



Colorado  
Access to Justice Commission (ATJC)  
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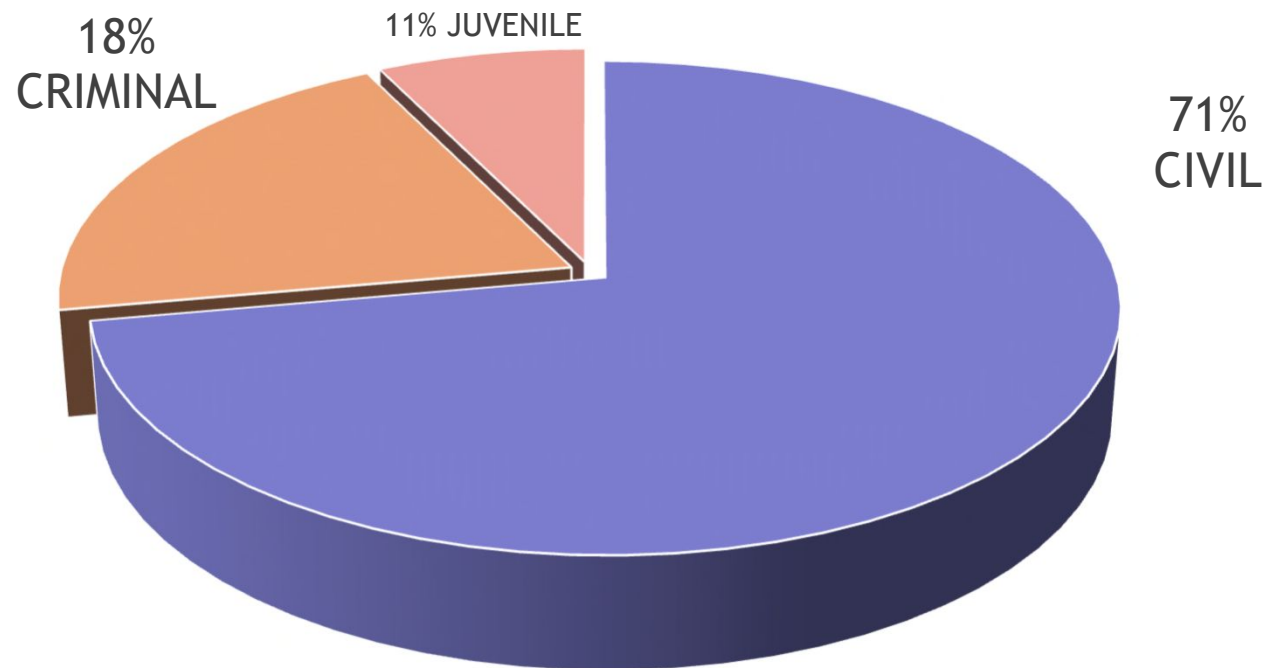
*To expand access, quality, and fairness in  
the justice system for all Coloradans.*

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# Civil Justice



Civil Cases filed in Colorado in 2023



Source: Colorado Judicial Branch Annual Statistical Report, FY2023

# Civil Justice



**HOUSING**  
(Rental Disputes,  
Foreclosures)



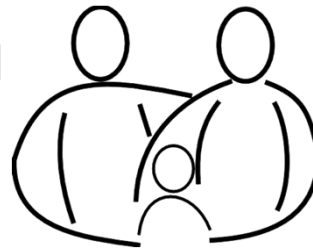
**FINANCIAL SECURITY**  
(Employment,  
Disability, Electricity,  
Childcare, Food,  
Cash Assistance)



