

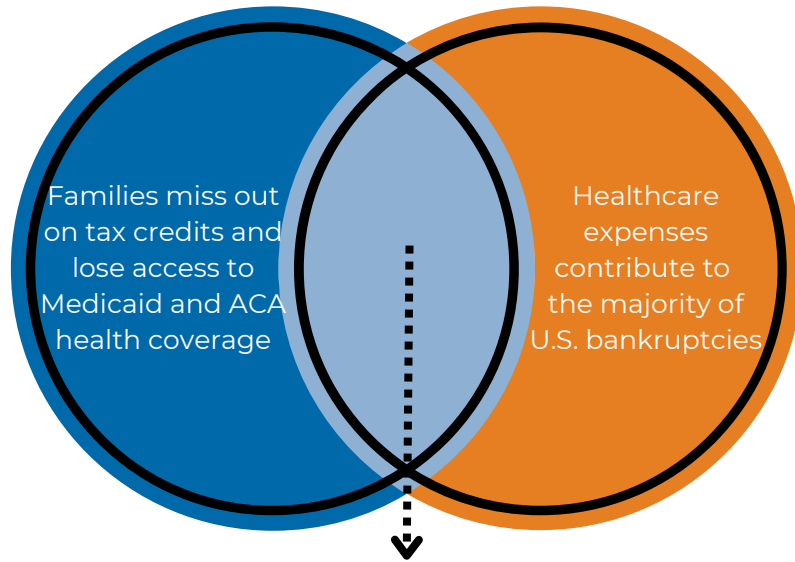


BRIDGING THE GAP: Pisgah Legal's Anti-Poverty Strategy

A LINKED CRISIS



**Lack of Access to
Tax Credits and
Refunds**



**Lack of Adequate
Health Insurance**

**People who need expert, hands-on
assistance but can't afford it**

BRIDGING THE GAP IN NON-LEGAL SERVICES

Our Health and Economic Opportunity Program (HEOP) reduces poverty by combining the non-legal services of tax filing and health insurance enrollment to protect clients' legal rights and access to government services.



Chuck needs a hip replacement but his employer does not offer health insurance. PLS health advocate Claire Kolberg helped Chuck secure ACA health insurance with an "in network" surgeon and his surgery is now scheduled!

Chuck says, "She's been a blessing to me. I can't read or write good, and there ain't no way I could have done all that alone."

HEOP'S IMPACT

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & MONETARY BENEFITS

TAX FILING ASSISTANCE



\$3.96M

Approximately secured in tax refunds

Provides essential financial support

HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES

\$14.18M

Accessed in insurance tax credits

Allows clients to afford monthly premiums and access necessary health services



LEGAL & ADVOCACY SUPPORT FOR TAX ISSUES

Approximately

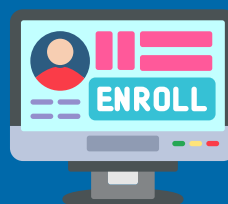
\$354,000

in legal expenses recovered or avoided for clients dealing with tax controversies or disputes

Protects and empowers clients through legal expertise



MEDICAID ENROLLMENT & OUTCOMES



Estimated Medicaid-related monetary outcomes amounting to roughly

\$14.55M

Significantly reduces healthcare costs, providing a safety net for eligible low-income households

\$32.9M



in monetary benefits secured overall

These services put money directly in the pockets of low-income families to be used for **basic needs**.

Every **\$1** = **\$4.81** in financial benefits for low-income households spent



CREATES A REFERRAL PIPELINE

between Pisgah Legal's legal and non-legal programs for clients who may not otherwise seek services

Yearly average of approximately: **800** referrals from HEOP

500 referrals from legal cases

STRENGTH IN SYSTEMS

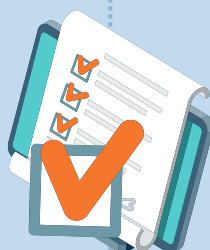
Because we had strong infrastructure in place, Pisgah Legal was prepared for the planned Medicaid expansion and ready to meet unexpected crises like Hurricane Helene.

MEDICAID EXPANSION

Ready and prepared

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New Medicaid applications for those eligible under the expansion



Immediately able to support FEMA applications

Nearly **2,500**

received assistance within first month

HURRICANE HELENE