

LIFT DANE

LIFT Dane – Legal Interventions for Transforming Dane’s overall goal is to increase economic prosperity. It’s mission is to provide efficient, technology driven legal assistance to clear civil legal barriers causing financial harm to Dane County families; to transform legal and court systems to prevent economic drags; and to contribute to reforms that improve access to civil legal justice. By working on multiple levels, LIFT Dane addresses families immediate basic needs through increasing legal literacy and services, and works to prevent future problems. LIFT Dane is a collaboration between the Economic Justice Institute, Inc., Legal Action of WI, Inc., UW Law School’s civil clinics, Center for Patient Partnerships, and Employment and Training Association.

Tens of thousands of Dane County households are weighed down by fixable *minor* legal problems— such as suspended driver’s licenses, consumer debt, child support, and criminal records— that have *major* impacts on their ability to advance in the workforce, secure housing, and stabilize their families. LIFT Dane will make public data about these problems accessible to everyday residents, conduct holistic legal assessments to identify barriers, and connect people to free legal aid to fix them. By removing barriers to gainful employment, LIFT Dane’s low-cost, high-impact, tech-driven mission will boost local incomes, transform the middle class, and become a national model.

With LIFT Dane’s digital and person-to-person tools and services, workers can:



**Eliminate Debt
Quickly**



**Restore Driver’s
Licenses**



**Align Child Support
with Means**



**Remove Criminal
Records**

Workers simply create an account to start their “Legal Tune Up”, to determine if they have solvable legal issues. LIFT Dane will customize their pathway to ensure the most efficient and effective means to getting participants back on track and into the black. LIFT Dane will use the power of word of mouth, partner organizations, clinics, online and print media, and artificial intelligence to connect with those who can benefit from our services most. This unprecedented boost from technology will increase efficiency and efficacy in both outreach and legal resolution processes across several, often interconnected, legal issues simultaneously.

LIFT Dane is in the early implementation phase, and seeks additional funding to complete our budget. We have the unique opportunity to receive matching funds for investments made in 2019. If you are interested in contributing in any capacity to this innovative program please contact us. Our Project Director is Marsha Mansfield of the Economic Justice Institute, Inc.: MMansfieldLLC@gmail.com; Marsha.Mansfield@wisc.edu; (608) 698-3733.

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