



## 2018 Annual Report





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We are pleased to present MAP's 2018 Annual Report to the friends and supporters who helped make this work possible. Thanks to you, the Michigan Advocacy Program and Michigan Statewide Advocacy Services served more than 46,000 people in 2018 through our mission to increase access to the justice system and promote equity in the communities we serve. In drafting our Annual Report, we are also reminded of the past year and the many changes that came with 2018.

These changes range from expanded service delivery and new client initiatives, to office moves. We relocated our Washtenaw County office from Ann Arbor to Ypsilanti, and expanded to a Grand Rapids location. Our family of staff also continued to grow, as new hires increase our capacity to serve those in need of quality, affordable legal services.

One of our biggest changes came at the end of 2018, when MAP said goodbye to our long-time director, Bob Gillett, who retired in December. Bob was MAP's director (through our program's many incarnations) for nearly 40 years and helped lead MAP to where we are today – helping thousands of low-income individuals and families across the state. Bob's retirement also marked another transition, as MAP Co-Director, Ann Routt, moved into her current position as Executive Director in January 2019.

While we've absorbed these many changes and nearly doubled in size since 2015, we remain committed to our clients and strive to remain flexible and responsive to their emerging needs. We hope that the following pages highlight these efforts and the value of your support through the most important voices in our work – our clients and their stories.

*Ann Routt*  
Executive Director  
Michigan Advocacy Program

*Lorray Brown*  
Co-Director  
Michigan Statewide  
Advocacy Services

*Angela Tripp*  
Co-Director  
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In **2018**, our programs handled **20,565** cases for low-income Michiganders.



## Who We Are

The Michigan Advocacy Program (MAP) is founded on the belief that equal justice is a right, not a privilege. Our programs strive to break the justice barriers in our country by providing free, high-quality legal services to individuals and families regardless of their income or other life circumstances. We help our clients secure their basic needs by addressing legal issues like wrongful foreclosures, fraudulent debt collection, domestic violence, evictions, and access to health care and disability benefits.

For more than 50 years, MAP has provided civil legal aid for those unable to afford an attorney. Today, we have five legal aid offices in south and central Michigan serving 13 counties (Legal Services of South Central Michigan). MAP also provides administrative support for six statewide legal advocacy programs, collectively known as Michigan Statewide Advocacy Services (MSAS). These specialty programs and their services include: (1) Michigan Poverty Law Program (statewide poverty law expertise and policy advocacy); (2) Michigan Elder Justice Initiative (vulnerable older adults); (3) Crime Victims Legal Assistance Program (victims of crime and violence); (4) Michigan Legal Help Program (self-represented litigants); (5) Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (immigrant communities); and (6) Farmworker Legal Services (migrant and seasonal farmworkers).

## Our Funding

MAP is funded by federal, state, and local grants, as well as foundations and individual contributions. For details on how our funding breaks down, see the Financial Information and Funder lists included in this Annual Report. Our largest federal funder, the Legal Services Corporation, supports only the activities of Legal Services of South Central Michigan and Farmworker Legal Services. MAP participates in the Access to Justice Campaign, an effort administered by the Michigan State Bar Foundation in partnership with the State Bar of Michigan, to increase resources for civil legal aid. See MAP's website for a list of current supporters and to learn more about making a donation to MAP.



*Providing access to justice for those who need it most*

**[lsscm.org](http://lsscm.org)**



*Advocating for migrant and seasonal farmworkers across Michigan*

**[farmworkerlaw.org](http://farmworkerlaw.org)**



*Attorneys across Michigan serving victims of domestic violence and elder abuse*

**[cvlap.org](http://cvlap.org)**



*Building a thriving Michigan where immigrant communities are fully integrated and respected*

**[michiganimmigrant.org](http://michiganimmigrant.org)**



*Providing support to legal aid programs and other poverty law advocates across Michigan*

**[mplp.org](http://mplp.org)**



*Helping Michigan residents solve their legal problems*

**[michiganlegalhelp.org](http://michiganlegalhelp.org)**



*Empowering, educating, and protecting older adults and people with disabilities*

**[meji.org](http://meji.org)**

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## Income & Employability



MIRC and FLS staff visited **225 migrant labor camps** in 2018 to educate farmworkers about their legal rights.



