

# Legal Aid is Improving Lives

in **DISTRICT 11**



Ohio's legal aid organizations provide essential legal services to help Ohioans resolve their legal issues so they can live safer, healthier, and more financially stable lives. Robust funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is critical to ensuring that Ohio's legal aids are able to help low-income Ohioans resolve civil legal challenges.

## THE PROBLEM



Millions of low-income Americans do not have access to justice in civil court cases affecting their housing, their finances, and their families because they cannot afford legal representation.

## THE SOLUTION



Providing robust, federal financial support for Ohio's legal aids ensures that attorneys are available to help your constituents stabilize their housing, seal past criminal records to get better jobs, and protect themselves from domestic violence.

## THE ASK



Please increase funding for LSC. This would mean additional funding for Ohio's legal aids.

“[Legal aid] doesn't tell you that you're at the bottom of your bucket and you'll never crawl out. They're like, 'there's a ladder somewhere, and we're going to help you find it.'”

- Vanetta Jamison, former legal aid client and former board president of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland



# Serving Your Constituents in DISTRICT 11



## Saving Mr. Kempton From Homelessness

Jace Kempton\* was on the brink of homelessness. He had applied for subsidized housing, but his application was purportedly denied on account of a decades-old, minor, criminal conviction. At a subsequent healthcare visit, the hospital's medical-legal partnership referred Mr. Kempton to legal aid.

Legal aid reviewed Mr. Kempton's application and response from the housing complex. Mr. Kempton's attorney discovered that the company that supplied Mr. Kempton's criminal record report erred and submitted a report that belonged to a different person with a similar name. Legal aid clarified the mistake, and the housing complex, recognizing that Mr. Kempton was low-risk, gave him a unit immediately. Thanks to legal aid and their medical-legal partnership, Mr. Kempton avoided homelessness and now lives in a new, affordable apartment.

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

In 2022, legal aid helped **19,783**

Ohioans in District 11, including:



**9,506**

Children



**412**

Veterans



**1,969**

Seniors



**386**

Domestic Violence  
Survivors

Contact your local legal aid:

Cuyahoga



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