

LEGAL AID HELPS FIGHT THE OPIOID CRISIS



KINSHIP CARE

...with custody 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 SOUTHERN OHIO

Comprehensive and trauma-informed supports are the best way to ensure the children of Ohioans struggling with substance use disorder get the help and support they need.

Southeastern Ohio Legal Services is collaborating with community partners in seventeen Ohio counties on the Appalachian Ohio Children's Victim Assistance and Prevention Project. A joint effort of legal aid, nonprofit organizations, schools, government agencies, and local courts, the project will work to develop supports for children who need care due to a parent's substance use disorder.



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PROVIDING SAFETY FOR SAMANTHA AND HER CHILDREN

Samantha* is a proud veteran and the mother of two children. After struggling with addiction, she completed treatment and has been in recovery for 18 months. Her husband, who also struggles with addiction, still uses drugs. After he became violent and used drugs around their children, Samantha sought help from legal aid.

Legal aid helped Samantha with a Civil Protection Order and to file for divorce. Legal aid also secured temporary possession of their rental home, so Samantha could retain stable housing for the kids. Because of legal aid, Samantha and her children are safe and secure.

*Name and photo have been changed to protect client privacy.