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Legal First Responders:

Closing the Justice Gap for
Human Trafficking Survivors

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The Calling: Seek Justice

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“The Bible is a book devoted to justice in the world from first to last...The biblical gospel of Jesus necessarily and powerfully leads to a passion for justice... A concern for justice in all aspects of life is neither an artificial add-on nor a contradiction to the message of the Bible... I have observed over the decades that when people see the beauty of God’s grace in Christ, it leads them powerfully toward justice.”



Tim Keller
Generous Justice



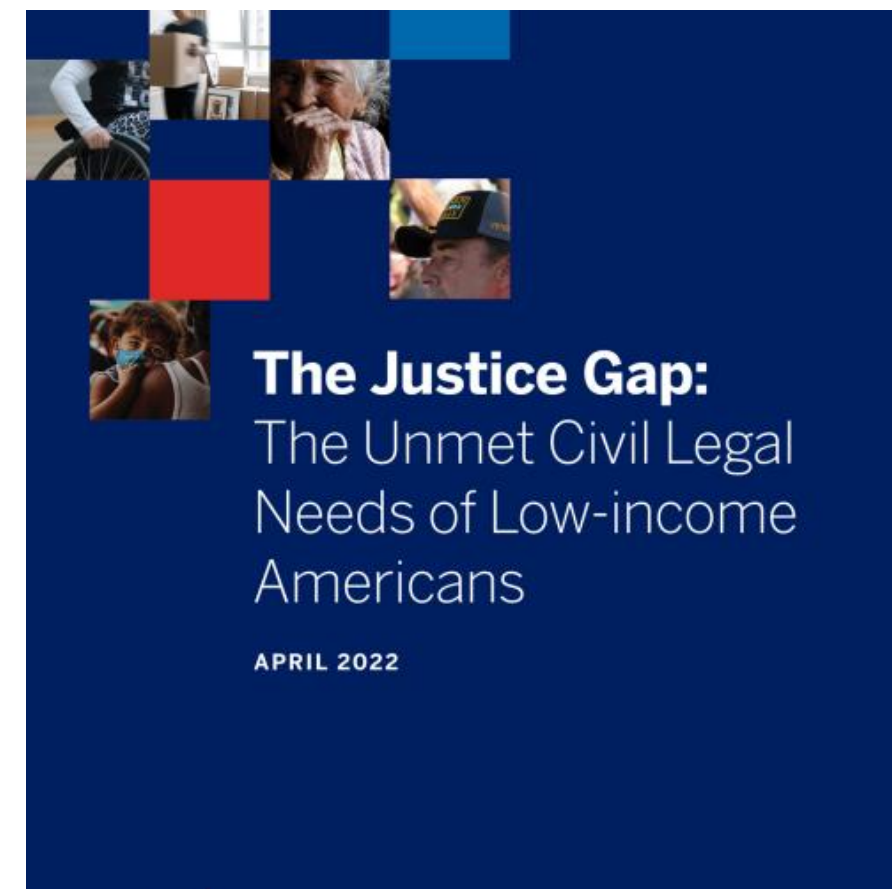
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The Problem: The Justice Gap

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According to the Legal Services Corporation, 92% of the civil legal problems reported by low-income Americans receive inadequate or no legal help.



The Justice Gap
Legal Services Corporation
2022

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According to Polaris, 91% of human trafficking survivors exit their exploitative circumstances with a criminal record.



State Report Cards
Polaris
2019

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The Solution:

Legal First Responders

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“We have lawyers who are willing and able to do the work... and we have people in need of services. We just need to match the two for the benefit of the public and our Bar members.”



Jennifer Grieco
President, State Bar of Michigan
2018-2019



Justice Delivery Systems

“Justice is making wrong things right... We need to take [the] laws and we need to implement them. We don’t need to leave them like tools in a shed that are just collecting dust. We need to take them out and build delivery systems of justice that actually bring the... protections of law to the people they were intended to protect. And that is taking something wrong and making it right.”



John Cotton Richmond
Former Ambassador-at-Large
Office to Monitor & Combat Trafficking in Persons
U.S. Department of State



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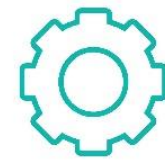
The Vision: A National Justice Delivery System

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A nonprofit organization that connects human trafficking survivors with skilled pro bono legal counsel

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The Intake Process

Our survivor intake process is a 4-step sequence that involves identifying trafficked individuals, assessing legal needs, initiating referrals, and empowering survivors. Eligibility for service is based on established criteria.



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Free Legal Services

- Criminal Record Relief
- Child Custody Disputes
- Immigration Assistance
- Personal Protective Orders
- Access to Crime Victim Compensation
- Name Changes
- Driver's License Restoration

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D'Lynn's Story

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The Future: Dream Big

Dream Big

“The future of humanity is an idea in the mind of someone right now. Will it be an idea in your imagination, in your dreams, in your future? The terrifying thing for me is that so oftentimes, the people most passionate about taking their dreams and their imagination and making it our reality are those who are fueled by violence and evil, who are motivated by ambition that would destroy and control humanity. And so oftentimes, those people who believe in God and live a life of faith choose a life of passivity and say, ‘God is in charge of the future. Whatever he wants to happen will happen.’ Is it possible that God created you so that he could have a conversation with you in the deepest part of your soul, so that inside of you would be fueled a dream of a world that can only be created if you have the courage and the passion to make it so? You may discount this. Maybe you’ll just spend your life dreaming about meaningless things. But, if there’s one person here today who will say, ‘I believe the future can be the product of my imagination, and I’ll allow God to infuse a dream so big in me, it terrifies me, it makes me feel like a fool to believe this can actually happen,’ then that person who is consumed by that dream of creating a better world... you’re the person that one day I’m going to look at and say, ‘That’s the person that God used to create the future that we all live in.’”



Erwin McManus



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