CINCINNATI — Cincinnati and Hamilton County are in the midst of an eviction crisis. There are more than 12,000 evictions a year in Hamilton County, a rate of eviction 34 percent higher than the national average. Legal Aid and Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency have created a new program designed to mitigate this crisis. The goal is to keep families stable in their homes by preventing evictions.

The Eviction Prevention Assistance Program is conducting a series of information sessions on renters’ rights and options. The first of these information sessions takes place 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at the Miami Township Library, 8 North Miami Ave., Cleves. The next session is 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at the Norwood YMCA, 2039 Sherman Ave.

Advocates from Legal Aid and Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency help low-income renters, who are worried about potential eviction, understand and access the resources available to them. Through the Eviction Prevention Assistance Program, eligible renters, who are behind on their rent but are able to pay the rent going forward, may receive emergency cash assistance to bring them current. Renters may also be eligible for free legal representation by Legal Aid.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
Founded in 1964 by the late Theodore Berry, Sr., CAA is a private non-profit organization that offers various services to low-income individuals and families. The organization was created as part of President Lyndon Johnson’s historic “War on Poverty.” For more information, call us at 513-516-1966 or visit www.cincy-caa.org

ABOUT THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI
Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, and affiliates, are nonprofit law firms dedicated to reducing poverty and ensuring family stability through civil legal assistance. They assist low-income families and individuals in seven Southwest Ohio counties: Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland and Warren. Legal Aid is located at the Donald P. Klekamp Community Law Center Building at 215 E. Ninth Street, Suite 200, Cincinnati, OH, 45202. Visit www.LAScinti.org or call 513-241-9400.

ABOUT THE YMCA OF GREATER CINCINNATI is one of the area’s leading nonprofits focused on engaging individuals and families in youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The YMCA ensures these opportunities are available to everyone no matter their ability to pay, with generous support from community partners and donors. The Y strives to help members achieve goals, make friends and find a true place of belonging. The YMCA of Greater Cincinnati operates 13 membership branches, the Melrose Impact Center, an overnight camp and 80 early childhood learning centers across Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati. For more information, visit MyY.org.

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