

# Learn about the Law: Criminal Backgrounds

Having a criminal past can keep you from living a full life. But you are not alone.

Legal Aid is dedicated to supporting those re-entering society and looking for a fresh start.

We are currently updating our online toolkit to reflect recent changes in Ohio law around criminal record sealing, expungements and CQEs. Check back soon for updated information.

In the meantime, you can apply for help to see if you qualify for our online clinic. Call our HelpLine at (800) 998-9454 or apply online at [www.communitylegalaid.org/apply](http://www.communitylegalaid.org/apply).

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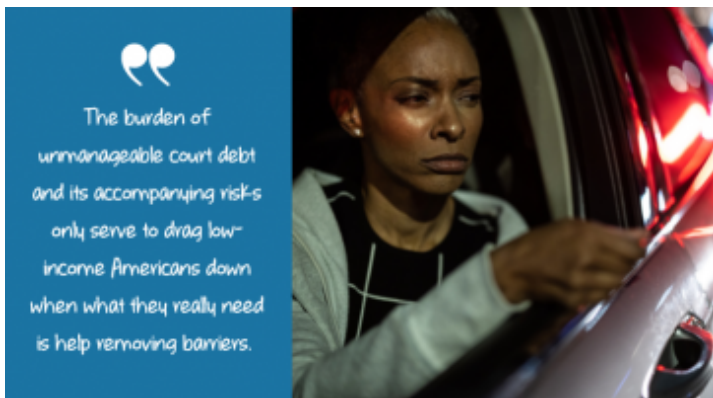


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