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PRESS RELEASE

Miami Valley legal aid clinic selected as exemplary program

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Jan. 26, 2021) – Miami Valley Legal Aid Clinic operated by the Miami Valley Community Action Partnership to be honored as an exemplary program by the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies (OACAA) at the organization’s 2021 Winter Legislative Conference on January 26th, 2021. The determination of exemplary program award winners was a collaborative process between OACAA and Ohio University’s Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs.

The Miami Valley CAP Legal Aid Clinic provides legal assistance to individuals with few resources and pressing legal challenges. The program has served 650 clients to date. Cuts in legal aid funding over the years has expanded the need for low- income legal aid. This program addresses some of the most critical of those needs including driver’s license suspensions, criminal record expungement and housing issues. Addressing these challenges can assist clients in acquiring and maintaining viable employment. Additionally, with the potential for evictions due to COVID-19 pandemic the program shifted to provide additional legal assistance via a tenant rights clinic to help keep clients in their homes.

Margaret Hutzler who coordinates the project noted, “The Voinovich School is honored to work with OACAA on identifying and rewarding such exemplary work.”

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