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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 August 29th, over five hundred (500) people visited the workshop and over one hundred left as valid drivers. Attendees saved \$81,000 in waived costs, fines, and reinstatement fees. The workshop was hosted by the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Main Library.

Thousands of individuals are currently suspended in Franklin County based on 2023 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 Reinstatement event was a powerful example of what can happen when communities come together. More than 500 Franklin County residents made important strides toward getting their licenses back. This event wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers and the collaboration of so many partner organizations committed to helping people remove the barriers that a suspended license can create," said Dianna Parker, Director of Pro Bono & Community Engagement for Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio.

Clerk Tyack stated, "With the overwhelming response we have received, it is clear that our community needs these services, and we are dedicated to make our office and our services more accessible to the public."

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