

Legal Aid is Improving Lives

in **DISTRICT 14**



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

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Saving a Senior Veteran From Eviction

Peter Sutton,* an elderly Navy veteran, contracted COVID-19 and became quite ill. Because of his illness, Mr. Sutton experienced financial hardship and fell behind on his rent. When Mr. Sutton's landlord filed an eviction against him, Mr. Sutton planned to handle it himself, but was too sick to attend court on the day of his hearing. Fearing he could lose his home, Mr. Sutton contacted legal aid for help.

Legal aid worked to obtain rental assistance for Mr. Sutton. Thanks to Ohio's rental assistance program, Mr. Sutton was brought current on his rent. As a result, legal aid had the eviction dismissed, and Mr. Sutton remains stably housed while he continues to recover from COVID.

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

In 2022, legal aid helped **4,061**

Ohioans in District 14, including:



1,557

Children



167

Veterans



658

Seniors



390

Domestic Violence
Survivors

Contact your local legal aid:

Portage, Trumbull



Ashtabula,
Geauga, Lake