Financial stability is affected by both our clients' income and how much of that income they can keep. Threats to this income include consumer issues such as fraudulent debt collection, predatory lending practices, and garnishment. In 2018, LSSCM **resolved 1,088 consumer cases** for low-income clients and MLH held **233 LiveHelp Chat sessions** with people experiencing consumer law issues.

**I**n 2018, FLS settled a case on behalf of twenty-three migrant farmworkers. The farmworkers were recruited from Florida to work for a Michigan farm, but were given false information about the wages and amount of work they would receive. They were also promised paid transportation back to Florida at the end of the season. When FLS met the farmworkers, many were stranded at the Michigan migrant labor camp without income, transportation, or access to services, and were being threatened with eviction. FLS attorneys secured a settlement that prevented the workers from being evicted, and provided them with payment for damages, allowing them to return to their homes in Florida. Also, FLS investigations led to a criminal prosecution against one of the labor recruiters for workers' rights violations. As a result of this case, the Michigan farm involved changed its employment practices and no longer contracts with the previous recruitment agency.

## Expungements in Michigan

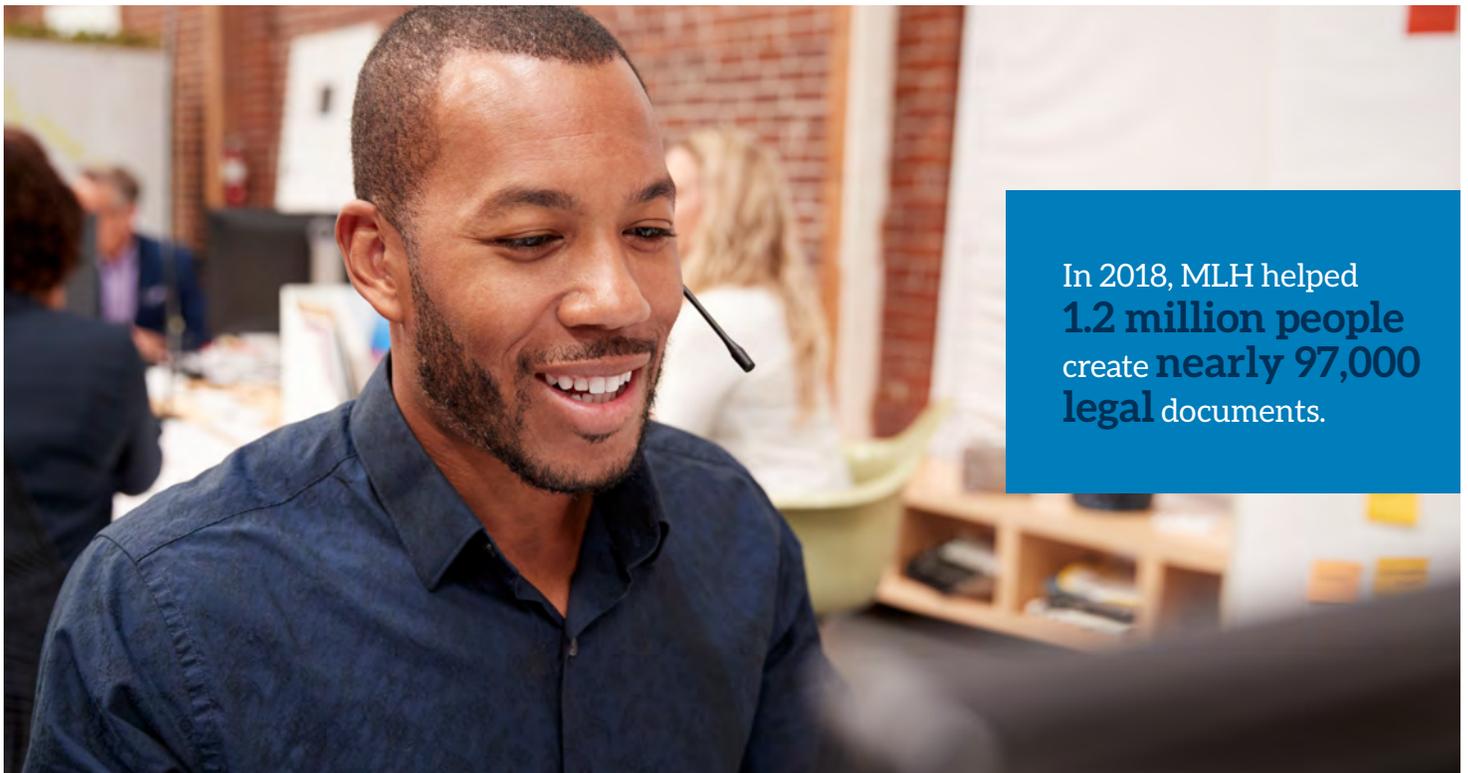
An expungement is the process of sealing, or setting aside, certain arrest and criminal conviction records. For those eligible, access to an expungement means increased access to education opportunities, safe and affordable housing, and well-paid, consistent employment. In addition, while employment reduces recidivism rates, access to this employment can often only be obtained through the expungement process.

