



Strengthening the Foundation

Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc. Eastern Kentucky

Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc. (AppalReD Legal Aid) is a private, nonprofit law firm. It offers free civil legal representation in a 37-county region in the Appalachian Mountains of Eastern and South Central Kentucky where more than 255,000 people live in poverty. AppalReD helps approximately 6,000 clients each year and is the largest legal aid organization in the state. AppalReD's primary focus is to assist in obtaining the basic necessities of life, including income, adequate food and health care; decent, safe and sanitary housing; in protecting family assets; in guarding the rights of children; and in protecting family members from violence and abuse.

In a critical period of organizational restructuring, MACED extended a \$210,000 loan to help AppalReD through the transition. The loan gave the organization time to develop new sources of income, improve bookkeeping practices and adjust operating costs. AppalReD's board of directors hired a new executive director and together they made changes to help the organization improve efficiency and ultimately provide a higher level of service to the region. The loan from MACED was both timely and adequate to help the organization transition through a difficult period in its history.

MACED works with people in eastern Kentucky and Central Appalachia to create economic opportunity, strengthen democracy and support the sustainable use of natural resources.

Development Impact

Retain important support services for low-income families

Strengthening a regional nonprofit

Retain jobs



Contact us for information about our enterprise development or other programs.

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