

# LEGAL AID IMPROVES LIVES IN DISTRICT 11

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.

In 2023, legal aid helped

**22,435**

Ohioans in District 11.



## 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.



**13**

Ohioans helped to reinstate driver's licenses

**21**

Ohioans helped to seal or expunge criminal records



# SERVING YOUR CONSTITUENTS IN DISTRICT 11

In 2023, legal aid helped Ohioans  
in District 11, including:



**10,700**  
Children



**454**  
Veterans



**2,174**  
Seniors



**511**  
Domestic  
violence  
survivors

Contact your local legal aid:

Cuyahoga



The Legal Aid Society  
of Cleveland  
Since 1905

## Protecting seniors from fraud

When vulnerable seniors fall victim to sophisticated fraudsters, it can upend a lifetime of careful planning. Chester Gordon\* and his wife Margaret had always worked hard and were looking forward to spending their later years together. Unfortunately, Mr. Gordon was diagnosed with vascular dementia in his late sixties, forcing Mrs. Gordon to place him in a nursing home because she was unable to care for his complex medical needs on her own.

While in the nursing home, Mr. Gordon's mental state continued to decline, and he fell victim to several scams. He gave his Social Security number to online fraudsters who opened more than 30 accounts in his name. The scammers used many of the accounts for fraudulent and illegal transactions. The situation became dire when Medicaid informed Mrs. Gordon that financial activity in an account in her husband's name risked Mr. Gordon's Medicaid eligibility.

Mrs. Gordon, who relied on her own Social Security for her needs, reached out to legal aid for help. Legal aid helped Mrs. Gordon become her husband's guardian, which ensured that she could address the fraudulent accounts with the help of the FBI. Thanks to legal aid, the Gordons are secure through their earned Social Security benefits, and Mr. Gordon can continue to receive the nursing care he needs.

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