Clearing one's record without access to free legal help is difficult for low-income individuals who are unable to afford the associated legal costs. **LSSCM and MLH are working to make expungements accessible for all.**

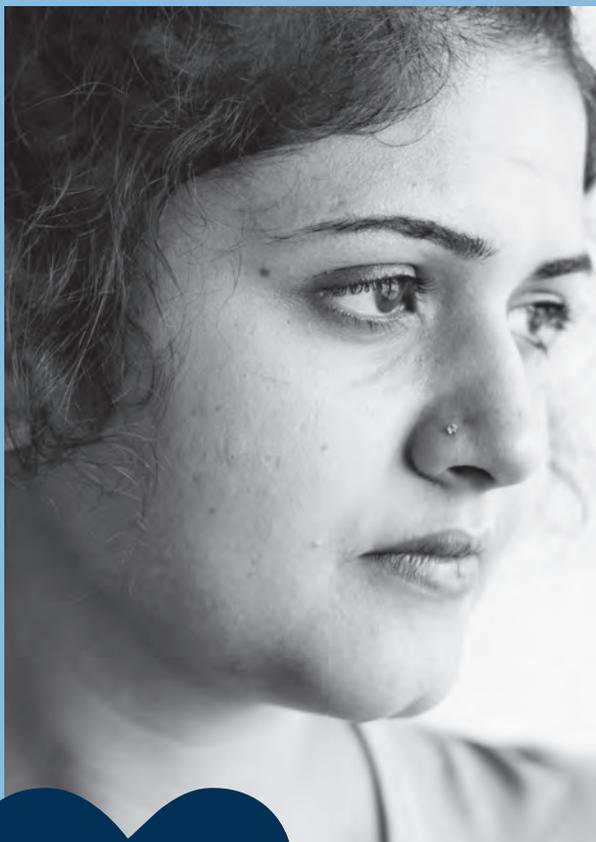
In 2018, in collaboration with our community partners, LSSCM hosted Expungement Fairs in Washtenaw and Lenawee Counties, helping a total of nearly 75 participants.

For those individuals working without an attorney, MLH provides step-by-step instructions to complete forms that impact income and employability, such as an application for an expungement or objection to garnishment. In 2018, MLH helped people generate 902 expungement applications.

For those unable to work, public benefits provide critical financial support. A lawyer can help clients maintain public benefits that are incorrectly terminated or reduced. This includes state and federal disability, food assistance, veteran's benefits, and Medicaid. In 2018, LSSCM **resolved 524 public benefits cases** and MLH **helped 11,810 people** across Michigan calculate their **correct food stamp allocation.**



In 2018, MLH helped **1.2 million people** create **nearly 97,000 legal documents.**



*Everyone deserves to be safe, especially at home.*



## In 2018:

LSSCM and the Family Law Project handled **2,317 cases on behalf of survivors** of domestic violence.

MIRC handled **193 cases on behalf of immigrant survivors** of domestic violence.

CVLAP handled **837 cases on behalf of survivors** of domestic violence and elder abuse, **helping a total of 2,039 people**.

