### **OCTOBER 2023**

# Colorado Legal Services monthly report

### WHO WE ARE

Colorado's statewide nonprofit legal aid program of committed public servants, including attorneys, paralegals, intake specialists, and administrative professionals, that has been serving Coloradans since 1925. We provide civil legal assistance—which does not include criminal or traffic matters—to lowincome individuals and older Coloradans throughout the state.

## THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT

Of the nearly 10,000 cases opened this year, more than 300 included the involvement of social workers through a newly created and expanding interdisciplinary model. Social workers help ensure well-rounded support for clients.

Just over two years after adding a single social worker to the team and seeing great success, Colorado Legal Services expanded the program, which now includes five social workers. They primarily work with Denver and Colorado Springs clients who are older or in need of housing assistance, offering guidance and emotional support in addition to the legal advice and representation our attorneys provide.



### HOUSING

Colorado Legal Services opened 496 housing-related cases in October. These include eviction issues, landlord/tenant disputes, and other matters.



**TOP CASES OPENED** 

### FAMILY AND SAFETY

Colorado Legal Services opened 213 family-related cases in October. These include domestic violence issues, divorce, and other matters.



### CONSUMERS

Colorado Legal Services opened 134 consumer-related cases in October. These include helping people with bankruptcy, debt collection issues, and other matters.

**1,049** CASES OPENED IN OCTOBER 9,738 CASES OPENED SO FAR IN 2023

