

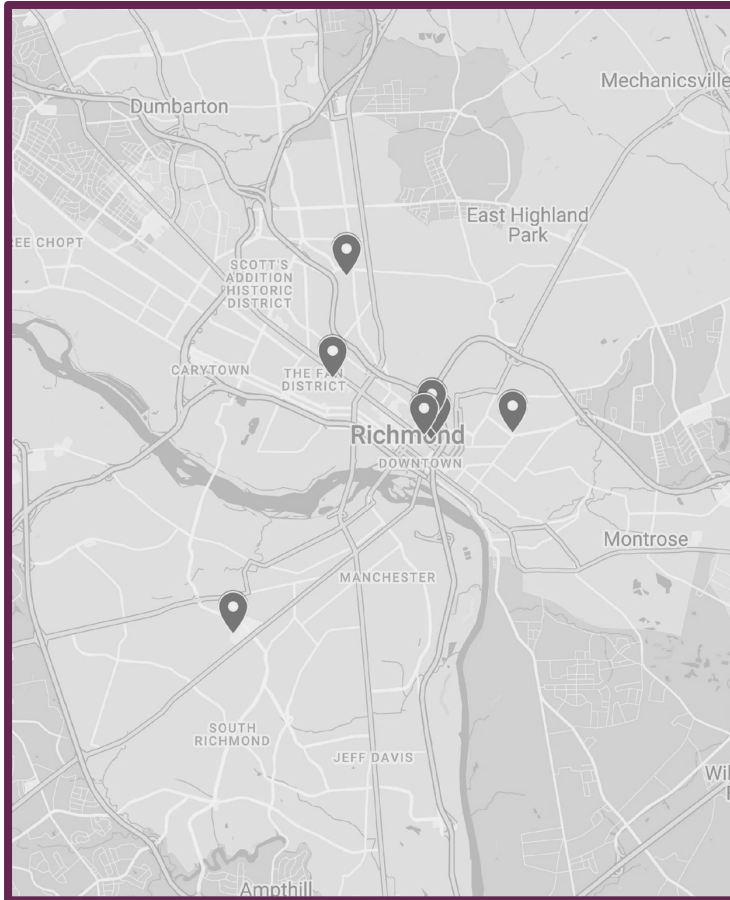
Addressing Social Drivers of Health through a
Medical-Legal Partnership

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Our Locations



Children's Hospital (all locations)

Complex Care Clinic

Emergency Department

Hayes E. Willis Clinic

Massey Cancer Center

Primary Care at ACC2 and AOP Family Medicine

Ryan White HIV Clinic

Sickle Cell Disease Clinic

Virginia Treatment Center for Children (VTCC)

Health Hub at 25th (community location)

The MLP at VCU Health

OUR MISSION:

Improve the health and well-being of our patients and community by addressing social and environmental factors that are rooted in legal problems.

OUR VISION:

Create a safer, healthier, more equitable community through access to justice.

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Estate Planning



Employment



Education



Insurance



Public Benefits



Consumer Law



Housing



Financial Planning



Family Law



Immigration

Return on Investment Analysis



261%

Annual ROI for VCU Health

For every \$1 invested, the program yields \$2.61 back to the health system.



392%

Annual ROI for VCU Health Patients

For every \$1 invested, the program generates \$3.92 in monetary benefits for patients

The MLP puts money back in patients' pockets to pay for basic necessities like food, housing, and medicine.

Case Examples



- A cancer patient's employer violated her rights under FMLA. An MLP attorney intervened and helped her return to the same position, maintaining her salary and benefits (including health insurance).
- MLP helped a cancer patient facing unexpected lease termination get a rent payment waived, freeing up funds to secure new housing .
- A cancer patient worried her estranged husband would try to claim her property or make decisions for her in the event she lost capacity. MLP reduced her stress by **creating estate planning documents** that clearly captured her wishes for her assets and medical decisions.
- After two appeals, an MLP attorney **restored a cancer patient's Medicaid coverage**, which allowed her to reside in an assisted living facility where she could receive a higher level of care.

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