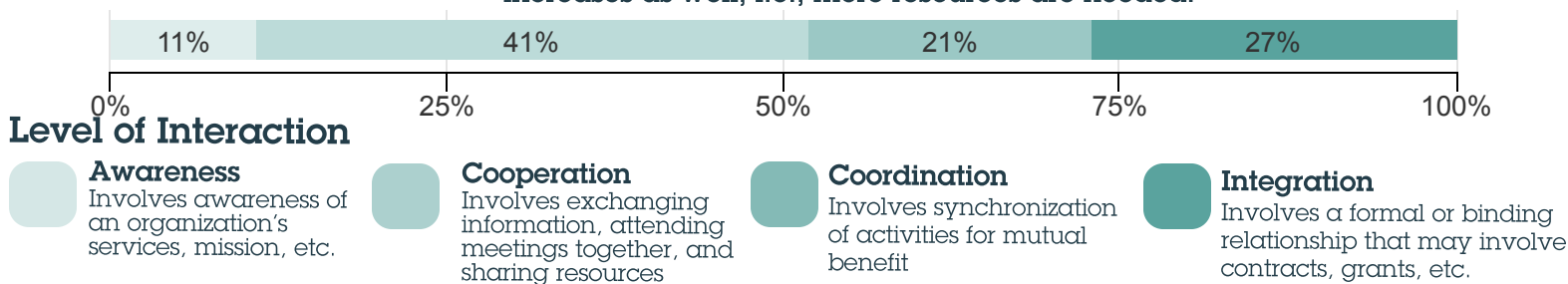


As a result of participation in the DC LATN, my organization has: (n=57 responses)



Intensity of Interaction

It is a positive result that connections are somewhat distributed across the levels. (n=1041 relationships). As the level increases the cost of the relationship increases as well, i.e., more resources are needed.



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.

