

Modest & Moderate Means Working Group

Charge: The Modest/Moderate Means Workgroup will seek to increase access to legal services for people who do not qualify for legal aid by evaluating existing M/MM incubators at UConn (Connecticut Communities Law Center) and in Bridgeport (The Justice Legal Center at the Center for Family Justice) to determine what both programs offer, and how to expand these programs. Members should compile information about how these programs work; what staffing is involved; consider interviewing participating attorneys, both new attorneys and program mentors; and parties who have used the program. Also to be considered are: budgets, program space, training for attorneys, duration of program commitment from participants, non-attorney staffing; mentor programs; marketing to law schools, attorneys, bar associations, and clients. The members should consider how limited scope representation (LSR) can play a role in modest/moderate means programs, and how these programs can be better utilized by income-qualified people. The committee should explore other models (including variations of incubator programs) that may be effective in increasing access to individuals of modest or moderate means.