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***Legal Aid Continues Mobile Justice Bus Tour in Harlem to Meet
New Yorkers in their Communities to Provide Free Legal
Resources***

***Housing Attorneys On-Site to Answer Questions About NYCHA
Re-Opening its Section 8 Waitlist***

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society's Community Justice Unit (CJU) Mobile Justice Bus Tour has announced its next stop in Saint Nicholas Houses (Frederick Douglass Blvd between 128th & 129th Street) in Harlem on Tuesday, June 4th from 1:30 - 5:30 PM, where CJU staff will meet New Yorkers to provide free legal resources. Housing attorneys will be on-site to help those with questions about NYCHA accepting applications for its Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 Program. The period to apply is from June 3-9 for online applications and June 3-28 for applications submitted by mail.

The Mobile Justice tour launched in March 2023 and will travel this summer throughout New York City, including 30 NYCHA locations, to help communities impacted most by poverty, racism, over-policing, food scarcity, and a lack of housing.

The Justice tour builds on CJU's aims of defending, educating, and organizing community members and connecting those members, in collaboration with the Crisis Management System (CMS), with the rich resources of the Legal Aid's three cross-functional law practices – the Criminal Defense Practice, Civil Practice, and Juvenile Rights Practice.

Originally launched during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, the CJU Mobile Justice Bus was created to bring critical legal services to disaster-impacted communities most affected by the

storm. The Mobile Justice Bus was designed to bring legal resources directly to people experiencing crisis so they could receive support and resources.

“We are proud to serve our Harlem community, especially during Gun Violence Awareness Month, as some of the New Yorkers most impacted by gun violence reside here,” said **Anthony Posada, Supervising Attorney of the Community Justice Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “As public defenders, the courtroom is just the beginning of a much broader effort, and we are zealous about meeting the legal needs of the New Yorkers we serve wherever they are to bring unique, human-centered legal services that will help our communities stay safe.”

CJU is the exclusive wrap-around legal services provider to the New York City Crisis Management System (CMS), which implements the community-oriented violence prevention model to treat gun violence in their communities. CJU defends CMS sites across the city and educates Community Partners on their rights, how to navigate legal systems, and how to access vital services that respond to their legal and social service needs. CJU organizes to harness community power and help neighbors mobilize against social injustices and disparities.

CJU’s efforts center communities impacted by gun violence to develop proactive strategies to reduce gun and gang violence by providing holistic legal representation to underserved communities throughout the five boroughs of New York City. In addition to legal counsel, CJU conducts extensive community outreach, including providing legal clinics and Know Your Rights trainings at over 30 Cure Violence/Crisis Management partner locations and the catchment areas they serve.

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