Overview
Investing in the community by providing tenants the right to legal counsel.

https://www.youtube.com/user/LegalAidCleveland/videos?sort=date&view=0&shelf_id=0

Evictions in Cleveland

- An average 9,000 evictions are filed every year.
  
  In 2018, just 1%-2% of tenants facing eviction were represented by an attorney.
  
  Estimated 70% landlords in housing court are represented by an attorney.
  
  30% of tenants had a previous eviction filing; 76% of tenants facing eviction are African American women and 45% of the households facing eviction have children under the age of 18.
  
  More than half of all tenants do not show up in court for their eviction hearing.
Housing Justice Alliance

- **Preliminary Phase**: (Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland– Innovation Mission Fellowship)
  - Research
  - Created an advisory committee
  - Site visits to New York and Washington D.C.
  - Eviction sealing advocacy
  - Advocacy with City Council
  - Study with Case Western Reserve University – “Estimating the Downstream Costs of Evictions on Homelessness and Human Services”
  - Fundraising

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Housing Justice Alliance

- **Phase 1 (mid-2019 through 2023)**

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