
New CMS Features in Pika

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Online Intake

Why online intake?

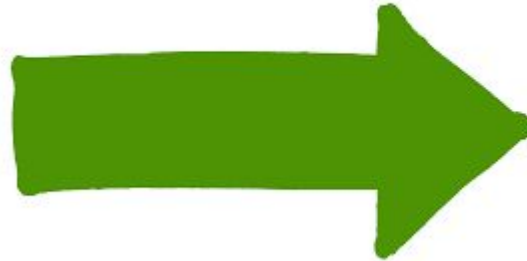
- Increase office efficiency
 - Less time entering client eligibility info
 - Pre-screening helps eliminate ineligible clients
 - Allows more eligible clients to access legal services
- Increase client access
 - Can submit after intake or business hours
 - No wait in hotline queue
 - Quicker and easier to find out if eligible
- Does not increase overall number of apps/new clients

What is online intake? How do people get here?

- People only get to online intake through the Guide to Legal Help
 - They only get the link if they are financially eligible for legal aid **and**
 - They have a case type that legal aid has said they will help with.
 - This is specific for each legal aid office.
- People may still be ineligible for other reasons
 - There is further screening during the online intake process (citizenship, assets), and during the in-person conversation (conflicts).
- Guide to Legal Help and [Online Intake Demo](#)

The MLH Online Intake Module

The MLH Online Intake module is an application component utilized to transfer information gathered from an MLH online interview to the Pika case management system.



Requirements

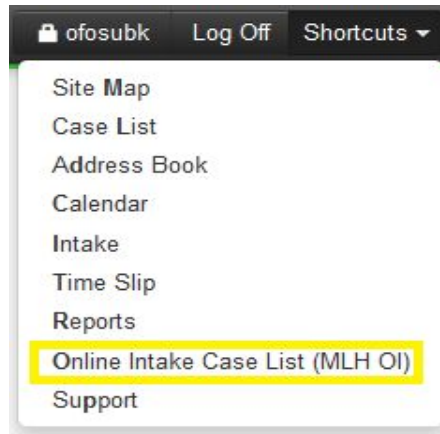
Participating legal services programs must utilize a current release of the Pika/OCM case management system:

- Pika CMS version 6.x or later is required

As the module is not included within any Pika/OCM release, participating programs must contact MPLP IT to request and approve installation, which entails adding MLH OI-related fields to database tables and modifying various screens

Pika operations - notification, waiting room, etc.

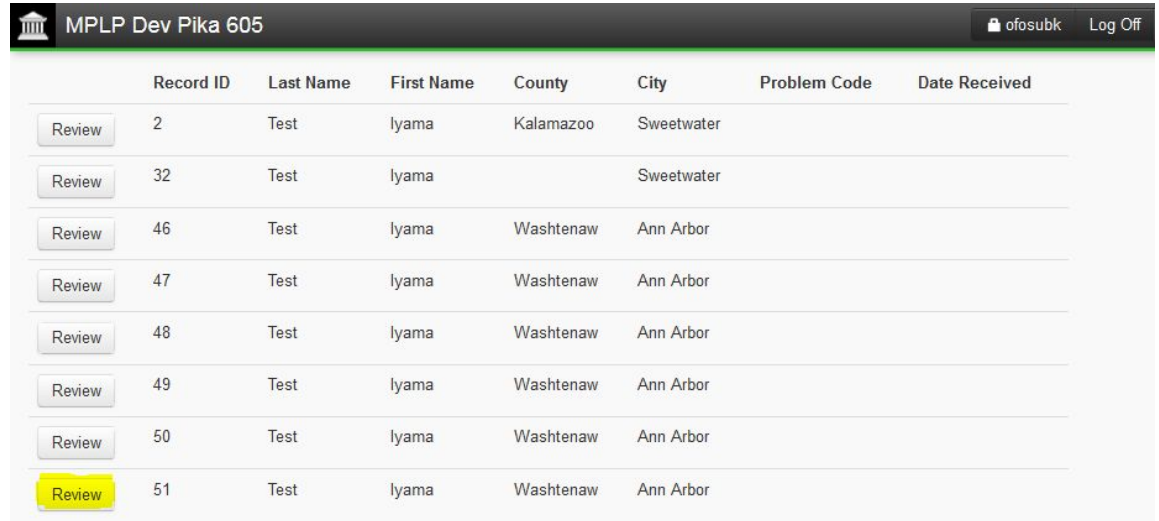
Information gathered from the MLH intake process is transmitted to a queue of incoming cases pending review- a “waiting room” of sorts. Users can access queued cases from the Pika shortcuts menu or the site map (system privileges required):



