

Effect of a Legal Clinic Program within an Urban Primary Health Care Centre on Social Determinants of Health: a program evaluation



What kind of study was it?

Program Evaluation Longitudinal Pre-Post Intervention Design Participants Surveyed at Baseline & 6 Months

What was the Legal Clinic Program?

Free Weekly Legal Aid at a Primary Care Clinic

Medical-legal partnership between:

2 law firms
+
 A family health team

With patient consent:
 Legal Health Check-Up survey & appointment
+
 Legal team provided resources & referrals

Who were the participants?

n = 31 67.7% Female 51.6% aged 35-54 83.9% experiencing poverty

What was the impact?

Participants receiving more benefits 26% decrease in food insecurity 33% improvement in perceived health status

So what?



Medical-legal partnerships may be a more comprehensive approach to addressing patient social determinants of health, especially for those experiencing poverty