## Topic: Ohio Housing Law for Social Service Providers

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Sponsor: The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland Location: **Ashtabula County District Library** Date: **Friday, May 18, 2018, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm** 

Learning Objectives	Content	Teaching Methods / Time Frame
The participant will become familiar with basic provisions of Ohio landlord tenant law that relate to helping low income clients with housing problems.	<ul> <li>Identify basic tenant rights and responsibilities</li> <li>Identify basic landlord rights and responsibilities</li> <li>Explain the eviction process, including required notices</li> <li>Describe unlawful evictions and possible remedies</li> </ul>	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  Lecture PowerPoint Handout Large Group discussion
	BREAK	10:00 – 10:15 a.m.
The participant will know how to help clients dealing with unscrupulous landlords, and how to request return of their security deposit.	<ul> <li>Explain responsibilities for maintaining housing in safe and habitable conditions;</li> <li>Describe the process for tenants to deposit rent in escrow when landlords do not maintain property in safe and habitable conditions;</li> <li>Explain lawful security deposits and how to request return of a security deposit when tenancy ends;</li> <li>Discuss remedies available for problems such as utility shut offs, bed bugs and lead poisoning;</li> </ul>	10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Lecture PowerPoint Handout Large Group discussion
	BREAK	11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
The participant will learn about public and subsidized housing programs and legal rights for certain groups of tenants.	<ul> <li>Explain the additional protections that apply to tenants in public and subsidized housing</li> <li>Explain rights that protect victims of domestic violence in terms of housing</li> <li>Explain housing protections for people with disabilities and how to request reasonable accommodations</li> </ul>	11:30 a.m 12:30 p.m.  Lecture PowerPoint Handout Large Group discussion