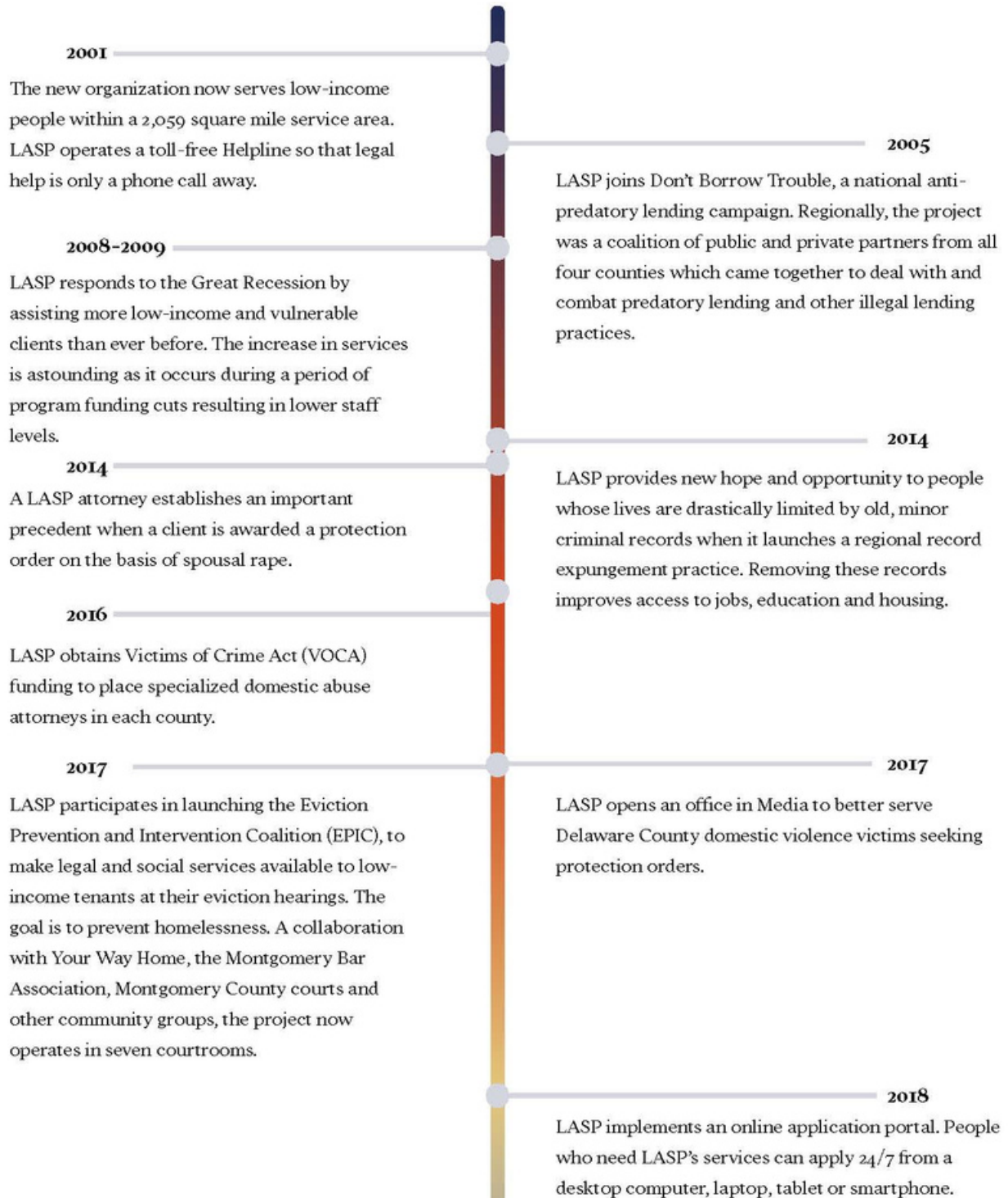


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2019

Community members realize that low-income Chester County mobile home owners are paying unfairly high property taxes. United Way of Chester County, LASP and Honey Brook Food Pantry initiate a tax reassessment project to help residents appeal their assessments. In 2019-21, the project results in 756 successful tax appeals, saving homeowners an average of \$885.35 on their annual taxes. Altogether, mobile home owners will save \$6.7 million over the next 10 years.

2019

The Community Engagement unit (CEU) is launched. The unit builds community partnerships and brings legal clinics, education, and representation to people in their own communities, with a focus on collateral consequences of the criminal justice system and access to disability benefits.

2019

Hatboro Federal Savings becomes LASP's first partner in the Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credit project, which awards contributing businesses up to a 75% tax credit. The project funded by Hatboro Federal Savings brings services to low-income communities in Lower Bucks County.

2020

LASP staff mobilize to continue legal aid services during the COVID-19 pandemic, working remotely according to local, state and federal guidelines. While remaining committed to the health and safety of staff and clients, LASP stays open and provides essential Helpline service and legal representation throughout the public health crisis.

2020

LASP starts the Veterans Advocacy Project to provide holistic, trauma-informed legal services to veterans, with initial funding from the HealthSpark Foundation, in collaboration with Veterans Multi-Service Center (VMC). Other partners include Norristown Vet Center, and the Montgomery County and Delaware County Offices of Veterans Affairs. The project also receives funding through DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust, United Way of Chester County, and Community Action Agency of Delaware County.

2020

An early criminal record expungement client achieves a dream. The client begins their medical residency and joins the fight against COVID-19 as a doctor in a big-city Emergency Room.

2020-2021

LASP serves clients throughout the pandemic. Advocates handle 10,824 cases in FY 2020-21, more than at any time since the Great Recession.

2021

In response to a federal disaster declaration in eight PA counties (including all 4 in our service area) following Hurricane Ida on Sept 1, LASP provides disaster legal aid and opens the statewide disaster helpline, working with the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other legal aid organizations in Pennsylvania.