

## **CLASP**

The **Cancer Legal Advocacy and Services Project** will serve sixteen counties in Central New York.

The Project will work to serve cancer patients and their families in dealing with issues of permanency planning and household stability.

The Project will aim to involve various community agencies in an effort to provide individuals with cancer and their families additional supportive services.



**LSCNY/HLAS** are committed to providing much needed legal services to cancer patients and their families through the **CLASP** Project.

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## WHO IS SERVED

Legal Services of Central New York, Inc. (LSCNY) & Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society (HLAS), through the NYS Dept. of Health, have established the **CLASP** Project to provide legal and supportive services to individuals and their families who are living with cancer across the Central New York region.

### Counties Served:

<b>Broome</b>	<b>Cayuga</b>
<b>Chenango</b>	<b>Cortland</b>
<b>Delaware</b>	<b>Herkimer</b>
<b>Jefferson</b>	<b>Lewis</b>
<b>Madison</b>	<b>Oneida</b>
<b>Onondaga</b>	<b>Oswego</b>
<b>Otsego</b>	<b>St. Lawrence</b>
<b>Tioga</b>	<b>Tompkins</b>



The **CLASP** Project will not impose strict eligibility requirements (although will target clients whose income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines) and will provide services without regard to age, gender, race or socioeconomic status.

The population of the service area includes 1,841,178 individuals, of whom 228,884 are below the federal poverty level.

## SERVICES OFFERED

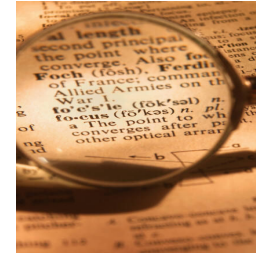
A cancer diagnosis can have a devastating effect on an individual and his or her family's future. While the physical and emotional impacts of a cancer diagnosis are frequently met by treatment providers and supportive agencies, legal issues facing cancer patients and their families are often overlooked. Those legal issues can range from providing for one's children and their future care to negotiating payment plans for medical bills.

### Attorneys will Provide the Following Services:

- Permanency Planning:
  - Estate Planning
  - Preparation of wills
  - Preparation of advance directives
  - Preparation of health care proxies
  - Future care and custody of minor children
- Assistance in gaining access to health care services
- Assistance with insurance issues
- Assistance with denials or termination of benefits
- Assistance with housing issues
- Assistance with various family law issues
- Referrals to other needed services

**LSCNY & HLAS** have significant experience in building relationships with other local agencies. The **CLASP** Project will utilize those agencies in providing supportive services for our clients.

## CLASP FOCUS



- The primary goal and focus of the **CLASP** Project will be to create a network throughout Central New York to deal with and address the legal needs of individuals and their families who are living with cancer.

## STATISTICS

- Cancer is one of the leading causes of death in the United States.
- Within Central New York an average of 9,897 new cases of cancer are diagnosed annually.
- Within Central New York an average of 4,075 cancer deaths are reported annually.
- More than 1500 people die from cancer every day in the United States.
- Individuals of a lower socioeconomic status are more likely to contract and die from cancer.
- Thousands of children are orphaned each year due to the death of a parent from illness.
- Only 34% of parents in the United States have wills.
- A study performed in 2001 showed that 50% of cancer patients died without a custody plan for their children.