

# Legal Aid is Improving Lives in **DISTRICT 9**



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 9



### Protecting a Mother From Abuse

Rosemary Jennings,\* a mother of young children, worked diligently to provide for her family. Ms. Jennings' domestic partner kept threatening and harassing Ms. Jennings both at home and while she was at work. Desperate to break free from her abusive partner, Ms. Jennings contacted legal aid.

Legal aid helped Ms. Jennings obtain a Civil Protection Order (CPO) that prohibits her abusive partner from being in their home or contacting her at work. Legal aid also provided Ms. Jennings with additional safety planning and information on available domestic violence resources. Ms. Jennings is now free from her partner's abuse and can start a new life with her children in safety.

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

In 2022, legal aid helped **9,316**

Ohioans in District 9, including:



**4,209**

Children



**174**

Veterans



**1,052**

Seniors



**515**

Domestic Violence  
Survivors

Contact your local legal aid:

Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa,  
Sandusky, Williams, Wood

