

Legal Aid is Improving Lives in DISTRICT 5



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 5



Helping a Veteran Escape Her Abusive Husband

Adalyn Gray,* a proud veteran and mother of two small children, was physically abused by her husband. Scared and worried about her and her children's safety, Ms. Gray left their marital home and reached out to legal aid for help.

Legal aid helped Ms. Gray obtain a Civil Protection Order (CPO) to ensure that her husband couldn't reach her or her children. In addition, legal aid ensured that Ms. Gray was awarded custody of her children. Thanks to legal aid, Ms. Gray can move forward with her life and raise her children in a safe environment free of violence.

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

In 2022, legal aid helped **3,199**

Ohioans in District 5, including:



1,261

Children



131

Veterans



531

Seniors



254

Domestic Violence
Survivors

Contact your local legal aid:

Crawford, Hancock, Henry, Huron,
Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca,
Van Wert, Wood, Wyandot



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