



# EVICTION DEFENSE SELF HELP PROJECT



## **FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR QUALIFYING TENANTS WHO: NEED TO DEFEND AGAINST EVICTION, OR NEED TO WITHHOLD RENT OR TERMINATE A LEASE BECAUSE OF POOR HOUSING CONDITIONS**

### **What is the Eviction Defense Self Help Project?**

- The Eviction Defense Self Help Project is a new free legal resource available every Wednesday afternoon, BY APPOINTMENT, at Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, 126 West Adams Street.
- Tenants of private landlords who receive an **eviction summons** and who may have defenses, will complete their answers using the new Florida Justice Technology Center's Pro Se Eviction Defense Answer form.
- Pro bono attorneys will be there to assist with the answer and to provide guidance.
- Tenants will be directed where and how to file their answer that same day at the courthouse.
- Tenants will receive guidance regarding the hearing process and how to present evidence in court.
- Tenants needing assistance with **rental conditions issues** will also be assisted in taking steps to get conditions in their home corrected and will be counseled on when they have a legal right to withhold rent.

## **THE EVICTION DEFENSE SELF HELP PROJECT IS HELD WEEKLY BY APPOINTMENT ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS.**

### **To apply for this FREE service:**

**[www.jaxlegalaid.org](http://www.jaxlegalaid.org)>Get Help>Apply for JALA Services>Submit Request for Assistance  
OR call 904-356-8371**

**IF YOU'VE RECEIVED AN EVICTION SUMMONS BE SURE TO SAY THAT WHEN YOU APPLY.**

**Stable housing is critical to steady employment, children's school success,  
good health, and financial independence.**

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