

This resource list includes information about legal aid and legal support services in Toronto. While the Mental Health Team is committed to updating this resource list regularly, there is no guarantee that it is free from errors and/or that services listed may have changed since the latest update. If you need additional support, please contact your primary care provider at Taddle Creek Family Health Team or call 416-260-1315 ext. 0 to book a Single Session Clinic appointment with a Social Worker. We are here for you.

FREE LEGAL CLINICS

Legal clinics are community-based organizations that are funded by Legal Aid Ontario and provide free legal services, including legal information, advice, or representation to low-income individuals and families. A person must meet financial eligibility criteria to access legal aid and legal clinics only cover certain issues, including: criminal legal issues, domestic violence, family legal issues, mental health legal issues, refugee and immigration legal issues, eviction issues, and legal support re: financial aid and income support issues (e.g., denied from OW or ODSP).

How to Apply for Legal Aid | Includes financial eligibility assessment. Apply online or by phone
<https://www.legalaid.on.ca/services/how-do-i-apply-for-legal-aid/> | 1-800-668-8258 or 416-979-1446
(if in the GTA)

Find a Legal Aid Clinic | Many legal clinics have catchment areas for eligibility; to find your nearest clinic visit:
www.legalaid.on.ca | or call 1-800-668-8258 (toll-free) or 416-979-1446 (if living in the GTA)

Justice for Children & Youth | Legal services for youth under 18 and homeless youth under 25 in Ontario
<https://jfcy.org/en/> | 416-920-1633 Mon-Thurs 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm, Fri 9am-12pm

LEGAL EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, AND INFORMATION

Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) | Plain-language information on social assistance, housing, health, family law and more, in many languages
<https://www.cleo.on.ca/en>

Steps to Justice (Ontario) | Reliable and practical information on common legal problems, including step-by-step information to help work through a legal problem, practical tools (checklists, fillable forms, and self-help guides), referral information for legal and social services, and live chat and email support
<https://stepstojustice.ca/>

Superior Court of Justice | Information on how to find legal assistance, legal information, and resources:
<https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/at-court/assistance/>

Pro Bono Ontario Free Legal Advice Hotline | Provides free legal advice and consultation with civil law matters in Ontario (no family law, immigration, or criminal). Pro Bono Ontario provides brief services during a phone call only. They do not offer ongoing support or representation
<https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/at-court/assistance/> | 1-855-255-7256

Law Society Referral Service | For individuals who are able to pay for legal support and/or who are ineligible for Legal Aid, the Ontario Law Society referral service helps connect people to a lawyer or paralegal in Ontario

<https://lsrs.lso.ca/lsrs/welcome> | 1-855-947-5255 or 416-947-5255 (if living in the GTA)

The Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (ACE) | Community based legal clinic for low-income seniors, providing direct services, education and advocacy

<https://www.ancelaw.ca/> | 1-855-598-2656 or 416-598-2656 (if living in GTA)

The 519 Access to Justice and Legal Initiatives | Free programs and services that support underserved 2SLGBTQ+ communities to reduce barriers to accessing relevant legal services and educational resources

<https://www.the519.org/programs/access-to-justice/>

Black Legal Action Centre (BLAC) | A not-for-profit community legal clinic that combats individual and systemic anti-Black racism through engaging in structural transformation and providing legal services to Ontario's Black communities

<https://www.blacklegalactioncentre.ca/> | 1-877-736-9406 or 416-597-5831 (if living in the GTA)

Aboriginal Legal Services | An array of legal services including a legal aid clinic, providing free legal assistance to low-income Aboriginal people living in the City of Toronto.

<https://www.aboriginallegal.ca/>