



LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF
GREATER CINCINNATI

Legal Aid: The Community's Law Firm

*Resolving problems for children
and families*





Child HeLP ensures “Michael” gets needed supports

7-year-old Michael had recently moved in with his grandmother because his parents could not care for him. A few years earlier, his family had been homeless; now, suddenly, his parents were not in his life. As a result, Michael began having repeated angry outbursts in his first grade classroom and was at risk of being expelled. Michael’s doctors at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital had diagnosed him as having ADHD and were trying to determine whether he also had PTSD. His grandmother did not know where to turn.

Then, a social worker at the Children’s Fairfield pediatric clinic referred Michael to Child HeLP. A Legal Aid attorney helped Michael’s grandmother ask the school to evaluate Michael for special education and counseling services and represented her at the school meetings. As a result of Legal Aid’s advocacy, Michael began receiving the special education services he needed. Michael is learning to cope with frustration, his behavior is improving, and he is now in a better position to learn and be successful in school.

Kids in School Rule!

Partnership with Cincinnati Public Schools,
Hamilton County Children's Services, and
Hamilton County Juvenile Court

KISR! gives foster children the opportunity they deserve to attend school, benefit from needed supports, and make academic progress. Legal Aid has changed the system so that school is a high priority for Hamilton County's foster children.

- In 2016, all KISR! seniors graduated.
- The graduation rate for the past three years is 97%.



Changing Lives

LawLink:

Family Safety and Stability Partnership
with the YWCA, Women Helping Women,
The Center for Family Solutions, and Others

As the legal partner, we assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking break economic and legal ties with the abuser.

- 97 women were protected from abusers or stalkers by civil protection orders obtained with Legal Aid's help in 2015.
- 300 women were able to break legal and financial ties with their abusers and start a safe, new life for themselves and their children.

Safe and Affordable Housing

Safe and affordable housing is the foundation that enables low-income families to improve their overall economic situations. Job and school success depend on maintaining housing stability. As a result, Legal Aid's focus is to represent families who are faced with eviction or unsafe housing conditions so that they are stabilized in safe, affordable housing.

- We saved 274 people from being evicted or losing their housing subsidy in 2015.
- Over 600 families eliminated unsafe housing conditions due to Legal Aid.

Legal Aid also prevents foreclosures for individual homeowners and negotiates realistic loan modification agreements.

- In 2015, we helped 89 families save their homes from foreclosure.

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Clearing Barriers to Employment

Legal Aid offers its services to Cincinnati Works, City Link, Community Action Agency, Ohio Means Jobs, and other organizations to clear up problems that prevent parents from getting and keeping a job. We access work support benefits such as childcare and medical coverage.

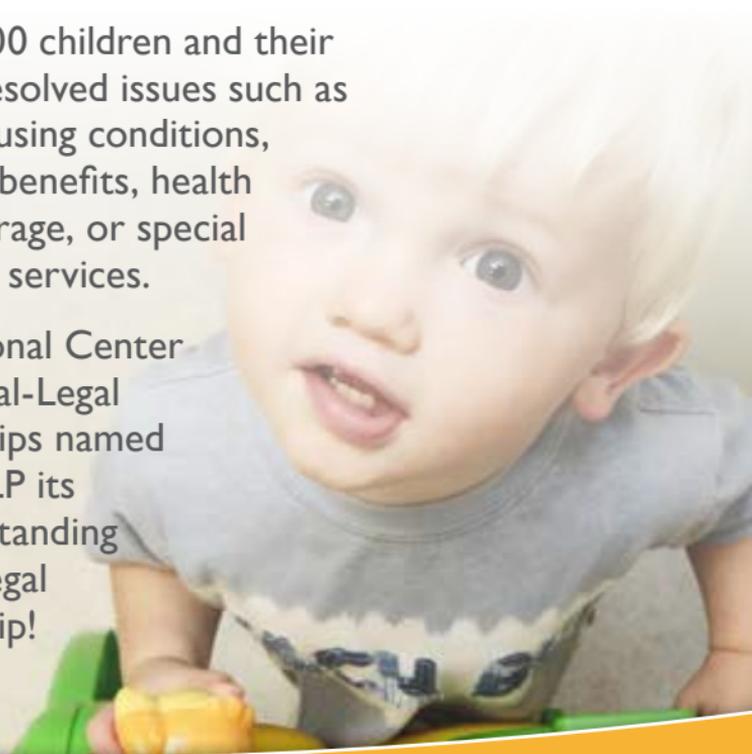
- In 2016, 653 low-income workers removed barriers to employment with Legal Aid's help.

Child HeLP:

A Medical-Legal Partnership
with Cincinnati Children's Hospital

We combine free, comprehensive, legal assistance with pediatric primary care to help resolve problems that adversely impact child health and families' stability. Many low-income people have unresolved legal problems and other obstacles that directly connect to health; they cannot be treated by doctors. But, they can be addressed by lawyers.

- Over 6,000 children and their families resolved issues such as unsafe housing conditions, access to benefits, health care coverage, or special education services.
- The National Center for Medical-Legal Partnerships named Child HeLP its 2016 outstanding medical-legal partnership!



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TeamChild:

Partnership with
Hamilton County Juvenile Court

An innovative partnership to promote success for youth in the juvenile justice system, TeamChild helps students receive appropriate special education and mental health services, stay in school, and avoid disciplinary removals.

- TeamChild participants have a 92% reduced risk of reoffending.

Legal Aid is the primary legal resource helping children and families move out of poverty.

Legal Aid's mission is to resolve serious legal problems of low-income people, to promote economic and family stability, and to reduce poverty through effective legal assistance.



Changing Lives, Strengthening Communities

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