

## **PRESS RELEASE—FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—April 18, 2020**

### **LEGAL AID SOCIETY IS TAKING THE COMMUNITY’S LEGAL QUESTIONS ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, STIMULUS PAYMENTS, AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO COVID-19; PROVIDING ANSWERS IN A VIDEO TO BE POSTED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

LOUISVILLE— Legal Aid Society has launched a new webpage for the community to ask legal questions about unemployment insurance, taxes, stimulus payments, social safety-net programs like KTAP or Medicaid, housing and other legal questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The webpage is located at: [www.yourlegalaid.org/submityourquestion](http://www.yourlegalaid.org/submityourquestion). Community member may submit their legal questions until Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. At that time, Legal Aid Society will compile the questions and develop answers. Legal Aid Society will then air a video response on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> featuring the answers. The video will be posted to [www.yourlegalaid.org](http://www.yourlegalaid.org). Additionally, it will be posted to Legal Aid Society’s [Facebook page](#), [Linked In Page](#), and [YouTube page](#).

Legal Aid Society encourages individuals who have legal questions specific to an ongoing case or about their individual circumstance to call our intake line directly at 502-584-1254. Legal Aid Society cannot provide legal advice in a group setting but can do so individually to those who call our intake line and apply for our services.

#### **LEGAL AID SOCIETY’S COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RESOURCES**

Civil legal aid is a critical resource in our community's efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic impact due to the virus. In March, as businesses began to close and Kentuckians began to lose their jobs, Legal Aid Society launched a resource page on our website: [www.yourlegalaid.org/covid19responseandresources](http://www.yourlegalaid.org/covid19responseandresources). This page is regularly updated with important legal information to help individuals should they have questions regarding unemployment insurance, stimulus payments, housing, and family law issues.

Resources include:

[TOP FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS AS A RENTER](#)

[TOP FIVE THINGS TO KNOW IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE](#)

[TOP FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURNACE](#)

[TOP FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT STIMULUS PAYMENTS](#)

The webpage also features a robust [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page about unemployment insurance and employee rights.

#### **LEGAL AID SOCIETY IS STILL TAKING CASES**

Legal Aid Society’s office is currently closed to the public, but our intake line is open and our staff is still taking cases and representing Kentuckians who have civil legal issues. We provide free civil legal help to individuals and families whose incomes are at or below 125% to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines on issues related to income, family, housing, safety, and health. Our service area includes Breckinridge, Bullitt, Grayson, Hardin, Henry, Jefferson, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, and Washington Counties in Kentucky. To learn more about our services, visit [www.yourlegalaid.org](http://www.yourlegalaid.org)

#### **ABOUT LEGAL AID SOCIETY**

Legal Aid is a non-profit organization that provides civil legal assistance to families and individuals in poverty in 15 counties in Kentucky. It is the only organization in Louisville and the surrounding counties that provides civil legal services free of charge. Clients turn to Legal Aid for civil legal problems that threaten their physical and economic well-being. Those assisted include the elderly, children, victims of domestic violence, and other vulnerable groups.

In 2019, the Legal Aid Society closed over 5,000 cases, helping over 4,500 individuals and their families. In 2019, Legal Aid Society closed over 600 expungement cases.

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