

## **Information on Landlord Tenant Cases**

### **Assistance of Lawyer**

Tenants have the right to hire an attorney or ask for a legal aid attorney. If you can afford an attorney, please try to find one before your hearing date. Lawyer referrals can be found through the State Bar of Michigan and the Oakland County Bar Association (248) 338-2100. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may ask for help through a legal aid attorney. Some local Legal Aid Resources are:

**Lakeshore Legal Aid** (888) 783-8190

**Oakland Mediation Center Low-Cost Legal Services Program** (248) 338-4280 ext. 227

Oakland Mediation Center's Low-Cost Program has been in practice since 2018. OMC has partnered with Oakland County and receives grant funding to assist Oakland County residents with legal issues related to housing who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

550 Hulet Drive, STE 102, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Email: [legalservices@mediation-omc.org](mailto:legalservices@mediation-omc.org) Website: [mediation-omc.org/legal-services/](http://mediation-omc.org/legal-services/)

**Legal Aid and Defender Association (LAD)** (877) 964-4700

**Michigan Legal Help** [www.michiganlegalhelp.org](http://www.michiganlegalhelp.org)

### **Rent Assistance**

There may be agencies which can help pay some or all of your outstanding rent. The following is a list of some possible resources:

**Community Housing Network (HARA for Oakland County-Housing Assessment and Resource Agency)**

5505 Corporate Dr., Ste 300, Troy, MI 48908; (248) 928-0111 ([www.communityhousingnetwork.org](http://www.communityhousingnetwork.org))

**Oakland County Community and Home Improvement** Provides rent, mortgage, and utility relief grant program for citizens affected by COVID-19. Oakland Pointe, Ste 1900, 250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 (248) 858-0730.

**The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services** ([www.Michigan.gov/MDHHS](http://www.Michigan.gov/MDHHS))

If you already have a caseworker at MDHHS, please call them before your hearing to see if they can help you. If you don't have a caseworker, please call your local MDHHS. In Oakland County the MDHHS local offices are located at:

- 1) 25620 W. Eight Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48033 (248) 262-6400
- 2) Central Admin, Ste 4A 51111 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342 (248) 975-4800

**Federal Help for Homeless Veterans:** National Call Center (877) 424-3838

Veteran's Affairs Homeless Veterans ([VA.gov/homeless](http://VA.gov/homeless))

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) is part of a VA initiative to end homelessness for Vets. This program covers Vets with at least one day of active duty who are in danger of losing their permanent place of residence and covers Oakland, Livingston, Lapeer, Genesee, Macomb, and Shiawassee counties.

You do not need to have a judgment against you to receive assistance from these agencies. Call these agencies immediately to request assistance.