

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](http://www.legalaid.on.ca) | or call 1-800-668-8258 (toll-free) or 416-979-1446 (if living in the GTA). Email: [info@lao.on.ca](mailto:info@lao.on.ca)

**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, Tue, Thu & Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm; lunch closure 12pm. Email: [general@jfcy.clcj.ca](mailto:general@jfcy.clcj.ca)

**West Toronto Community Legal Services (WTCLS)** | Non-profit community legal clinic and housing help service for low-income people in Toronto's West end. <https://www.wtcls.org/> | 416-531-7376. | Email: [info@wtcls.clcj.ca](mailto:info@wtcls.clcj.ca)

**Downtown Legal Services** | Community legal clinic operated by the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto. Offers free legal assistance to low-income communities of Toronto. <https://downtownlegalservices.ca/> | 416-934-4535, Mon – Fri 9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 5 pm. | Email: [law.dls@utoronto.ca](mailto:law.dls@utoronto.ca)

**Community & Legal Aid Services Program (CLASP) – Osgoode Hall Law School** | Provides free legal advice and representation to eligible low-income individuals in the City of Toronto. <https://www.yorku.ca/osgoode/clasp/> | 416-736-5029. Mon 9 am – 4 pm, Tue 12:30 pm – 4 pm, Wed 12:30 pm – 4 pm, Thu Mon 9 am – 4 pm.

## 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/>

**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.probonoontario.org/> | 1-855-255-7256. Mon – Fri, 9 am – 5 pm. Email: [info@probonoontario.org](mailto:info@probonoontario.org)

**JusticeNet** | Not-for-profit service helping people in need of legal expertise, whose income is too high to access legal aid and too low to afford standard legal fees. <https://www.justicenet.ca/> | Email: [info@justicenet.ca](mailto:info@justicenet.ca)

**Canada Legal Guidance** | Not-for-profit organization that provides free legal guidance to individuals and small businesses across Canada. Remote 15-minute in Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. <https://canadalegalguidance.com/>

**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), Monday – Friday between 9 am – 5 pm.

**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). Intake hours for new inquiries: Mon, Wed & Fri from 9am to 12 pm and from 2 pm to 4 pm. Office hours: Mon to Fri 9 am to 5 pm.

**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/> | Email: [LegalClinic@The519.org](mailto:LegalClinic@The519.org)

**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/> | 1-800-855-0511 or 416-597-5831 (if living in the GTA). Open hours: Mon – Fri 9 am – 5 pm. Email: [info@blac.clcj.ca](mailto:info@blac.clcj.ca)

**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/> | 416-408-3967 or 1-844-633-2886. Mon – Fri 9 am – 5 pm. Email: [info@aboriginallegal.ca](mailto:info@aboriginallegal.ca)