

# 2018 JUDICIARY GRANTS CONFERENCE

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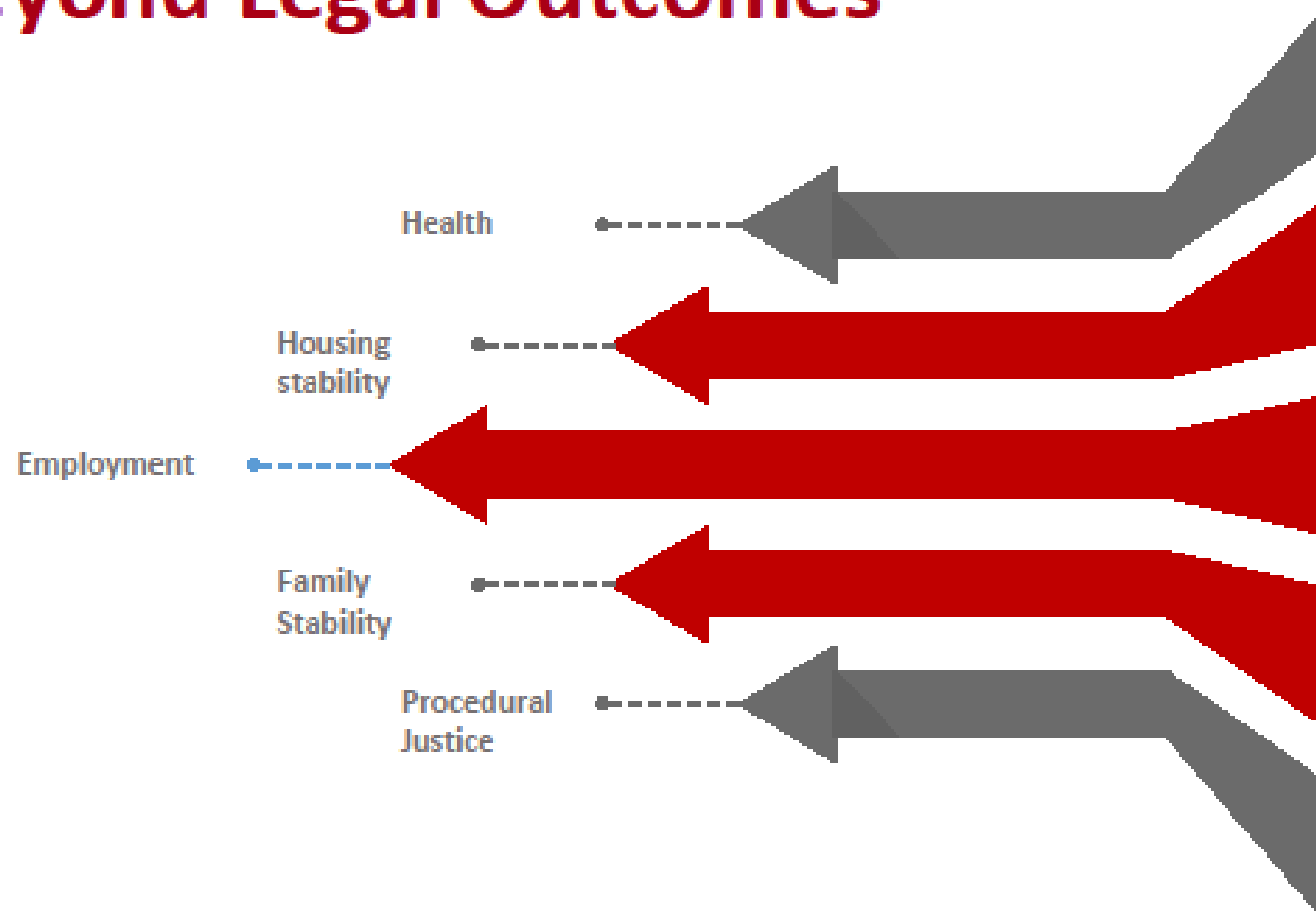
## VALUE OF THIS CONFERENCE

- Vast majority of people who've attended this conference in recent years have found it to be useful.
- 90 percent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that in the past five years AOC's grant-making processes had become more user friendly, less confusing, more streamlined, more uniform, more inclusive of helpful and complete information, and had generally improved overall.

## IMPORTANCE OF GRANTS

- Creating grants to support court innovations and services statewide is a critical part of the Judiciary's mission
- Grantees play a central role
- Maryland ranks fourth among states for access to justice
- Total grants this fiscal year exceeded \$27 million

# Beyond Legal Outcomes





Family Law litigants –  
Navigating process is hard!

