LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI

Anti-Trafficking Advocacy Program

Legal Services for Human Trafficking Survivors

Legal Needs of Human Trafficking Survivors

Trafficking survivors can have a **wide range of legal needs**, depending on their individual circumstances and the trafficking situation they experienced.

Trafficking survivors' legal needs may relate to employment, taxes, immigration, family law, housing, public benefits, crime victims rights, criminal defense, criminal re-entry, civil litigation, or class actions.

What is Human Trafficking?

Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to make their victims perform labor, services, or commercial sex acts.

- **Force** includes beating, confinement, sexual assault, or confiscation of documents.
- **Fraud** means false offers of employment, a better life, or employment conditions.
- **Coercion** includes threats, psychological abuse, destroying legal documents, or abuse of the legal system.

Who Are Human Trafficking Victims?

Victims of human trafficking can be any age, gender, race, or immigration status. They can live in rural towns, suburbs or cities, in and outside the U.S.

Getting Help or Reporting Human Trafficking

If you think you may have information regarding a human trafficking situation or if you or someone you are in contact with need resources or support, please contact:

- **The Greater Cincinnati Human Trafficking Hotline at 513-800-1863**
- **The National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-800-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to BEFree (233733)**

Both are confidential, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and have access to tele-interpreters.

Legal Aid Provides Help

We provide free civil legal help to human trafficking survivors.

Any survivors living in Southwest Ohio who has experienced sex or labor trafficking may be eligible for legal help. Services are provided regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, beliefs, or type of trafficking.

How Can We Help?

We provide legal services for survivors in the following areas:

Family Law

- Custody and visitation
- Divorce
- Child support (Access to and Arrears)
- Civil protection orders
- Domestic Violence and other types

Immigration

- T Visas
- U Visas
- VAWA Self-Petition
- Cancellation of Removal
- Special Immigrants Juvenile Status
- Asylum
- Continued Presence
- Repatriation

Crime Victims Rights

- Expungement of Criminal Convictions
- Civil Protection Orders
- Represent clients to enforce their rights as crime victims as provided under Ohio law (Marsy's law)

Housing & Consumer

- Represent eviction and foreclosure cases
- Prevent lockout or utility cutoff by landlords
- Obtain safe repairs of unsafe condition
- Resolve consumer debt & tax disputes

Employment & Income

- Resolve problems that interfere with job training or employment
- Secure unpaid wages
- Help veterans with disability claims or to prevent homelessness
- Expungement

Education & Child Safety

- Obtain special education support
- Prevent suspension and expulsion
- Address eduction needs of foster children

Legal assistance can include legal representation, information, advice, and referrals

How to Get Legal Help

We accept referrals from law enforcement, government agencies, social service providers, and diversion programs. Clients may also self refer by contacting us directly. For more information or to refer a client, please contact:

(513) 361-8825 | atap@lascinti.org

For more information about Legal Aid:
Visit our website at https://www.lascinti.org
Call the Legal Aid line at 513-241-9400.

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