

LEGAL AID IMPROVES LIVES IN DISTRICT 5

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

3,375

Ohioans in District 5.



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.



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Ohioans helped to reinstate driver's licenses

4

Ohioans helped to seal or expunge criminal records



SERVING YOUR CONSTITUENTS IN DISTRICT 5

In 2023, legal aid helped Ohioans in District 5, including:



1,311
Children



141
Veterans



592
Seniors



280
Domestic
violence
survivors

Helping a veteran and domestic violence survivor gain safety

Once domestic violence survivors successfully escape from their abusers, they should be able to live in peace, safety, and security. Although Sarah Anderson,* a veteran and survivor of domestic violence, had previously obtained a five-year civil protection order (CPO), her abuser violated it by threatening and stalking Ms. Anderson and their child outside of her home. Ms. Anderson's abuser also tried to use the existing court case to maintain his abuse by filing to dismiss the CPO so he could resume contact with her. Fearing for her and her child's safety, Ms. Anderson turned to legal aid for help.

Legal aid helped Ms. Anderson convince the court to maintain the CPO to ensure that her abuser cannot have contact with either her or her daughter. Legal aid also provided her with additional safety planning and counseling resources. Ms. Anderson is now moving forward again to rebuild her life with her daughter, ensuring that through their safety and stability, they have hope for a brighter future.

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



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Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca,
Van Wert, Wood, Wyandot



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