

LEGAL AID IMPROVES LIVES IN DISTRICT 7

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

23,299

Ohioans in District 7.



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

24

Ohioans helped to seal or expunge criminal records



SERVING YOUR CONSTITUENTS IN DISTRICT 7

In 2023, legal aid helped Ohioans
in District 7, including:



11,033
Children



488
Veterans



2,331
Seniors



643
Domestic
violence
survivors

Protecting financial stability for veterans and their families

When someone risks it all to defend their country, they shouldn't have to worry about keeping food on the table. Retired veteran and senior citizen Wyatt Johnson* relied on his VA benefits to afford basic necessities like housing, food, and clothing for himself and his wife. He was surprised to receive notice from the VA that it would significantly reduce his monthly benefits to pay back an alleged \$10,000 overpayment. Mr. Johnson wasn't aware of any overpayment and was worried that his and his wife's financial security was at risk.

Unable to resolve the matter with the VA on his own, Mr. Johnson contacted legal aid for help. An experienced legal aid attorney was able to work with the VA to get additional information which allowed her to dispute the alleged overpayment. Thanks to her clear and compelling advocacy, the VA notified him that it waived the full amount of the alleged debt. Thanks to legal aid, Mr. Johnson's deserved benefits remain intact, and he enjoys both peace of mind and financial stability.

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



Contact your local legal aid:



Cuyahoga



The
Legal Aid Society
of Cleveland
Since 1905

Holmes



LEGAL AID
of Southeast and Central Ohio