MLH helped people **create 3,435 forms petitioning for personal protection orders**. MLH LiveHelp agents assisted with **216 chats about domestic violence** and **796 chats about divorce**.

**I**ntimate partner domestic violence is a pattern of coercive behavior used by people to control their intimate partners. It encompasses abusive tactics including, but not limited to, physical and sexual violence; threats of violence; economic, emotional and psychological abuse; and/or the use of privilege. Millions

of Americans experience domestic violence every year. Legal aid is critical in helping survivors of domestic violence overcome legal problems related to safety and stability. DV survivors may require short-term assistance with filing protection orders and long-term assistance with custody, housing, immigration, and employment issues.

Without access to legal help, these problems often stand in the way of survivors leaving abusive relationships or achieving safety and autonomy. MAP empowers survivors of domestic violence by providing the legal assistance they need to build safe, stable lives for themselves and their children.

## Timeline of an immigration case: Ms. K

**August 2005** Ms. K, originally from Guinea, comes to the U.S. unlawfully with her abusive husband, who is a U.S. citizen. Her husband doesn't allow Ms. K to bring their oldest daughter to the U.S. with them.

**2005-2012** Living in the U.S., Ms. K's husband is abusive to her. He frequently uses Ms. K's lack of legal immigration status as a means to control her and threatens to remove the children from Ms. K's care.

**February 2012** Ms. K is detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). MIRC meets her for the first time at St. Clair County jail and begins working to stop her deportation.

**March 2012** LSSCM assists Ms. K in filing for divorce, emergency custody, an order prohibiting her husband from removing the children from the U.S., and a Personal Protection Order.

**May 2012** MIRC represents Ms. K at her hearing seeking asylum in Detroit Immigration Court. The judge orders that she be removed from the country by ICE. MIRC appeals the decision and also files a separate request under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) based on Ms. K's eligibility as the abused spouse of a U.S. citizen.

**September 2012** Ms. K's VAWA request is approved and she is released from detention after 10 months.

**December 2012** LSSCM finalizes Ms. K's divorce and she is granted custody of her three children.

**2014** MIRC files for legal permanent residency (a green card) on Ms. K's behalf.

**May 2015** ICE rescinds the administrative removal order and Ms. K is able to become a legal permanent resident. Ms. K and her two daughters travel to Guinea for the first time in over ten years to see her family, including her oldest daughter. MIRC begins the family visa process so Ms. K's oldest daughter can immigrate from Guinea.

**March 2019** Ms. K is eligible to apply for naturalization (U.S. citizenship) and MIRC prepares her application.

**April 2019** Ms. K's oldest daughter, now 16 years old, becomes a legal permanent resident and enters the United States.

**July 2019** MIRC represents Ms. K at her naturalization interview.

**August 2, 2019** Ms. K becomes a U.S. citizen (see photo from U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan with MIRC Managing Attorney Susan Reed).



# Housing and Homelessness



## In 2018:



LSSCM handled **3,744 housing cases**

MEJI handled nearly **500 cases** and conducted **72 outreach events**

MLH held **417 LiveHelp Chat sessions** with people experiencing **housing issues**



**F**or many of our Michigan neighbors, the threat of homelessness is a constant reality. This reality is more widespread than we often think, as securing affordable, safe, and stable housing remains a challenge across the state. This lack of housing also contributes to the cycle of entrenched poverty, with the negative consequences of eviction and foreclosure accumulating in a cycle that's difficult to escape. These consequences include removal from one's neighborhood and community; children being forced to change schools; loss of possessions; difficulty maintaining prior employment; and exclusion from new affordable housing options because of an eviction record. As a result of these compounding impacts, homelessness becomes not only a condition of poverty, but an ongoing contributor to it.

The reasons for housing loss are complex and often tied to multiple legal and social issues. In non-payment cases, loss of income due to unemployment, benefit cessation, or debt collection all contribute to housing loss. Other issues such as a region's lack of affordable housing or illegal landlord and consumer practices can also result in eviction or foreclosure.

The causes of homelessness aren't simple and neither are the solutions, but a lawyer can help.

