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Advocates from Maryland Legal Aid’s Tenants’ Right to Counsel Project along with the Mayor’s Office of Annapolis and the Clay Street Community Development Corporation to Host Know Your Rights Presentation

BALTIMORE, Md., (May 18, 2023) - On Saturday, May 20, Maryland Legal Aid’s Tenants’ Right to Counsel Project along with the Mayor’s Office of Annapolis and the Clay Street Community Development Corporation are hosting a Know Your Rights Presentation for the public. Individuals will learn how an attorney can help avoid eviction and stay housed. All are welcome, and free food and beverages will be provided.

As part of 2021 and 2022 state legislation, Maryland’s low-income tenants are guaranteed legal representation in evictions proceedings under the state’s Access to Counsel in Evictions (ACE) Program. Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) is proud to participate in the Program. MLA’s Tenants’ Right to Counsel Project currently supports tenants in the Upper Eastern Shore (Dorchester, Talbot, Queen Anne’s, Caroline, and Kent Counties), Prince George’s, Montgomery, Anne Arundel/Howard, Frederick, and Baltimore Counties, as well as Baltimore City. Our paralegals and attorneys defend renters against evictions and subsidy terminations.

“Maryland Legal Aid has represented more than 800 households facing eviction since we kicked off the Tenants’ Right to Counsel Project in October 2022, and we are really just beginning the long-term work of making the right to counsel a meaningful deterrent to housing instability and displacement.”

- Assistant Advocacy Director for MLA’s Tenants’ Right to Counsel Project, Zafar Shah

When: Saturday, May 20th, 2023 | 12:00pm – 2:00pm

What: Know Your Rights Presentation

Where: Stanton Community Center
92 W. Washington Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

For more information, contact Amanda Wisniewski at acwisniewski@mdlab.org

Special Thanks our Co-Hosts



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The Mayor's Office of Annapolis

The Access to Counsel in Eviction Program is administered by Maryland Legal Services Corporation.

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About Maryland Legal Aid

Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free, civil legal services to people who are in Baltimore City and Maryland's 23 counties from 12 offices. The firm handles cases involving a wide range of issues, including family, housing, government benefits, healthcare, employment, and consumer law. MLA also represents children in CINA (Child in Need of Assistance) proceedings in 16 jurisdictions. Other vulnerable populations, such as homeowners facing foreclosure, migrant and seasonal farm workers, people with developmental and mental health disabilities, nursing home and assisted living residents, and veterans seeking benefits and assistance with related legal issues also receive representation through special projects. MLA's Community Lawyering Initiative, which includes its Lawyer in the Library program, assists with expunging criminal records to remove barriers to obtaining housing, employment, and child custody through clinics held in libraries, community centers, non-profit organizations, places of worship, schools, healthcare facilities, and other communal spaces.

