

Creative Outreach Strategies

How to Reach Communities during COVID-19



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Panelists

- Alex Clark, Community Outreach Assistant, Montana Legal Services Association
- Hillie Teller, Assistant Director Community Outreach Program, Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)
- Cynthia Garcia (she, hers, ella), National Campaigns Manager For Community Protection , United We Dream



Getting Started....



Cynthia Garcia





Deportation Defense Program

- MigraWatch Hotline
- Community Calls and Trainings
- Community Defense Materials
- Summer of Dreams Virtually



Intro: Outreach in Montana

- Alex Clark
(he/him/his)
- Community
Outreach Assistant
- Montana Legal
Services Association
(MLSA)



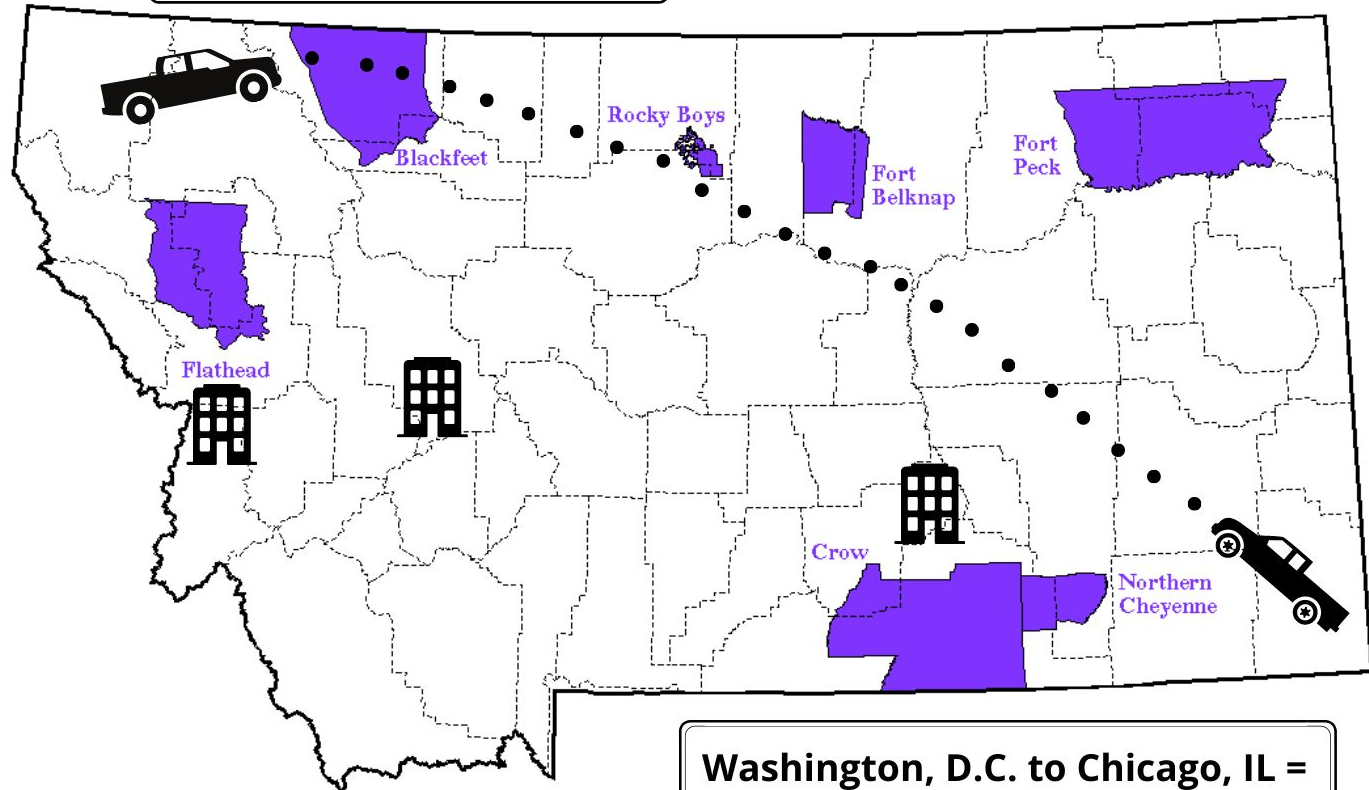
The Landscape for Outreach in MT

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699 Miles / 2.5 Hr Flight



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Outreach in Montana, B.C.



