

Poor Families Face 7 Legal Problems Yearly

RALEIGH— The number of legal problems which confront poor people each year in North Carolina is dramatically higher than the number experienced by the general public, according to the results of a recent statewide survey sponsored by Legal Services of North Carolina, Inc. (LSNC).

"In personal interviews with approximately 2300 low-income households across the state we learned that the average poor family in North Carolina faces up to 7 legal problems each year," said LSNC community education director Trina Gentry.

"That's seven times the number faced by the average family five years ago," she said. "I feel this adds credence to the notion that our laws affect the poor more than any other segment of society."

Ms. Gentry noted that the survey showed that 50 per cent of the more than 25,000 legal problems identified dealt with government benefits, health, employment and community concerns. And nearly 70 per cent of the problems, she said, have occurred more than once.

"The results of this survey will be extremely important to Legal Services programs across the state and to the clients served by those programs in the

years to come," said Denison Ray, executive director of Legal Services of North Carolina. "We are immediately making use of the results by incorporating them in the setting of priorities for each Legal Services program."

The survey consisted of two samples—a 500-household random probability sample drawn from the entire state, and a 1900-household judgement sample for 21 counties selected by Legal Services programs. Problems addressed by the survey included the kinds of civil legal problems that exist; their incidence, seriousness and types of help sought for resolution; cost of resolution; and major community problems.

Other findings of the study include the fact that one out of every two households has a government benefits problem; one out of every three has an employment problem, a health problem, a housing problem and a community problem.

In the State survey, assistance was not sought for over 60 per cent of the problems and the major reason was that people did not know where to go for such help; 60 per cent of the problems in the State survey remain unsolved; and one-third of the respondents did not know

whether a lawyer might help with their problems.

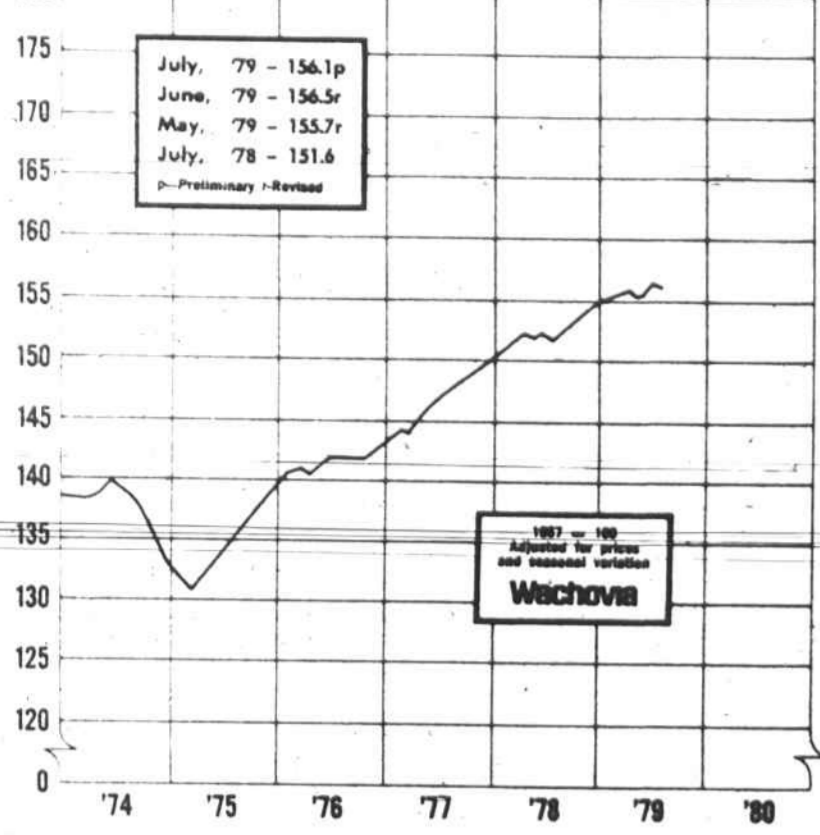
"The responses to why people did not seek help and their uncertainty as to whether or not an attorney could help them points to the need for the Legal Services community to expend a greater effort informing clients and potential clients of the availability of Legal Services," said Ms. Gentry.

"But with more than 1.4 million potential clients in our state it will be impossible for Legal Services to handle each and every legal problem which

comes up. Consequently, one of our main thrusts must be to help low-income people help themselves whenever they can."

Legal Services of North Carolina, Inc. is a non-profit organization created by the N.C. Bar Association in 1976 following a two-year study by a blue-ribbon committee. LSNC receives funds from the national Legal Services Corporation in Washington, D.C. and in turn funds 12 Legal Services programs in the state including special client projects for reservation and non-reservation Indians, migrants, and patients in state mental hospitals.

North Carolina Business Index



Business Index Shows Decline

The level of business activity in North Carolina edged downward in July, according to the Wachovia Business Index. The Index registered 156.1, 0.3 per cent below the revised June level.

Non-farm employment and the average manufacturing workweek were down in July, contributing to the decline in the Index. Average hourly earnings in manufacturing industries rose 1.0 per cent for the month.

The decrease in non-farm employment resulted from a 0.8 per cent dip in non-manufacturing employment. Government employment was down a seasonally adjusted 2.2 per cent in July due to an unusually long school year which inflated the June figure.

Trade employment remained level from June, while construction and services registered employment growth. Manufacturing employment was up slightly due to a gain in the non-durable goods sector which offset a loss in the durable goods employment sector.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina was 5.1 per cent in July, up 0.4 per cent from June. The national rate for July was 5.7 per cent, up 0.1 per cent from June. The unadjusted unemployment rate in North Carolina was 5.1 per cent in July.

Unit sales of cars and trucks were down in July and year-to-date total sales are below 1978 levels by 2.8 per cent for cars and 13.0 per cent for trucks.

The Wachovia North Carolina Business Index measures the level of economic activity in North Carolina on a monthly basis. Using 1967 as the base of 100, it reflects indicators of employment, production and spending in the state's economy. All figures are adjusted by Wachovia-calculated figures for expected seasonal fluctuations.

Center To Honor Former Educator

GOLDSTON--Citizens of the St. Luke Church community near Goldston are working to bring to fruition the dream of a former school principal to provide a recreation center for the community.

A dedicated educator, Walter McLaughlin served as principal of J. S. Waters School in Goldston for 28 years and in the field of human relations at Chatham County Board of Education, Pittsboro for 2 years, at the time of his fatal automobile accident, he was serving as supervisor of secondary schools.

In his memory, the W.A. McLaughlin Community Center Fund has been reactivated and members of the group are working toward raising the \$50,000 that will be needed to complete the project.

George J. Jones, president of the organization, said recently that \$6,800 has already been raised and that work on the

foundation of the 82 by 32-foot cement block structure should begin very soon.

The center is to be constructed on a one-acre plot that was formerly the site of the old Lambert and Reaves school, Jones said. The property, located 2.5 miles east of Goldston was purchased from the county before McLaughlin's death.

Aimed primarily at the community's youth and senior citizens, the center will include a large dining or meeting room, kitchen and restrooms. Jones explained that the facility will be available to any area group which needs a gathering place.

Long range plans also call for construction of a children's playground area, once the center itself is completed, Jones added.

The fund-raising committee is currently conducting a "block rally" where donors pledge to buy the concrete blocks for the building.

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