**PHYSICAL  
SAFETY**  
(Protection  
Orders)



**FAMILY  
COMPOSITION**  
(Divorce,  
Custody,  
Adoption)



**HEALTH**  
(Medicaid,  
Medicare,  
Worker's  
Comp.)



# Civil Justice: inaccessible



Homelessness,  
Foreclosure,  
Bankruptcy,  
Emergency social  
services



Bankruptcy,  
Unemployment, Food  
insecurity, School  
dropout, Poverty



Family  
violence

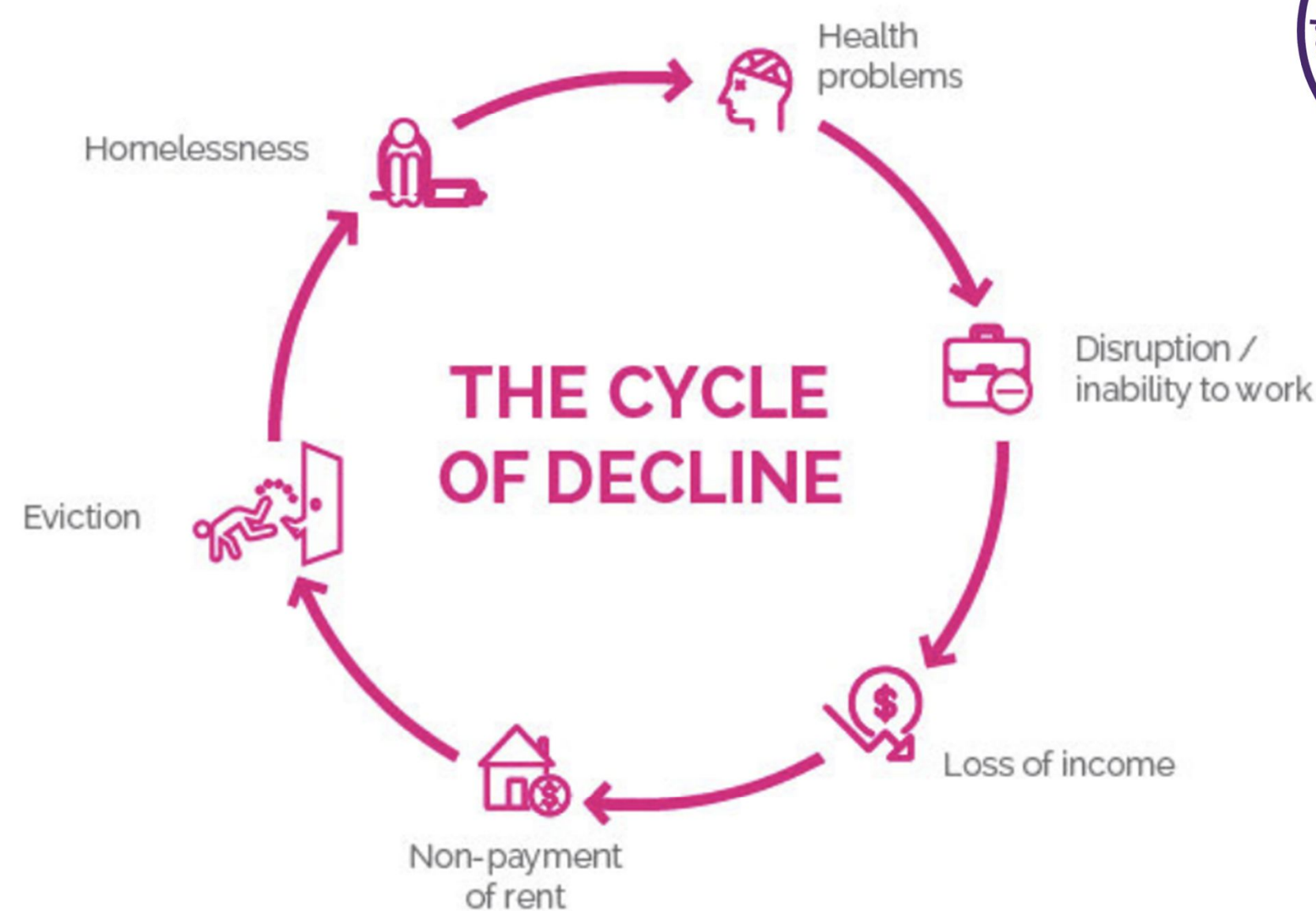


Child  
separation,  
Parent  
incarceration



Emergency  
medical  
services,  
Mental health  
crises









# Most Prominent Barriers



▶ Fear & distrust of the legal system

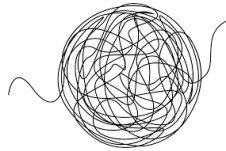


▶ Lack of affordable legal services

▶ Scarcity of free legal aid



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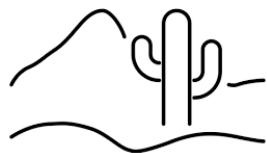
- ▶ Complexity of the justice system



- ▶ Language & culture



- ▶ Technology challenges



- ▶ Rural legal deserts

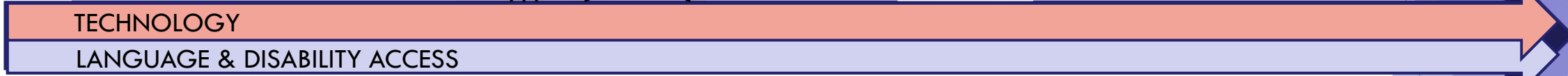




# Spectrum of Solutions:

**No legal help**

**Full representation  
(start to finish)**



**Simplified Rules**

**Plain Language &  
Translated Materials**

**Self-Help Resources**

**Court Navigators**

**Judicial Staff Training**

**Training Community Partners**

**Legal Clinics**

**Mediation**

**Unbundled or Low Bono Svcs.**

**Pro Bono &  
Legal Aid Attorneys**

# Policy Recommendations

- Support bill for Equal Justice Fund





# Specific Recommendations

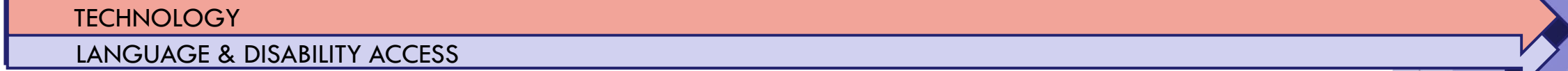
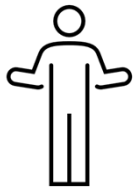
- Support bill for Equal Justice Fund
- Support Licensed Legal Paraprofessionals (LLPs)



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Judicial Staff Training

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## Questions?

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