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A New Normal for Outreach

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Mar 20

Legal issues don't stop just because businesses and schools are closed. MLSA is able to help individuals with civil legal needs during the COVID-19 outbreak. Call 1-888-666-6899 or apply online at <https://www.mtlsa.org/apply-for-services/>

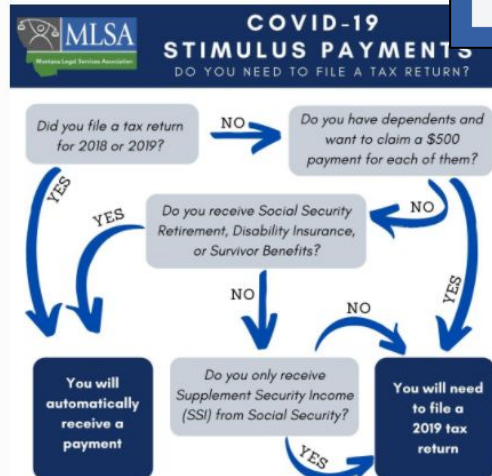
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UPDATE 4/15/2020: People who receive Supplemental Security Income no longer have to file a tax return in order to receive a stimulus payment. /// Not...

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4 Steps to Avoid Eviction for Nonpayment

1. **Apply for the Montana Emergency Housing Assistance program:**
 - Housing.MT.Gov/Rental-Housing/CovidHousingAssist.
2. **See which legal protections you qualify for:**
 - CARES Act requirement for 30 day notice for "federally covered housing units"
 - Governor Bullock's directive protecting people who are vulnerable to coronavirus
 - CDC Order halting some evictions through 2020.
3. **Communicate with your landlord:**
 - Tell your landlord in writing which protections you qualify for
 - Try to work out a payment plan.
4. **Get legal help:**
 - Free legal info and forms: montanalawhelp.org
 - Apply for free legal help: mtlsa.org.

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Don't forget! MLSA is holding a 1 hour Ask an Attorney Facebook Live event at 3 pm today. Make sure to tune in to learn about all things related to...

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Rising Awareness of Civil Legal Aid

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ABC FOX Montana interviewed MLSA Director of Advocacy, Tal Goldin, on the looming expiration of CARES Act protections for Montana renters. Read the...

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"You don't have health coverage. You're living on the streets in the middle of a pandemic..."



... The natural results of that are, unfortunately, pretty obvious," MLSA Director of Advocacy Tal Goldin.

MLSA Helpline Update

Hi Everyone -

I hope this finds you well. Here is this week's MLSA Helpline Update.

- We will have all Intake Specialists available to answer calls to the Helpline through the week.

COVID-19 Updates

Having trouble making sense of all the different COVID-19 housing protections in place?

We did some housekeeping last week updating out-of-date resources, archiving irrelevant ones, and adding new content. Here's what we have to report:

There are three sources of protection for renters in Montana:

1. The CDC order that halts some evictions through December 31, 2020, and Governor Bullock's Directive that halts some evictions, fees, rent increases, and utility shut-offs until the end of the COVID-19 pandemic for renters who are vulnerable to coronavirus.
3. The federal CARES Act requirement that requires a landlord of a "federally assisted" rental to provide a 30-day advance notice of eviction for non-payment of rent.

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July 10 · 🌐

Applied for emergency housing assistance through the state of Montana but haven't heard back yet? You're not alone. A backlog of cases means that many people are still waiting to learn if they will receive assistance or not. This can cause problems for people who have received eviction notices from their landlords for not paying rent.

As MLSA Housing Attorney Amy Hall put it, "The whole purpose of this emergency housing assistance fund is to get money into the hands of housing providers or mortgage servicers so that folks don't lose their homes. And that needs to happen quickly for it to be effective."

To learn more about the Emergency Housing Assistance program and the backlog currently slowing down cases, visit Montana Public Radio at <http://ow.ly/gRHR50Avqmd>

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265
People Reached

11
Engagements

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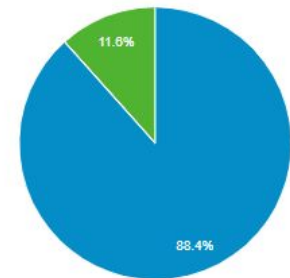


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New York family law information & advice on child support, custody, visitation, orders of protection, court procedure, and more.

