

Grants Awarded in 2009 (July 2008 – June 2009)

AWARDEE	AWARDED FOR	AWARDED
ABC for Health	ABC for Health plans to develop a timely, easy-to-understand resource designed to be useful to both consumers and professionals working in law and health. Together, the training and guidebook will improve knowledge for attorneys and professionals of legal rights and options to connect to appropriate public and private insurance programs and challenge health care coverage denials, benefitting potentially hundreds of families throughout Wisconsin.	\$1,475
Director of State Courts Interpreter Project	Grant was used to fund a two-and-one-half-day training in September for court interpreters of refugee and rare languages. Carmel A. Capati, Court Interpreter Program Manager says, "According to the Migration Policy Institute, between 2000 and 2007, the foreign-born population in Wisconsin has increased 30.1 percent, from 193,751 to 252,150. As a result, there are more families and individuals from other countries appearing in circuit court proceedings with language and other cultural barriers. To ensure equal access, most courts around the state rely on interpreters regularly. Locating trained and qualified interpreters for less common languages has been problematic for courts. On occasion, the courts have brought interpreters from other states at considerable expense or have set matters over because of an inability to locate a qualified interpreter."	\$2,000
CentroLegal	Grant was used to focused the Family Law Outreach program on creating the class curriculum and translating it into Spanish. CentroLegal has refined their educational materials and streamlined their presentation style. To date, they have offered 23 family law classes – 20 in English and 3 in Spanish. The courses were hosted by nonprofit organizations and community groups and attendance was driven by the host organization's effort to recruit participants.	\$2,000
Waukesha County 180° Juvenile Diversion Program	Grant used to help 14-20 year old youths that commit a first-time misdemeanor or low-level felony who decide to turn their lives around and begin a new path. During the nine-month Waukesha County 180° Juvenile Diversion Program, participants attend classes that address many of the criminogenic factors leading to delinquent behavior. Participants meet for two to three hours two nights a week for 14 weeks, which is followed by six months of case management, similar to probation, and a commitment to 40 hours of community service. Upon completion of the program, charges may be dropped or reduced at the discretion of the district attorney. Clients are referred to the program from the District Attorney's Office, Health and Human Services, State Public Defender, courts, police officers, lawyers, and parents.	\$2,000
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> <p>Judicial Teachers Institute:</p> <p>A professional development program for public and private school secondary social studies teachers. \$4,000 awarded.</p>	\$14,000

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	<p>We the People:</p> <p>Allows high school students an opportunity to learn about the legislative system through first-hand simulation. \$4,000 awarded.</p>	

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