

# Who we are

## What is Community Legal Aid?

Perhaps the best way to share who we are is through the voices of our clients.

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### Our Vision

We believe that all individuals, including those who are impoverished, should have the opportunity to control, improve, and enrich their lives and community.

### Our Mission

Through legal advocacy, we transform the lives of those in poverty to increase opportunities, fairness, and stability, for a stronger community and justice for all.

### Our Values

**Diversity:** We embrace individuals of diverse cultural, social, and/or economic backgrounds.

**Empathy:** We take the time to have a deeper understanding of our clients' and team members' experiences, opinions, and personal feelings.

**Justice:** We pursue the fight for justice for all.

**Leadership:** We use our values and skills to drive the fight for justice within our communities and staff.

**Professionalism:** We have an atmosphere of professional behavior with an emphasis on continuous education, internally and externally.

**Respect:** We demonstrate honesty and integrity while recognizing everyone's inherent dignity.

**Transformation:** We empower clients to be self-directed so that they feel confident in the face of life's obstacles. In addition, we empower each other to feel collaborative in our clients' choice and solutions through open dialogue and communication.

## **Services We Offer**

- Screening for those seeking legal assistance
- Legal information, advice, and representation for qualifying clients
- Community education on legal issues
- Public advocacy and awareness of the needs of low-income individuals and families
- Continuing legal education workshops and trainings for attorneys, social workers, and other collaborative partners
- Partnership with and training for community organizations who work with the poor so that they may better serve their clients

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February is dedicated as Black History Month, honoring the triumphs and struggles of the Black community throughout U.S. history. This month we want to spotlight and celebrate the achievements that Black Americans have accomplished in this country. <https://t.co/Svdqx6CgDU>

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Along with new opportunities and a better chance for safety and freedom, our newest immigrants and refugees face many challenges, including the potential for tax problems. Find out what puts them at risk in this week's Big Idea - <https://t.co/urmTfV9gfQ> <https://t.co/7L1loq0riY>

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We would like to thank The Rotary Club of Akron for giving us the opportunity to share information about our services at their meeting yesterday! Steven shared what we do best. <https://t.co/bYfZDcL8I7>

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