

LEGAL AID HELPS FIGHT THE OPIOID CRISIS



KINSHIP CARE

...with custody, adoption, and guardianship when parents are unable to care for their children because of a substance use disorder.



TREATMENT

...by securing health care services through Medicaid or Medicaid Expansion so that Ohioans can gain access to services such as inpatient or outpatient treatment.



JOBS

...by removing obstacles to employment by helping seal or expunge criminal convictions or complete applications for a Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE).

Ohio's legal aids are working throughout the state to help Ohioans struggling with substance use disorder.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS IN STARK COUNTY

Many Ohioans with substance use disorders also struggle with civil legal issues. For men and women in treatment, receiving help to resolve legal matters means more attention can be focused on treatment and recovery.

Community Legal Aid is partnering with Stark County CommQuest Service Inc. to offer monthly legal advice clinics at treatment facilities. Legal aid lawyers kick off the clinics with presentations on common legal issues Ohioans in treatment may encounter, such as securing protection orders for domestic violence, arranging custody for their children, and addressing debt issues. Lawyers also meet with clients one-on-one for more personalized advice.

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LEGAL AID AND OHIO'S OPIOID CRISIS



HELPING BEKKA'S FOSTER KIDS THRIVE

Bekka Russell, a devoted foster mom, opened her home to three children whose biological mother was unable to care for them due to a drug addiction. Bekka and her husband wanted to do everything possible to ensure that the kids, who suffer from behavioral issues and require special care, received extra help in school.

When the Russells approached the school, the school said that the kids were not eligible for special services. The Russells came to legal aid for help.

Legal aid worked with the school to develop individual education plans for the children and to resolve the issue with the school. The children are now receiving proper support for their academic and behavioral needs and are thriving.