

## 2013 ACJF Grants

### High Impact Grant Making

**Total Grants: \$155,000.00**

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**Alabama Applesseed Center for Law & Justice: \$30,000**

**Goal:** End due process abuses by debt collectors occurring in consumer debt litigation. Over the past decade, many players in the debt collection industry (particularly third party debt buyers) have resorted to harassing and unscrupulous practices in an effort to collect debts allegedly owed by individual consumers. Applesseed has worked collaboratively with the Access to Justice Commission to confront this problem.

**Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers: \$50,000**

**Goal:** To improve the delivery of human services for Alabama's vulnerable children and adults while promoting self-sufficiency. ACJF's multi-year grant for a total of \$100,000 will expand significantly the capacity of the Network to strengthen the centers already in 14 Alabama communities and expand the number of centers in other Alabama communities based on this successful model that has resulted in improved child and family outcomes.

**Alabama Partnership for Children: \$25,000**

**Goal:** Enable both an urban and rural implementation of a well-researched community model that engages parents from low-socioeconomic neighborhoods who have children that are exposed to adverse childhoods. Parents are trained as leaders within their communities to reach out to other families in similar situations in order to improve parent and community understanding of child development, enhance parent-child interactions and improve cognitive, emotional and physical health of the children.

**Volunteer Lawyers Programs: \$50,000**

**Goal:** To increase the legal assistance available to low-income individuals in civil legal matters through the use of pro bono attorneys. VLPs balance the work of serving clients with the work of recruiting, supporting, recognizing, and retaining its body of volunteers who provide assistance in the critical areas of family, domestic violence, elder, immigration, and housing law. Their work is especially critical in a state where an average of only 16% of Alabamians who live in poverty and are in need of civil legal assistance are able to obtain legal services; and in a state that provides very limited civil legal aid.

**Birmingham VLP – \$10,000**

**Madison County VLP – \$20,000**

**Montgomery Bar Foundation VLP – \$10,000**

**South Alabama VLP (*Mobile, Baldwin, Clarke, Washington*) – \$10,000**