[Pika Waiting Room](#)

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Upon accessing the online intake case list, users must select a pending case record in order to review detailed information and either accept or reject the case:



	Record ID	Last Name	First Name	County	City	Problem Code	Date Received
Review	2	Test	Iyama	Kalamazoo	Sweetwater		
Review	32	Test	Iyama		Sweetwater		
Review	46	Test	Iyama	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor		
Review	47	Test	Iyama	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor		
Review	48	Test	Iyama	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor		
Review	49	Test	Iyama	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor		
Review	50	Test	Iyama	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor		
Review	51	Test	Iyama	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor		

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Upon selecting a case from the list, users can review detailed information...

Pika Waiting Room

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Incoming Transfer #51

Client, Notes, and Case Info		Opposing Party		Opposing Party's Attorney	
asset1	1200	online_intake	1	opposing_party_last_name	Person
asset_type2	1	disabled	N	opposing_party_first_name	Horrible
asset2	100	frail	N	opposing_party_middle_name	
asset_type3	1	area_code	212	opposing_party_gender	M
asset3	1000	phone	5551212	opposing_party_birt_date	1969-01-01
asset_type4	1	phone_type	2	opposing_party_address	
asset4	1200	safe_call01	Y	opposing_party_address2	
asset_type5	1	pk_to_em	Y	opposing_party_cip	
asset5	1200	pk_to_text	Y		
isc_income_change	0	area_code_alt	212		
income_type0	1	phone_alt	4441212		
annual0	1000	phone_type_alt	2		
income_type1	14	safe_call02	Y		
annual1	1000	pk_to_text_alt	Y		
income_type2	13	notes	Kalamazoo		
annual2	100	language	E		
veteran_household	N	pk_box_mailing	0		
persons_helped	1	address	123 Main Street		
children	0	address2			
dom_viol		city	Ann Arbor		
case_county	Washtenaw	state	Mi		
citizen	A				

Stated Goal: My issue relates to Housing I am a tenant (renter). I am facing eviction or have been evicted. I do not live in public or subsidized housing. I got a Notice to Quit or Demand for Possession from my landlord. I do not live in public or subsidized housing. I got a Summons from the court. My landlord wants to recover possession of the property

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...and either accept or reject the case. The integrated conflict-checking mechanism is automatic and will display potential conflicts with existing case records accordingly:

Intake Information

Best Contact Time: 12-1pm

Client has submitted intake with helper/assitant.

Helper information:
Name :Nice Person
Phone : (212) 555-1212
Email : niceperson@mplp.org

Do we have your permission to contact this person if we have trouble reaching you? No

Review Notes

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Upon accepting a case, users are directed to the standard Pika eligibility screen:

The screenshot shows a web application interface for Pika eligibility screening. At the top, there are status indicators: "Household Size Info is Blank", "Funding Code is Blank", and "LSC Problem Code is Blank". Below this is a navigation bar with tabs for "Case Summary", "Notes", "Conflicts", "Eligibility", "Info", "Pro Bono", "Documents", and "Compensation". The "Eligibility" tab is active, showing sub-tabs for "LITC", "Outcomes", and "HUD".