- Legal Advice Consultations
- Family Law Helpline 212-343-1122
- Family Legal Connection
- Legal Resource Guides
- Community Legal Education



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Panelist Q & A

- shifting to remote
- informing your community
- impact on outreach
- meeting the challenges
- successful strategies
- failure too
- ongoing issues
- measuring success
- favorite tips, tools, events....



LIFT's Favorite Outreach Tools

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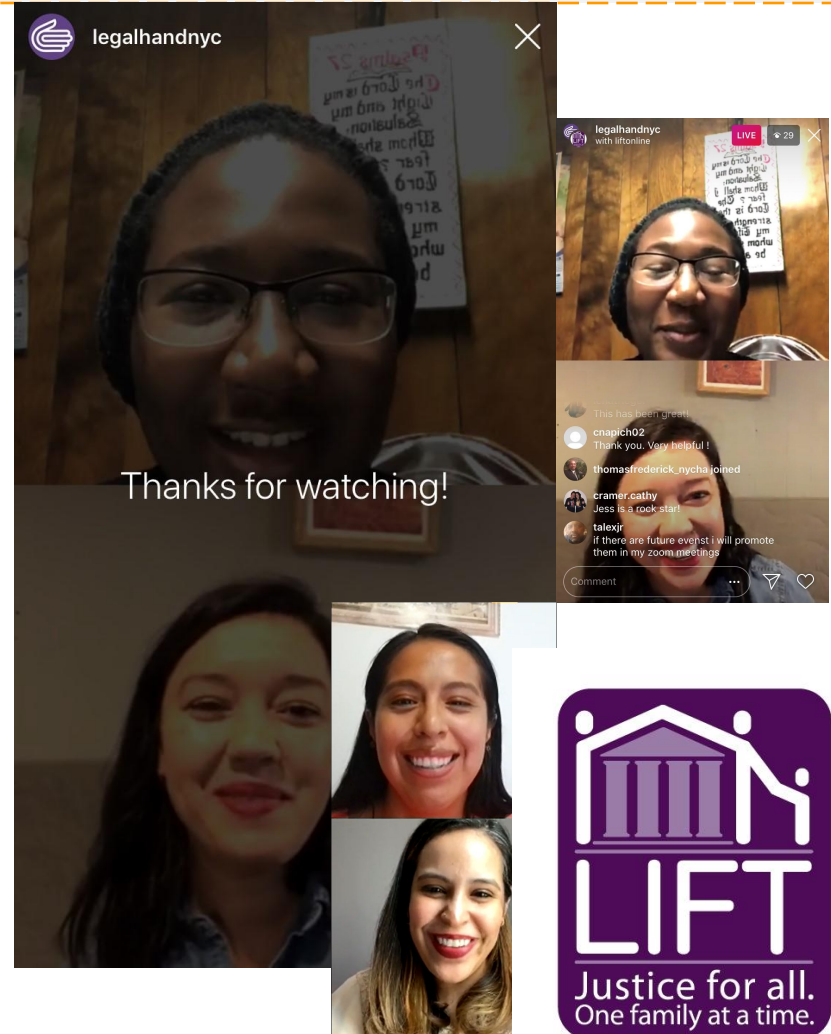
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23 de septiembre 3PM - 4PM

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Do you need an Order of Protection from Family Court?



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LIFT Family Law Helpline 212-343-1122



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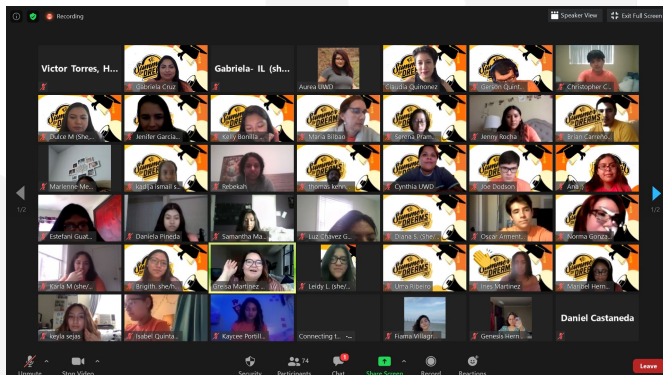


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Questions

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