

Grants Awarded in 2011 (July 2010 – June 2011)

AWARDEE	AWARDED FOR	AWARDED
ABC For Health	Grant was used to develop and publish a consumer publication that will help consumers understand the programs, policies, and rules being implemented in Wisconsin because of the Affordable Care Act. ABC plans to integrate elements of The Consumer's Companion: A Legal Guide to Health Care Reform in Wisconsin, which will be updated annually, into newsletter articles for publication in The BadgerCare Bulletin. ABC also will post video clips to its website that reinforce some of the commonly asked questions on health reform in Wisconsin, especially elements of public benefits applications and troubleshooting, private insurance rights, responsibilities, appeals, and transparency.	\$1,973
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bankruptcy Help Desk	Grant was used to continue its Pro Se Help Desk program. Since its inception several years ago, this project has had the unanimous and enthusiastic support of the four members of the Eastern District bankruptcy bench. The need for this service has increased dramatically after the passage of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, which increased the procedural difficulty for unrepresented people who want to file bankruptcy. The number of consumer bankruptcy filings continues to climb. In 2010, the help desk served approximately 1,000 visitors who needed legal assistance and were unable to afford legal representation.	\$2,000
CentroLegal	Grant for \$2,000 was used to support Family Law Outreach Classes, which educate individuals about the family court system to help them make informed decisions about their legal situations and needs. The classes educate participants about the processes and procedures of family court, offer a basic understanding of family law issues and terminology, explain the types of remedies available and not available through litigation, break down pervasive myths and misconceptions about family court, and educate participants about the resources available at the courthouse. In 2010, CentroLegal opened 473 new client cases and served nearly 1,000 individuals through free consultations and family law information classes. These offerings have become an essential part of CentroLegal's programming as it strives to reach more individuals who would otherwise face the legal system uninformed.	\$2,000
Crawford County Teen Court	Teen court programs typically hear the cases of juveniles between the ages of 12 and 17 who have committed their first non-violent offenses or who are minor repeat offenders. The goals are restitution to the community and victims and giving youth an opportunity to become accountable for their behavior and develop as responsible citizens.	\$1,695
Grant County Teen Court Task Force	Teen court programs typically hear the cases of juveniles between the ages of 12 and 17 who have committed their first non-violent offenses or who are minor repeat offenders. The goals are restitution to the community and victims and giving youth an opportunity to become accountable for their behavior and develop as responsible citizens.	\$1,953
State Bar of Wisconsin Law-related Education	<p>High School Mock Trial Tournament:</p> <p>Familiarizes students with the American legal system with students participating in a trial simulation as lawyers and witnesses. \$6,000 awarded.</p>	\$10,000

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	<p>Judicial Teachers Institute:</p> <p>A professional development program for public and private school secondary social studies teachers. \$4,000 awarded.</p>	

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