## LAST FISCAL YEAR

- Circuit Court Family Law Self-Help Centers assisted 52,772 individuals
- 12,197 victims of intimate partner violence received services
- 3,740 cases went to mediation or other forms of ADR, with a 65 percent agreement rate for family matters alone
- Our Juvenile and Family Services Special Project Grants supported a multitude of services for 27,177 individuals in family cases.
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (or CASA) programs provide a voice to abused and neglected children in 21 counties

**PROBLEM?**



**SOLVED!**

## LAST FISCAL YEAR CONT.

- Problem-solving court programs statewide provided services to 3,753 people – participating in drug, DUI, mental health, truancy reduction, and veterans courts – with nearly 25,000 total court hearings held.



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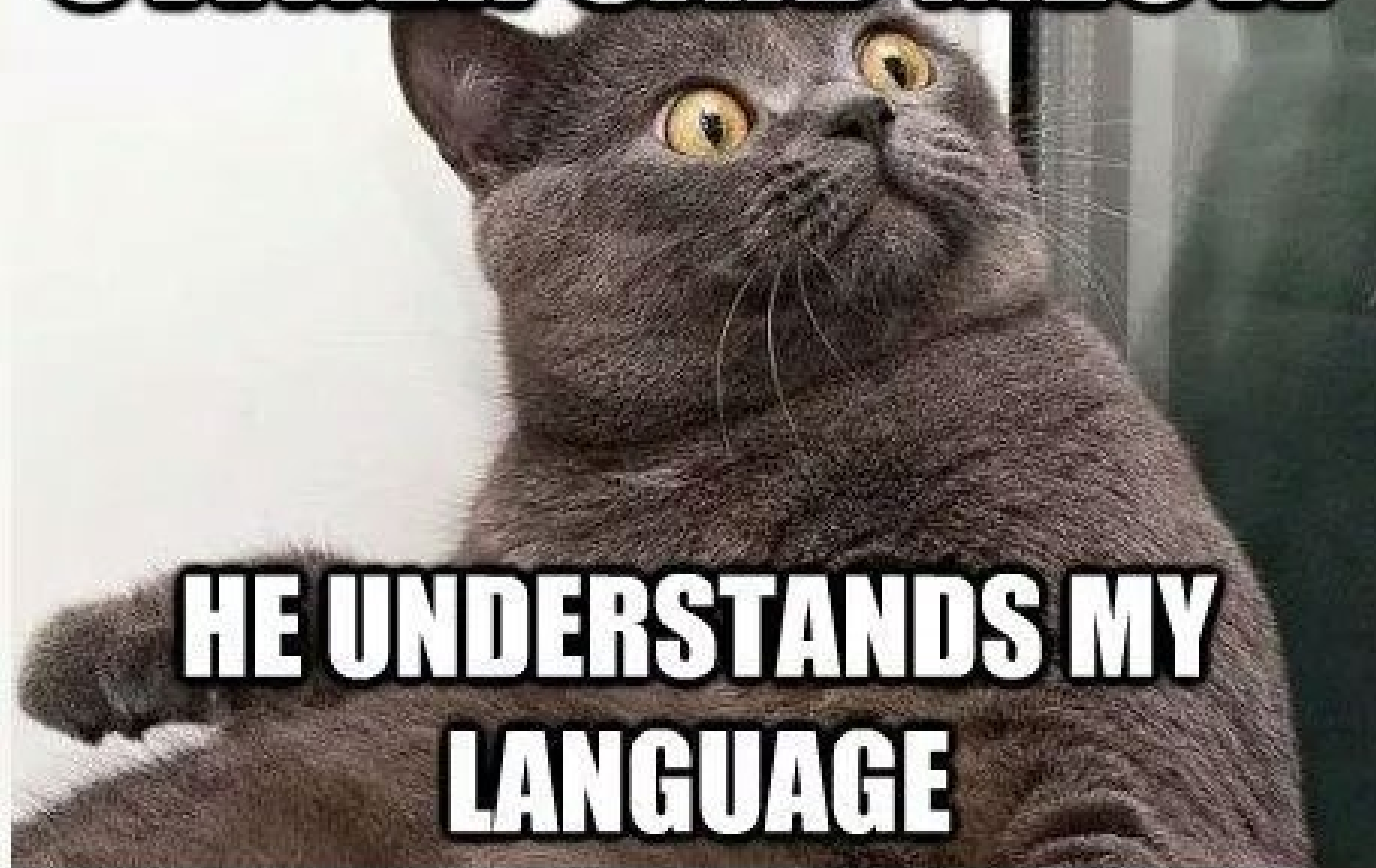
## LAST FISCAL YEAR CONT.

- Nine Circuit Courts with grants from MACRO referred 6,214 cases to ADR; 2,923 ADR processes were held, and of those, more than half reached a full or partial agreement in ADR.
- Community mediation centers performing under MACRO's 10-point model mediated 2,578 cases, with 66 percent reaching full or partial agreement.
- Community conferencing programs held 448 conferences.

