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Free Workshop helps more than 500 people address suspended licenses

Recognizing that having a valid driver's license is more important now than ever before, Franklin County Municipal Clerk of Court Lori Tyack partnered with Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and other agencies to host a one-stop event for individuals to address license suspension issues.

On September 18, more than 400 people visited the workshop and many of them left as valid drivers. An additional 150 people will receive help from Legal Aid in the coming weeks. The workshop was hosted by the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Main Library. Attendees saved over \$50,000 in waived costs, fines, and reinstatement fees.

Thousands of individuals currently have suspended licenses in Franklin County, based on 2024 BMV statistics. Non-compliance, license suspensions/forfeiture, and child support suspension are three of the top five reasons individuals are currently suspended in Franklin County. Organizers look forward to hosting future workshops with the same participating partners at the library in the near future to help even more Ohioans.

"Our driver's license event proved what's possible when the community comes together. Thanks to amazing volunteers and partners who made it happen, hundreds of Franklin County residents made progress toward getting their licenses back. We're so proud to be a part of this team effort," said Dianna Parker, Director of Pro Bono & Community Engagement for Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio.

Clerk Tyack stated, "The services provided by participating agencies are invaluable to those who get stuck in the revolving door of license suspension and reinstatement issues. Our workshop provides assistance to those individuals whose lives have been put on hold for years."

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