



For Immediate Release

Date: July 21, 2022

Contact: Becky Koske, Housing and Community Services Assistant Director, Couleecap

Phone: 608-769-3169

Email: Becky.Koske@couleecap.org

Contact: Rachel E. Fox Armstrong, Development & Communications Mgr, Legal Action of WI

Phone: 414-274-3097

Email: rfa@legalaction.org

Couleecap and Legal Action of Wisconsin Open a Tenant & Landlord Resource Office in the City of La Crosse

Couleecap and Legal Action of Wisconsin have partnered to create a new Tenant and Landlord Resource Office in the City of La Crosse. The office is in the REACH Services and Resources Center at 212 11th Street South and offers walk-in services and appointments for renters seeking assistance completing housing application and appeals, conflict resolution, education and information, and other resources. The office is also a place where landlords can seek assistance to support healthy relationships with tenants, information about landlord-tenant laws, and referrals to programs if their tenants are struggling.

“The Tenant-Landlord Resource Office provides advocacy and support to renters and the relationships they maintain with their landlords,” says Becky Koske, Couleecap Housing and Community Services Assistant Director. “The partnership between Couleecap and Legal Action of Wisconsin in one space provides easy-to-access resources, information, and education to promote housing stability and to build a stronger community.”

“We’re very pleased to be in this partnership and we’re looking forward to helping tenants solve their legal problems,” adds Deedee Peterson, Executive Director of Legal Action of Wisconsin. “When we improve housing stability for low-income people, we improve the entire community.”

Locating the office within the REACH Services and Resource Center was intentional, says Koske. The REACH Center is a walk-in community space where anyone experiencing housing insecurity can access services as needed. The Tenant-Landlord Resource Office compliments and expands the services already offered in the building. In addition to one-on-one client services, the Tenant-Landlord Resource Office will offer educational workshops for renters and landlords.



The Tenant-Landlord Resource Office is funded by an Equitable Recovery Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Administration. Earlier this year, Governor Tony Evers announced a program to assist community-based organizations providing services or programming aimed at increasing equity and eliminating disparities in health, early childhood development, education, economic support, housing, and environmental justice in qualified census tracts or communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

###

About Couleecap

Couleecap, Inc. is a private non-profit 501c3 charitable organization. Couleecap helps people in need with housing, food, transportation, and more. Created in 1966, we are a community action program that fights poverty and promotes self-sufficiency in Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon counties. Couleecap is a member of the Community Action Network, originally created in 1964. Learn more at couleecap.org.

About Legal Action of Wisconsin

Legal Action of Wisconsin is the state's largest non-profit law firm providing free civil legal services to Wisconsin clients at the most vulnerable times in their lives. For more than 50 years, the organization has changed and improved lives by making sure the civil legal system works for everyone. Visit <https://www.legalaction.org/>.