LSSCM represents clients in eviction and foreclosure cases, FLS and MIRC challenge farmworker evictions from employer housing, and MEJI represents older adults being involuntarily discharged from long term care facilities.



**I**n 2018, Mariam's landlord filed an eviction case against her for non-payment of rent. LSSCM reviewed the case and found that most of the unpaid amount was for unlawfully charged late fees incurred when Mariam paid her rent on the third of the month rather than the first. Mariam lives with a disability and depends on Social Security Insurance (SSI) payments to pay her rent. She doesn't receive these payments until the third of the month, so cannot pay earlier. LSSCM represented Mariam and defended her right to pay on the third as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The judge ruled in Mariam's favor, thus maintaining her housing and establishing her right to pay rent on the third of the month going forward.



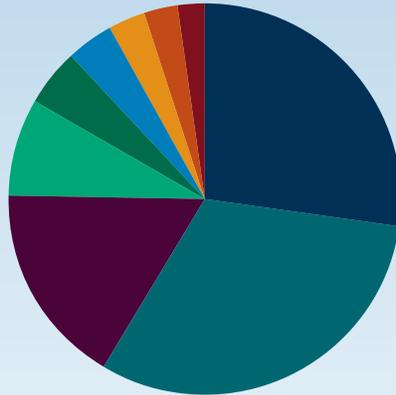
**W**hile MAP works to impact the lives of low-income individuals and families every day, we also strive to influence legal issues on a broader scale. MPLP engages in this work by supporting legal aid programs across Michigan and advocating for systemic changes to policies and practices. This advocacy helps give voice to our clients' struggles as we work to create a more equitable system for all.

In 2018, MPLP provided **1,652 support sessions** and **trained 645 individuals** on issues related to poverty law. MPLP's Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Project also **helped 11,802 people at risk of foreclosure.**



# Funders & Financials

## 2018 MAP + MSAS Summarized Financial Information\*



### Revenue & Other Support

Other Governmental Funding	\$ 4,065,765	31%
Michigan State Bar Foundation**	\$ 3,553,280	27%
Legal Services Corporation***	\$ 2,155,515	17%
Miscellaneous Income and Interest	\$ 1,007,507	8%
Foundations	\$ 601,738	5%
Contributions	\$ 547,730	4%
Other grants	\$ 356,846	3%
Local United Ways	\$ 333,047	3%
Local Area Agencies on Aging	\$ 267,443	2%

**Total Revenue** **\$ 12,888,871** **100%**

### Expenses

Program Services	\$ 10,196,062	92%
Administration and Fundraising	\$ 879,761	8%

**Total Expenses** **\$ 11,075,823** **100%**

\*Does not include donated goods and services.

\*\*Reflects 2018 grant awards and equity used.

\*\*\*The Legal Services Corporation supports only the activities of LSSCM and FLS. Any contributions to LSSCM and FLS may not be used in any manner inconsistent with the Legal Services Act and Regulations.



We would like to recognize a significant cy pres award in the class action of *Martin et al. v. Trott* that was designated for MSAS' Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Program (MFPP). We'd like to thank the Plaintiffs in that suit — Brian Martin, Yahmi Nundley, and Kathleen Cadeau — and class counsel, Andrew J. McGuinness Esq. and Cohen Milstein, for their ongoing concern for families impacted by the foreclosure crisis, for recognizing the connection between their claims and the work of MFPP, and for their advocacy for MFPP in the settlement process.

