

## **Media Advisory**

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## Maryland Legal Aid's Tenants' Right to Counsel Project to Partner with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System to Host Legal Aid Clinics

BALTIMORE, MD., (July 23, 2024) – Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) is partnering with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System to host two upcoming Tenants' Rights & Housing Clinics. The purpose of these clinics is to assist individuals in understanding and maneuvering through the legal landscape. Participants will be able to receive advice and begin the legal intake process with lawyers, aiding them in resolving their housing concerns.

While the primary focus of these walk-in sessions will be on issues related to housing, evictions, and tenants' rights, Maryland Legal Aid will also be prepared to assist with a range of other civil legal concerns. This includes criminal record expungement, family law, health, consumer rights, and employment issues, offering advice and legal support to those in need.

Fairmount Heights Branch Library is hosting attorneys and paralegals from Maryland Legal Aid on August 7<sup>th</sup> to assist county residents who are eligible for the organization's services as part of a reoccurring series of legal clinics in PGC libraries on the first Wednesday of every month.

Maryland Legal Aid and Prince George's County Councilmember Oriadha are partnering with Spaulding's Branch Library in District Heights, MD for the District 7 Tenants' Rights & Housing Clinic on August 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be free legal services for housing issues, a presentation about tenants' rights, and free resources from partner organizations such as PG Change Makers and Prince George's County Public Schools.

What: Fairmount Heights Lawyer in the Library Clinic

When: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

1:00 PM- 4:30 PM

Where: Fairmount Heights Branch Library

5904 Kolb Street, Fairmount Heights, MD 20743

What: District 7 Tenants' Rights & Housing Clinic

When: Wednesday, August 14, 2024

1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Where: Spaulding's Branch Library

5811 Old Silver Hill Road, District Heights, MD 20747

For general information about the Tenants' Rights & Housing Clinics, visit <a href="https://www.mdlab.org/free-legal-clinics/">https://www.mdlab.org/free-legal-clinics/</a>.

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## **About Maryland Legal Aid**

Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) is a statewide private, nonprofit law firm that provides free, civil legal services to low-income and vulnerable people to address their most fundamental legal problems. From its 12 offices around the state and through its many community-based clinics, we help our clients preserve and access safe and affordable housing, maintain custody of their children, and be safe from domestic violence. MLA increases our clients' economic security by defending against consumer debt, including foreclosures and tax sales, removing barriers to employment, and accessing critical income supports such as unemployment, food stamps and other vital public benefits. Through special projects, we represent seniors, nursing home residents, children in alleged abuse and neglect cases, migrant farmworkers, and those in mental health institutions. In its advocacy, MLA seeks systemic change through impact litigation, policy advocacy, and by telling our clients' compelling stories.





