

ACCESS TO COUNSEL

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Cincinnati's Eviction Prevention Ecosystem

A coordinated system that combines legal representation, rental assistance, mediation and a trusted 211 front door to help Cincinnati households avoid eviction and remain stably housed.

1,700+

HOUSEHOLDS HELP

\$3.1M

TOTAL ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED

\$7.75M-\$13.3M

ESTIMATED COMMUNITY ROI

How the System Works

- **United Way of Greater Cincinnati (211):** Primary access point; standardized intake and referral; distributes rental assistance and supports residents with a Notice to Leave Premises.
- **Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati:** Full legal representation.
- **Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Help Center:** Limited or same-day legal representation.
- **Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME):** Mediation services.

Results to Date

- **950** households with a Notice to Leave Premises stabilized through United Way 211.
- **400+** cases received full representation through Legal Aid.
- **2,000+** notices of limited appearance filed by the Help Center.
- **86%+** of Help Center cases litigated to completion were dismissed.
- **44** cases mediated by HOME to avoid eviction; 36 allowed tenants to remain housed.

Why Families Seek Help

Loss of Income

Medical Expense

Emergency Expense

Proven Public Investment

\$2.50-\$4.30

ESTIMATED FISCAL BENEFITS FOR
EVERY \$1 INVESTED

The Stout analysis applies to legal representation and rental assistance when paired with legal representation.

United Way 211 provides coordinated entry to Access to Counsel, keeping people housed.

In 2025, 35,000 City of Cincinnati residents reached out to United Way 211, accounting for 60% of all 211 requests. United Way 211 made more than 25,000 referrals for housing stabilization services, including rent and utility assistance.