

# 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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## Amplifying Black Voices

Welcome to Community Legal Aid's Black History Project. This oral history project is a collection of stories from our Black and Brown staff members, volunteers, and board members -- both past and present.

These stories, told from their own perspectives, highlight both the unique and collective experiences these members of our team have had in their lives. Our goal is to honor them, both in celebrating the incredible contributions they've made in our society, and in honoring the challenges they've had to overcome.

Check back often as more stories and videos will be added.

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