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Project Title

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Scope of Work

Legal Aid is seeking consultation and litigation support in a federal lawsuit on behalf of three clients. Potential claims in a federal 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action would center on the violation of the Plaintiffs' rights under the Due Process Clause of the 14A

Timing

Jurisdiction

OH

Contact Information

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Description

Legal Aid is seeking consultation support and litigation strategy advice regarding a barrier to employment that disproportionately affects African American parents. African American families are disproportionately involved in every stage of child protective services, and the American Bar Association has recently called on every attorney to address racial injustice in child protective systems across the United States.

In Ohio, a finding of abuse or neglect by a county child services agency can lead to a ten-year exclusion from work in the child care field and a lifetime barrier to work in youth shelters and residential facilities. The process by which a finding of abuse or neglect and the subsequent restriction on working in child care can be challenged is a violation of an individual's constitutional rights.

Through Legal Aid's Medical-Legal Partnerships with University Hospitals, MetroHealth and regular Legal Aid intake, they have identified six African American women and one African American man who are unable to work with youth due to dispositions by the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Families Services (CCDCFS) in the state automated child welfare information system (SACWIS). Three of those clients will serve as Plaintiffs in the forthcoming suit.

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