The main content area is titled "Eligibility Screening" and includes a "Pending" status indicator. On the left, there is a client profile for "Iyama Test", a Primary Client, with address "123 Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48108", phone "(212) 5551212", language "English", and birth date "12/15/1969". Below the profile are "Actions" such as "Pop-up Timer", "Add Tickle", "Add LSC Other Matter", "Email Case Link", "Transfer this case", "Duplicate this case", and "Delete this case".

The central form contains an "Eligibility Screening" section with a "Wage Calculator" (Children: 0, Adults: 1, # Helped: 1, Wage: \$, X, = \$) and a "Send to Grid" button. Below this is a table for income and assets:

Type of Income	Frequency	Amount	Type of Asset	Value
Employment	Annual	\$ 1000.00	Personal Property	\$ 1000.00
Trust, Interest, Div.	Annual	\$ 1000.00	Personal Property	\$ 1200.00
Pension	Annual	\$ 100.00	Personal Property	\$ 100.00
	Annual	\$	Personal Property	\$ 1000.00
	Annual	\$	Personal Property	\$ 1200.00

Summary statistics: Gross Income: \$ 2100.00, Net Income: \$ 2100.00, Total Assets: \$. Below this is a "Calculate" button and a "Notes" field. The form also includes fields for "Income Justification", "Intake Type" (Telephone), "Citizenship Verification" (Citizen), "Domestic Violence?", "Veteran in household?", "Client Age" (48), and "Referred By". At the bottom, there is a "Save" button.

Though rejected cases are currently removed from the queue of incoming cases, we will likely develop additional features to better manage rejected case scenarios.

After an app is submitted, legal services staff will...

1. Review the apps that have been submitted for your office.
2. Investigate potential conflicts on applications that have been submitted; notify clients of rejection if there is a conflict.
3. Contact client without conflicts (method and # of tries TBD by your program) to continue intake.
4. When contacted, “accept” client into your database. Check whether client is already in database.
5. Review pertinent intake info with the client (not every detail, but big picture - income, assets, opposing parties) and get factual details. Fill in office, counsel, funding, over 125% FPL, etc.
6. Proceed as with any other new client - advise and determine level of service.

Roll-out Plan

- Complete Pika upgrade (if needed) and resolve any outstanding issues
- Create individualized interview for each program - certain decision points must be addressed
- Integrate your program's online intake interview and your Pika
- User testing by you
- Modifications based on user testing
- Go Live! To do this, we activate the link to online intake within your org or office page on the Guide to Legal Help, making it accessible to users

Next Steps - Determine your program's logistics

- Your program managers will determine logistics such as
 - Who will review cases in waiting room and try to reach clients?
 - How will you reach clients? Phone? Email? Both?
 - How many times will you try to reach a client before you give up?
 - What will call-back conversations look like (what details to review)? What info needs to be added during the in-person intake? (office, staff person, status, etc.)
 - How many people will be assigned to online intakes at any given time?
 - Others that arise during testing.

Next Steps - Testing

- Staff will test by submitting dummy applications online and reviewing cases in Pika to ensure all data is going where you expect it to, and transferring correctly
- Go through all steps - who will review cases, simulate how you will contact client, what steps to take if client is accepted or rejected or never reached
- MLH also conducts user testing to see if modifications are needed to the interview interface, wording of questions, etc.
- Refinement and re-testing until ready to go live

Next Steps: Launch

- CALL will be the first pilot project, going live week of April 2, 2018
- LSEM will be next, going live in mid-April
- Both LSNM and LSSCM need Pika upgrades in order to go live
- Other launches TBD

