

# **NOTICE OF RESIDENTIAL EVICTION MEDIATION PROGRAM**

## **FREE EVICTION MEDIATION IS AVAILABLE**

You have been served with an eviction complaint that could cause you to lose your home. The Circuit Court for the Sixth Judicial Circuit has adopted a rule establishing a Residential Eviction Mediation Program to assist tenants facing eviction. This program is available to all tenants and landlords involved in eviction litigation.

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

The Residential Eviction Mediation Program (Program) involves a pre-mediation conference in which the tenant and landlord come together to explore their options. Options for obtaining rental assistance may be explored during the pre-mediation conference. If no agreement is reached during the pre-mediation conference, the case may be set for a full mediation. More than one pre-mediation conference may be held, as needed.

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN?**

Eviction cases will be evaluated at their first appearance Court date for entry into the Program. Enrollment to the Program will be determined by the Judge hearing your case or by agreement of the parties. Assistance in enrollment may also be facilitated by Land of Lincoln Legal Aid or Dispute Resolution Institute, Inc.

### **REMEMBER**

While no court action will be taken against you while the mediation process is ongoing, there is no guarantee that an agreement can be reached between tenant and landlord.

### **TENANTS: Want to consult with an attorney about your eviction case?**

***BEFORE your hearing contact:*** Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation - (618) 398-0958

### **LANDLORDS AND TENANTS: Is there rent owed for March 2020 or later months?**

Please visit - <https://evictionhelpillinois.org/> or call 855-631-0811 or text 844-938-4280

**LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE:** Should you require language assistance, or an interpreter, assistance can be arranged through Rosa Druker, Programs Coordinator, who can be reached at 618-549-1500 or [case@dri-inc.org](mailto:case@dri-inc.org)

**LANDLORDS AND TENANTS: DO YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS:** Please contact Rosa Druker, Programs Coordinator, at 618-549-1500 or [case@dri-inc.org](mailto:case@dri-inc.org)