Legal Aid is Improving Lives in DISTRICT 3

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.

THF ASK

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

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"[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 3



Helping a Mother and Her Daughter Find Safety

Josslyn Reed,* a young mother, desperately wanted a safe home for her and her daughter. Ms. Reed lived in fear because her partner often became violent when intoxicated. On several occasions, her partner assaulted Ms. Reed and damaged their apartment in front of their daughter. Finally, Ms. Reed found the courage to seek help.

Legal aid helped Ms. Reed obtain a Civil Protection Order (CPO) to ensure that her violent partner cannot access her or her daughter. Thanks to legal aid, Ms. Reed is now safe from her former partner and can provide a safe environment for her daughter.

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

In 2022, legal aid helped **21,639** Ohioans in District 3, including:



9,898 Children



469 Veterans



1,954



310 Domestic Violence Survivors

Contact your local legal aid:

Franklin