## Funders

Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation  
 Avalon Housing (Continuum of Care)  
 Area Agency on Aging – Regions IB, II, IIIC, CareWell Services Southwest, Tri-County  
 Asian Americans Advancing Justice – New Americans Collaboration  
 Beckwith Foundation  
 Branch County United Way  
 Calhoun County Senior Millage  
 Capital Area United Way  
 Center for Family Health  
 City of East Lansing  
 City of Lansing  
 City of Monroe  
 Community Action Agency (Supportive Services for Veteran Families)  
 Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan  
 Equal Justice America  
 Ingham County  
 Ingham County Bar Foundation  
 Ingham County Register of Deeds  
 Ingham County Treasurer  
 Jackson Community Foundation  
 Jackson County Treasurer  
 Kalamazoo Community Foundation  
 The Kresge Foundation  
 Legal Services Corporation  
 Lenawee Community Foundation  
 Livingston County United Way  
 Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Agency (Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman)  
 Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Victim Services  
 Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Integrated Care Division (Michigan Health Link Ombudsman)  
 Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, SSI program  
 Michigan State Bar Foundation  
 Michigan State University College of Law  
 Michigan Supreme Court  
 The Miller Foundation  
 National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project  
 Open Society Foundations  
 Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign  
 SOS Community Services (Continuum of Care)  
 State Bar of Michigan  
 UMHS Community Health Services  
 U.S. Department of Education Federal Work Study  
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime  
 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Supportive Services for Veteran Families  
 United Way of Jackson County  
 United Way of Marshall  
 United Way of Monroe/Lenawee Counties  
 United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region  
 United Way of Washtenaw County  
 University of Michigan Law School  
 Vera Institute of Justice  
 Volunteers of America Michigan (Supportive Services for Veteran Families)  
 W. K. Kellogg Foundation  
 Washtenaw Coordinated Funders: A collaboration between the Office of Community & Economic Development (representing the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, and Washtenaw Urban County), United Way of Washtenaw County, the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor, and the RNR Foundation.  
 Washtenaw County Bar Association  
 Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners  
 Wayne State University's Office of Economic Development  
 The Wege Foundation  
 Welcoming America  
 Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation

## 2018 MAP Summarized Financial Information\*

Revenue & Other Support		
Legal Services Corporation***	\$ 2,155,515	30%
Michigan State Bar Foundation**	\$ 2,039,888	28%
Other Governmental Funding	\$ 1,184,398	16%
Miscellaneous Income and Interest	\$ 927,747	13%
Local United Ways	\$ 333,047	5%
Contributions	\$ 221,757	3%
Local Area Agencies on Aging	\$ 159,642	2%
Foundations**	\$ 135,393	2%
Other grants	\$ 78,208	1%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 7,235,595</b>	<b>100%</b>

Expenses		
Program Services	\$ 5,582,012	93%
Administration and Fundraising	\$ 426,817	7%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,008,829</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## 2018 MSAS Summarized Financial Information\*

Revenue & Other Support		
Other Governmental Funding	\$ 2,881,367	51%
Michigan State Bar Foundation**	\$ 1,513,392	27%
Foundations**	\$ 466,345	8%
Contributions	\$ 325,973	6%
Other grants	\$ 278,638	5%
Local Area Agencies on Aging	\$ 107,801	2%
Miscellaneous Income and Interest	\$ 79,760	1%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 5,653,276</b>	<b>100%</b>

Expenses		
Program Services	\$ 4,614,050	91%
Administration and Fundraising	\$ 452,944	9%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,066,994</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## MICHIGAN ADVOCACY PROGRAM

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\* CVLAP participating attorney.



MPLP attorneys at the Michigan State Capital



LSSCM-Jackson presented the 2018 Pro Bono Award to Philip Berkemeier.



Executive Director Ann Rount with MAP Board President Delphia Simpson and our new Ypsilanti neighbor Cynthia VanRenterghem from Growing Hope.



Karrie Jordan from MEJI answered listeners' questions about long-term care on Michigan Radio's Stateside in May.



In November, CVLAP Managing Attorney Emily Miller spoke at Miller Canfield in Detroit to help launch the centralized Access to Justice campaign (see [atjfund.org](http://atjfund.org)).



LSSCM-Monroe presented the 2018 Pro Bono Award to Christina Hills.



Lisa Maskill was awarded the 2018 MAP Outstanding Advocate Award.



Michael Kiehne was awarded the 2018 MAP Effective Community Advocacy Award.



In November, MIRC was honored at the ACLU of Michigan's annual dinner.



LSSCM-Lansing's Liza Rio and Jessica Maas presented the 2018 Pro Bono Award to Resolution Services Center at the Ingham County Bar Association's Annual Dinner.



Camila Trefftz was awarded the 2018 MAP 110% Award.



In July, the Robert F. Gillett Building opened its doors in downtown Ypsilanti.



Lorray Brown received the Michigan State Bar Foundation's Access to Justice Award.