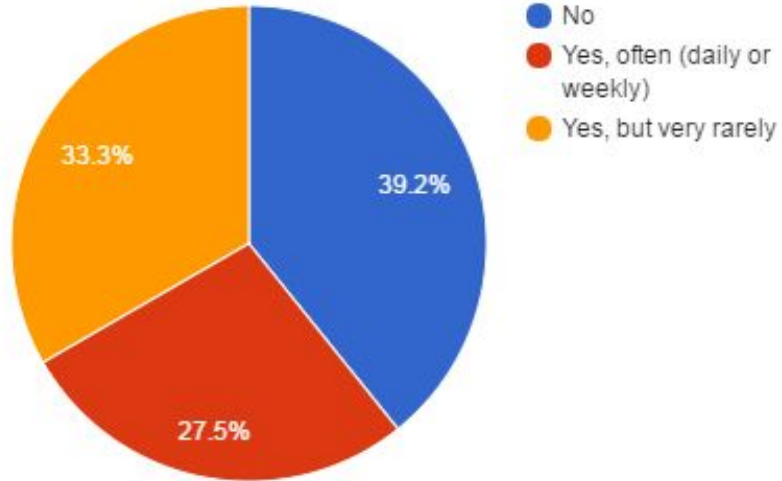
Next Steps - Feedback and Refinement, Expansion

- We'll be collecting a lot of data after the launch, including
 - How many apps are submitted
 - How many people you reach
 - What level of service do those clients get?
 - How long does it take to complete an intake for someone who submitted via online vs. someone who called in?
- We'll also be collecting subjective data from you about how things are working, what could/should change, be added, deleted, etc.
- We'll refine some more, and then expand to other programs later on.

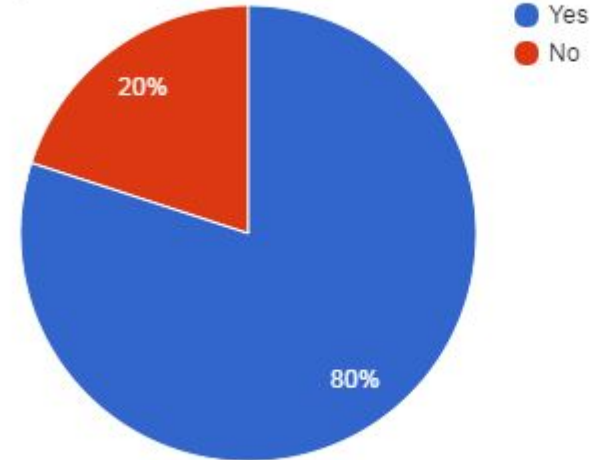
Texting with Pika

Survey results from MAP

Do you text with your clients now?



If it were easy and convenient, and didn't divulge your personal phone number, would you text with clients?



Concerns with Texting

- No records of text conversations in case notes or on program device
- Employees giving out personal cell phone numbers
- Difficult to end client engagement
- Security concerns

Solution: Texting through Pika!

- You have the option to text with your clients using the Pika interface
- You initiate the conversation, all conversation is recorded in Pika
- You get email notification of new messages; you can also see in Pika which cases have unread messages
- Text conversations recorded in Pika SMS tab as well as Notes tab
- When case is closed, no more texting option
- Includes ability to send automated text reminders for events

Requirements

- Pika 6.x
- Twilio Account
- Sparkpost Account (unless your program is hosted by MPLP)
- Dedicated phone number (one per program)

The logo for Pika Software, featuring the word "Pika" in white on a red background and "Software" in black on a white background, all enclosed in a blue-bordered box.The SparkPost logo, featuring the word "SPARKPOST" in a bold, dark grey, sans-serif font. The letter "O" is replaced by a stylized orange flame.

A-17-00262
Pending

Outcomes Justice Gap SMS

Pika SMS tab

Send a SMS message to a case contact

Cell Number:

Kathy Brown (617) 970-4311

Message:

Please enter your message here.