## COURT ACCESS

- Access to justice grants support several civil matter programs assisting more than 1,200 litigants last year.
- Judicare program provides full representation in family cases to another 1,200 low income individuals annually.

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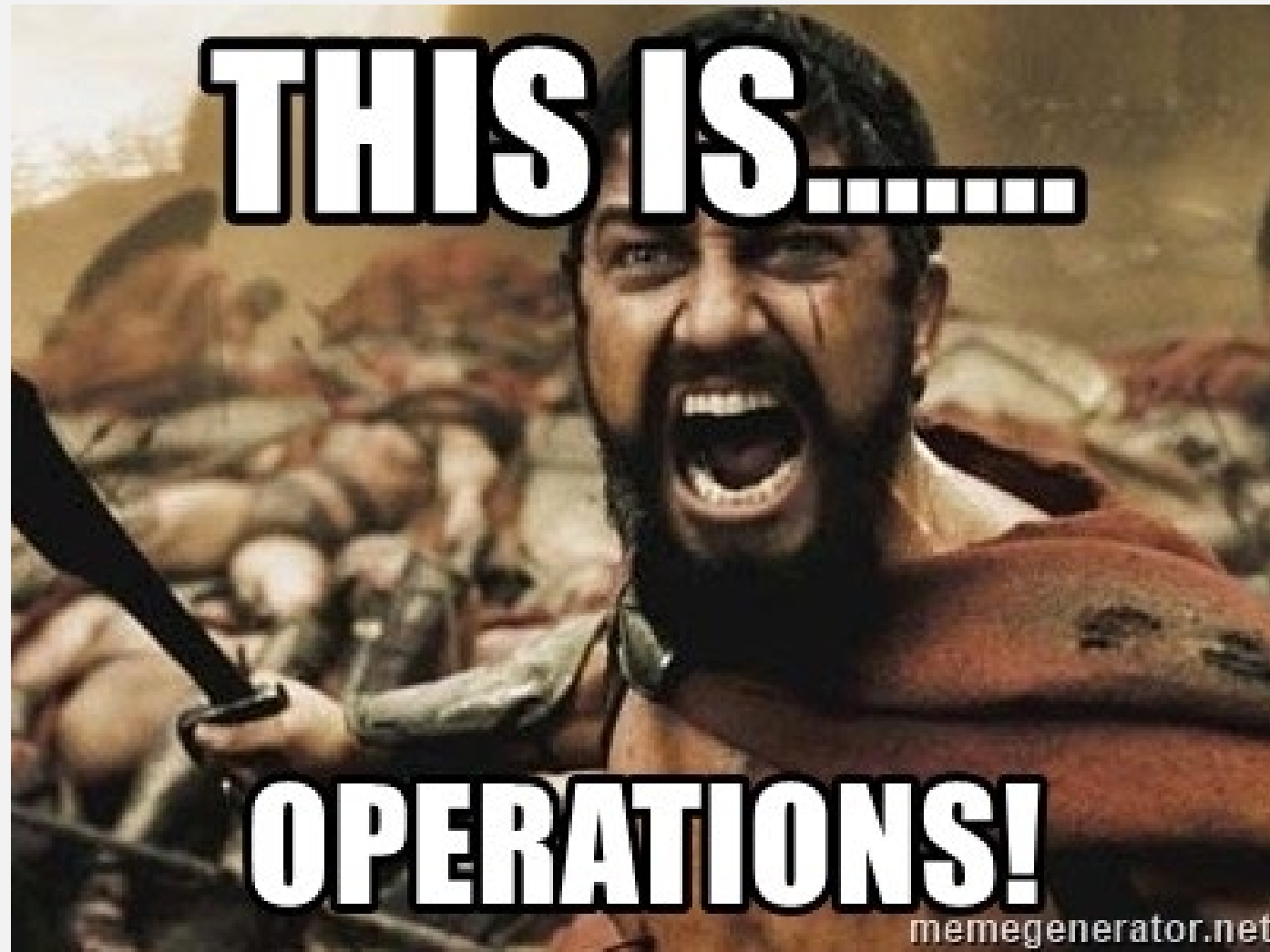


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## COURT INTERPRETERS

- 7,470 court interpreter assignments in the circuit courts – 2,104,196
- 7,959 court interpreter assignments in the District Court – 1,583,252
- Court interpreter registry includes 485 interpreters speaking 62 languages
- 21 Spanish-speaking staff interpreters in the Judiciary: 10 in the District Court and 11 in circuit courts



# COURT OPERATIONS

- Special project grants in our Court Operations Department support six researchers who help enhance court services while increasing efficiency and effectiveness.
- Court Operations also provides grant support to the Baltimore City Teen Court.

