



LIBRARIES – THE GATEWAY TO ACCESS JUSTICE

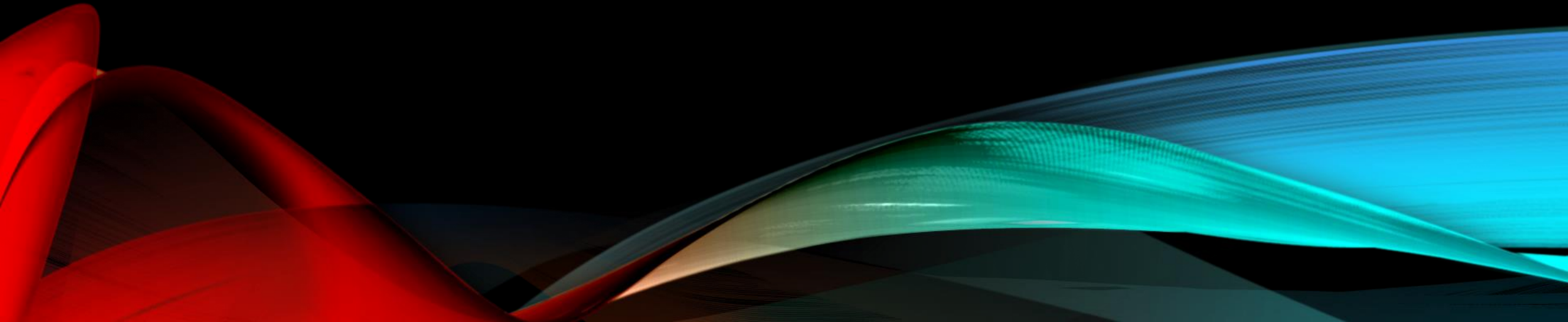
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ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION

The Access to Justice Commission unites leaders to drive systemic reforms and innovations to make the civil justice system accessible, user-friendly and fair for all Marylanders.

WHAT THE HEC DOES THIS MEAN???



COMPARE TO ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE



HEALTHCARE V. JUSTICE

Healthcare



Justice



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 The
People's Law Library
of MARYLAND




1.49 v. 40

Number of Attorneys per poor person in MD




175,000 v. 325,000

Approximate number of Marylanders who receive some type of civil legal aid v. the approximate number that qualify for legal services, face civil legal issue, but do not receive any civil legal aid



83% v. 32%

Rate of success in getting a protective order with a legal representation



25 v. 2000

Number of Law Libraries v. Public Libraries in MD



CIVIL JUSTICE

Housing

Foreclosure

Divorce/ Custody

Public Benefits

Consumer Debt/ Fraud

Elder Abuse

Domestic Violence

Immigration

Bankruptcy



Most people do not know they have a legal problem, so they don't get help.

Even if they know they have a legal problem, they may not know where to go for help.

Librarians are in the community and trusted sources of information. Some direction and guidance to point people in the right direction can go a long way to helping people avoid going down a devastating negative spiral.

Law in Public Libraries helps families, saves state money and helps local economy.



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