

# Legal Aid is Improving Lives in DISTRICT 7



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 7



## Helping the Bakers Care for Their Grandchildren

Sandra Baker\* and her husband Louis,\* a proud veteran, cherished their relationship with their two young grandchildren. Due to substance abuse and mental health issues, neither of the children's parents could care for them. The Bakers were eager to take custody of the children and provide them the love and stability they needed. Hoping to move quickly because both children were underweight and needed dental care, the Bakers contacted legal aid for help.

Legal aid first helped the Bakers obtain emergency custody of their grandchildren, which allowed them to get the children in to see a doctor and to be registered at a new school. Legal aid then helped the Bakers obtain permanent custody of the children. In their grandparents' care, the children have the medical and dental attention they need, have started to do better in school, and have the loving and supportive guardians they deserve.

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

In 2022, legal aid helped **20,714**

Ohioans in District 7, including:



**9,853**

Children



**462**

Veterans



**2,156**

Seniors



**549**

Domestic Violence  
Survivors

Contact your local legal aid:

Medina, Wayne



Cuyahoga



The Legal Aid Society  
of Cleveland  
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Holmes



SEOLS  
Southeastern Ohio Legal Services