Send SMS

Kathy Brown

Primary Client

Address:

Phone: (617) 970-4311

Notes:

Language:

Birth Date: 3/3/1981

remove

Amy Brown

Client

remove

Actions

- ▶ [Popup Timer](#)
- ▶ [Add Tickle](#)
- ▶ [Add LSC Other Matter](#)
- ▶ [Email Case Link](#)
- ▶ [Transfer this case](#)
- ▶ [Duplicate this case](#)
- ▶ [Delete this case](#)

▶ Add to this case:

Client

First:

Middle:

Last (or Org. Name):

from Kathy Brown
at (617) 970-4311
12/13/2017 2:42
PM

Hi Iscc!!

from Kathy Brown
at (617) 970-4311
12/13/2017 2:41
PM

Hi LSC!

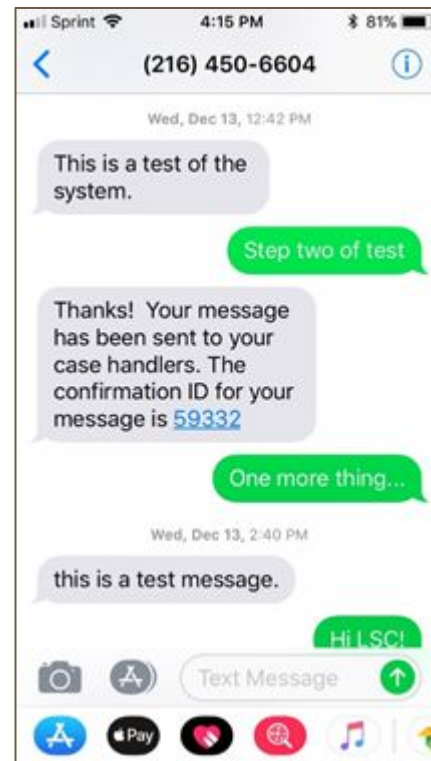
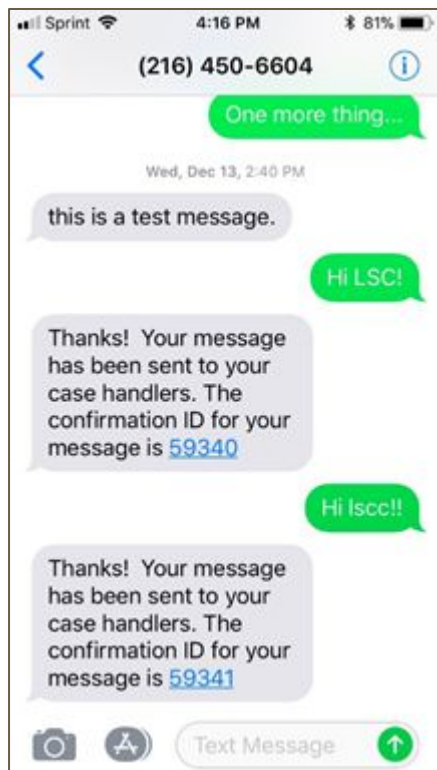
from Kathy Brown
at (617) 970-4311
12/13/2017 12:50
PM

One more thing...


to 13135951003
from 12164506604
12/13/2017 12:46
PM

Thanks so much!



Client View



Notifications

 Pika CMS 6 Demo

Case List Mode: ▶ My Open Cases ▶ My Closed Cases ▶ All Open and Closed Cases ▶ More Options

Case Number	Client Name	Status	Staff	Office	Code	Opened	Closed	Funding	Time
A-17-00262 Open	Brown, Kathy	Pending	Tripp, Angela	M		12/13/2017			
A-17-00263 1 Open	Ellis, Scott	Pending	Tripp, Angela	M		12/13/2017			



 MICHIGAN ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Angela Tripp <trippa@lsscm.org>

New SMS for A-17-00262
4 messages

no-reply@bestlegalaid.org <no-reply@bestlegalaid.org> Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 12:45 PM
To: trippa@mplp.org

Kathy Brown has sent a new SMS message, you can view it at: https://pikasoftware.com/test_sms/case.php?case_id=11601&screen=sms

 Household Size Info is Blank  Citi
No Opposing Parties Have Been Entered

Case Summary

A-17-00263
Pending

2 new SMS messages

Scott Ellis
Primary Client
Address:
,
Phone: (617) 970-4311
Notes:
Language:
Birth Date:
▶ remove

