## LEGAL AID IMPROVES LIVES IN DISTRICT 1

Ohio's civil legal aid organizations provide essential legal services to help Ohioans resolve their legal issues. Robust funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is critical to ensuring that Ohio's legal aids can help low-income Ohioans resolve civil legal challenges and live safer, healthier, and more financially stable lives.

27,472
Ohioans in District 1.



## Helping Ohioans remove barriers to employment to access brighter, more prosperous futures

Legal aid helps to grow Ohio's workforce and strengthen the economy by removing barriers to employment. For low-income Ohioans with a suspended driver's license, legal aid helps workers navigate the reinstatement process so they can get to work reliably. Legal aid also helps Ohioans seeking to seal or expunge criminal records, opening doors to better jobs and higher wages.



93
Ohioans helped to reinstate driver's licenses

**207**Ohioans helped to seal or expunge criminal records





## SERVING YOUR CONSTITUENTS IN DISTRICT 1

In 2023, legal aid helped Ohioans in District 1, including:



**12,688**Children



**794**Veterans



**4,356**Seniors



397 Domestic violence survivors

Contact your local legal aid:



## **Ensuring grandparents can care for vulnerable grandchildren**

For families grappling with the ramifications of substance use disorders, kinship caregivers are a lifeline in times of crisis. Julia Gannon,\* a devoted grandmother, sought custody of her granddaughter, Marie,\* to provide a safe and stable home for the 15-year-old and to help ensure that she could graduate from high school. As a result of mental illness and a substance use disorder, Marie's mother had become unable to care for Marie, so Ms. Gannon willingly stepped in to provide a stable home.

Marie loved living with her grandmother and wanted to stay with her, but Marie's mother opposed the arrangement. After unsuccessfully attempting to gain custody of Marie on her own, Ms. Gannon sought help from legal aid. Legal aid represented Ms. Gannon through a mediation process, which allowed both Marie and her mother to come to an agreement on what was best for Marie. Based on the mediated agreement, the court awarded Ms. Gannon full custody. Marie is now thriving in her grandmother's care and is on track to graduate from high school with a bright future ahead of her.

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

