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From Betsy Fox, President

Earlier this summer I announced the launch of the Housing Emergency Advocacy Response Team (HEART) program, a collaboration between Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS), the Indian River County Bar Association (IRCBA) and the John's Island Community Service League (JICSL).

Its purpose is to assist Indian River County (IRC) residents with COVID-related housing challenges. Specifically, the HEART program provides clients with counseling, mediation and advocacy with landlords and lenders, and negotiates lease and mortgage modifications as necessary.

I am pleased to report that Iola Mosley has been hired by FRLS to oversee the HEART program. She brings a high level of experience and knowledge to this initiative. Ms. Mosley joins FRLS from her most recent position with the Fort Pierce office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, of the Fourth District Court of Appeals. Prior to that, she worked in a variety of legal capacities for the city of Fort Pierce as well as for Palm Beach County. Her undergraduate and law degrees are from Howard University.

Ms. Mosley's role is to manage and conduct community outreach and education for the program through clinics, represent clients as well as coordinate the work of attorneys from the IRCBA who volunteer as pro bono counsel, and collaborate with agencies providing rental and/or mortgage assistance.

During its first month the HEART program screened 23 calls, opened 10 cases, closed 8 cases, assigned 7 callers to other IRC grants and referred 3 to other non-profit organizations.

[To read more about this, please click here.](#)

Please join us on December 14, 2020 for a JICSL Virtual Community Conversation with Iola Mosley, details to follow.

Be Safe

Betsy