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Legal Aid Society
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Since 1905

This brochure was prepared by Legal Aid, which serves low-income residents of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Lorain counties in Northeast Ohio.

Intake Line for New Legal Cases

Toll Free: 888.817.3777

Tenant Information Line

Call for info related to tenants' rights and rental housing.

(This line does not provide legal advice.)

216.861.5955

**Learn more about Legal Aid and
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www.lasclev.org

Legal Aid Offices:

Cleveland & Administrative Offices

1223 West Sixth Street, Cleveland, OH 44113

Elyria Office

1530 West River Road, Suite 301, Elyria, Ohio 44035

Jefferson Office

121 East Walnut Street, Jefferson, OH 44047

Painesville Office

8 North State Street, Suite 300, Painesville, OH 44077

If you have a communications limitation, contact Legal Aid through the Ohio Relay Service at 800.750.0750. 

Legal Aid offers interpretation and translation services so those with limited English proficiency can communicate with Legal Aid staff in their dominant and/or preferred language.

The information in this brochure cannot take the place of advice from a lawyer. Each case is different and needs individual legal advice. You should contact a lawyer if you need representation or if you have questions.



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Are You a Low-Income Entrepreneur and Need Federal Tax Help?



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Visit www.lasclev.org/entrepreneurtaxhelp

Click on “select language” for details in your language!

Chinese

你是一個低收入的商業經營者，並需要聯邦稅務上的協助。詳情請上 www.lasclev.org/entrepreneurtaxhelp 按“選擇語文”鍵，選取自己的語言

French

Êtes-vous propriétaire d'une entreprise a revenus faibles et besoin d'assistance avec l'impôt fédéral? Visitez ce lien www.lasclev.org/entrepreneurtaxhelp Cliquez sur “choisir la langue” pour plus de détails dans votre langue!

Russian

Вы предприниматель с низким уровнем доходов и нуждаетесь в помощи по вопросам федерального налогообложения? Посетите www.lasclev.org/entrepreneurtaxhelp Нажмите на «выбор языка» для получения информации на вашем языке!

Spanish

¿Es usted un empresario de bajos recursos y necesita ayuda con los impuestos federales? Visite www.lasclev.org/entrepreneurtaxhelp Haga clic en “seleccionar idioma” para más detalles en su idioma!

Swahili

Kama uko mwanzisha kazi na pesa kidogo? Enda ku www.lasclev.org/entrepreneurtaxhelp Chagua “kuchagua lugha” kwa maelezo mu lugha yakol!

Vietnamese

Bạn là doanh nhân có thu nhập thấp và cần trợ giúp về thuế liên bang? Hãy ghé trang www.lasclev.org/entrepreneurtaxhelp Chọn “Chọn Ngôn Ngữ” để coi hướng dẫn chi tiết bằng tiếng Việt

If you are a self-employed individual, the only shareholder in an S Corporation or a single member LLC, the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) at Legal Aid may be able to provide you with federal tax assistance and to refer you to others for free assistance with tax preparation and business development. **Legal Aid provides free legal services and direction to people, not business entities, whose income is too small to hire a private attorney.**

Self-employed individuals have several tax obligations. The self-employed are required to file an annual return and pay estimated tax on a quarterly basis. A penalty may be assessed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) if taxes are not paid throughout the year. The IRS has an Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) that makes it easier for self-employed taxpayers to make quarterly payments by allowing a taxpayer to schedule automatic estimated payments up to one year in advance. The IRS also provides a Self-Employed Individuals Tax Center that can be accessed for help at <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/self-employed-individuals-tax-center>.

Self-employed individuals also must pay a self-employment tax, in addition to income tax if net earnings are \$400 or more. Self-employment tax primarily is a Social Security and Medicare tax for individuals who work for themselves. The tax rate is 12.4% for Social Security and 2.9% for Medicare taxes. It always is a good idea to review the IRS instructions for Schedule SE (self-employment) before preparing and submitting IRS Form 1040. The Social Security Administration uses the information from Schedule SE to figure the self-employed individual's benefits under the social security program.

Legal Aid's LITC can assist self-employed individuals with IRS tax problems. Legal Aid can negotiate with the IRS to obtain a reasonable payment plan and/or offer in compromise that may reduce your tax burden; if your current expenses exceed your income, you may qualify for currently not collectible status. When your case must go to court, we can represent you.

After receiving the appropriate guidance, the low-income entrepreneur can establish and maintain his/her own job when there are few labor market options, create wealth and economic security, and achieve upward economic mobility demonstrating success among the 3.6 million existing small businesses.

Legal Aid's LITC does not prepare and file tax returns. A list of free tax preparers is posted on our website at www.lasclev.org/taxpreplocations. And, learn more about Legal Aid's tax law practice: www.lasclev.org/get-help/special-programs/low-income-taxpayer-clinic