Actions

▶ Pop up Timer

Notes Tab

Demo:

https://pikasoftware.com/test_sms/case_list.php?mode=open

Pika CMS 6 Demo

Household Size Info is Blank Citizenship Status is Blank Funding Code is Blank Income Info is Blank
No Opposing Parties Have Been Entered

Case Summary

Notes Conflict Eligibility Case Info Pro Bono Documents LITC

Outcomes Justice Gap SMS

A-17-00262
Pending

Kathy Brown
Primary Client
Address:
Phone: (617) 970-4311
Notes:
Language:
Birth Date: 3/3/1981
▶ remove

Amy Brown
Client
▶ remove

Summary (public):
Hours:

Notes (private):
Date:
03/28/2018
Start Time:
10:31 AM
Type of Activity:
Staff:
Tripp, Angela
Funding Source:

▶ Text Highlighting
Save

Case Notes for A-17-00262

▶ Reverse Order of Case Notes

Case Note - Tripp, Angela
12/13/2017 2:43 PM | 0.00 hours | [Edit this record](#)
other case notes

SMS Message -
12/13/2017 2:42 PM | 0 hours | [Edit this record](#)
[SMS message from Kathy Brown at (617) 970-4311]
Hi lsccl!

SMS Message -
12/13/2017 2:41 PM | 0 hours | [Edit this record](#)
[SMS message from Kathy Brown at (617) 970-4311]
Hi LSC!

Actions

- ▶ Popup Timer
- ▶ Add Tickle
- ▶ Add LSC Other Matter
- ▶ Email Case Link
- ▶ Transfer this case
- ▶ Duplicate this case
- ▶ Delete this case
- ▶ Add to this case:
Client

First:
Middle:
Last (or Org. Name):

Roll-out Plan

- Pontiac office of LLA to pilot texting features in April.
- Pending success after testing, feedback, and modification, roll-out to other interested programs starting in May.
- Pika Software is still working on the automated text reminder features, these will be done by May, and ready for testing.
- Entire project must be finished and made available by 6/30/18. We'll hold a training webinar when everything is available.

Implementation & Use Policy Considerations

- During intake, ask the client “Is it ok to text to this cell phone number?”
- Close cases timely to avoid ongoing text conversations with clients whose matters are finished.
- Despite informality of texting, maintain professional tone and content when texting with clients. These are still recorded in Pika and part of your attorney/client relationship.
- Don't feel pressured to respond to client texts outside working hours.
- This is only for clients with open cases. This feature won't work for non-clients or clients whose cases are closed.

FAQs

- Can you send images this way?
 - No. Will need to text to email, email, or send through another way (e.g., Google Voice).
- What if a client has more than one open case?
 - Texts are delivered to all open cases a client has.
- Can I add more than one phone number to text to?
 - Yes, you can add multiple numbers to the client field, and phone numbers for multiple clients, and they are options in the drop down menu for texting. OPs phone numbers aren't available for texting.
- How can I stop texting with my client?
 - Once the case is closed, the client won't be able to text anymore, and they'll get an automated response instructing them that their case is closed, they should call intake.

FAQ's, continued

- Do I have to text with my clients?
 - No. You can make this decision on a case-by-case basis. Only you can initiate a text conversation with a client. You can still communicate with your clients using the method(s) you prefer.
- Can we use the automated text feature to send text surveys to clients?
 - We hope so. We're still working on this portion of the project with Pika Software.
- Can I text from my phone?
 - Pika 6.0 is mobile friendly; you can use your phone to text clients through the Pika interface.
- What if the client calls the text number?
 - You can set up a message so that clients are told they are calling a text line, and to use another means to reach their attorney.

Thank you!

Thank you for participating in the pilot phases of these project. Your experience, feedback, and input is invaluable as we roll out these exciting new Pika features.

Please email or call me with any questions!

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