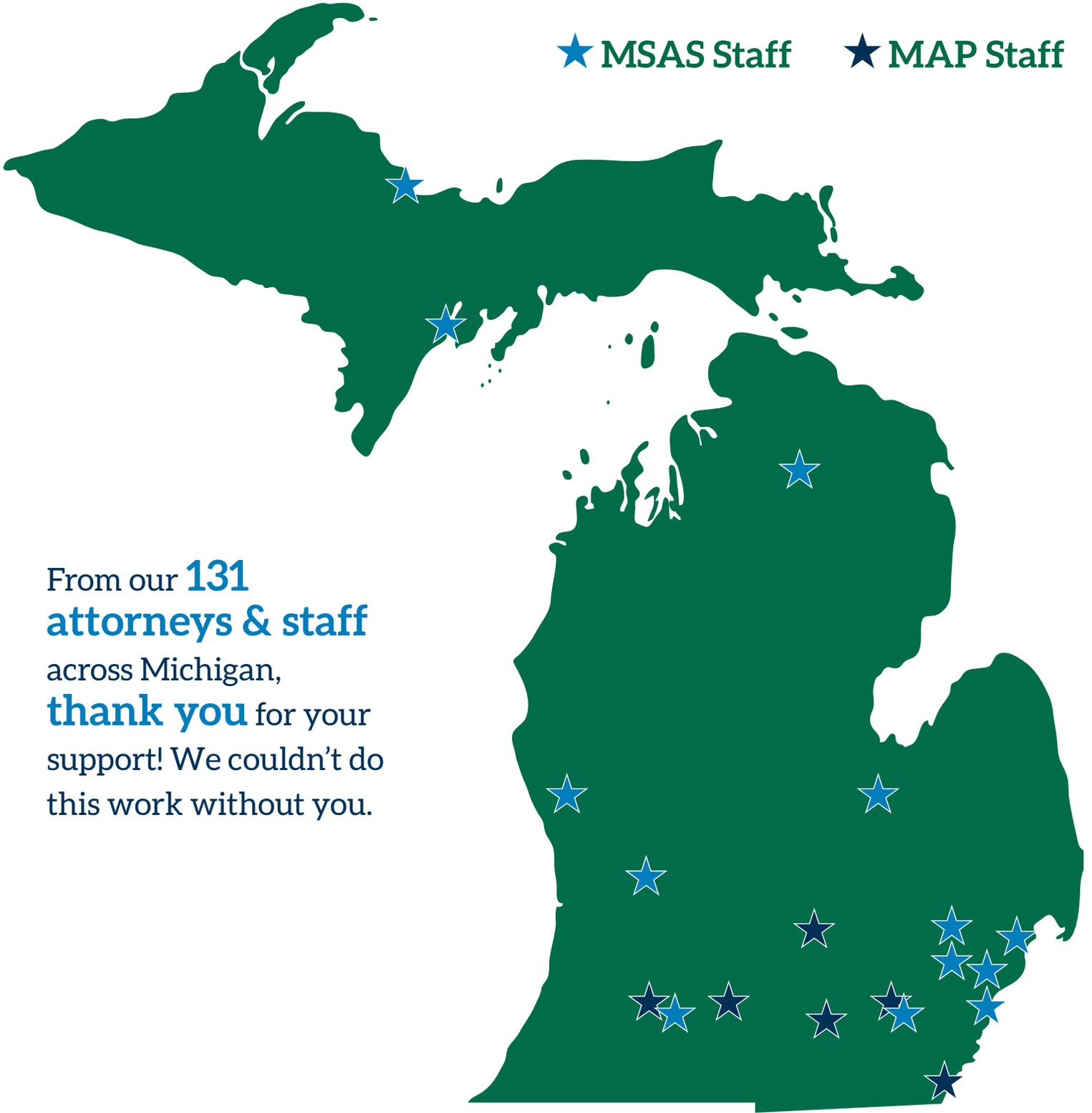
Farmworker staff at the Modern Day American Workers Conference in Chicago.



MIRC's unaccompanied children's team with our client, Williams, on the day he was released from detention.

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From our **131**  
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across Michigan,  
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