

Community Legal Aid

A non-profit law firm serving the legal needs of low-income individuals and families in central northeast Ohio



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Big Ideas: Disrupting the status quo in civil justice

Sir Isaac Newton is credited with the premise that an object in motion stays in motion, unless acted on by an outside force.

The same is true for our civil justice system.

The issues that we at Legal Aid see every day, the issues that plague our clients and community, are not new -- generational poverty, health disparities, chronic stereotypes and stigmas, racism and discrimination, the justice gap.

These are the things that prevent our clients from controlling, improving, and enriching their own lives and the communities in which they live. They have been around for decades, and they will continue to fester -- unless something disrupts the pattern.

Big Ideas is Legal Aid's weekly commitment to shedding light on these issues and highlighting strategies that can disrupt them in a way that could bring about positive change. We invite you to join the dialogue by following us on social media.

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