



Getting Legal Help

Toronto and Area

Community Legal Clinics

Community legal clinics provide information, advice, and representation on various legal issues, including social assistance, housing, refugee and immigration law, employment law, human rights, workers' compensation, and the Canada Pension Plan. Some legal clinics do not handle all of these issues, but staff may be able to refer you to someone who can help.

Community legal clinics are staffed by lawyers, community legal workers, and sometimes law students. Each legal clinic is run by a volunteer board of directors with members from the community. All help is **private and confidential** and provided **free of charge**.

To qualify for community legal clinic services:

- your legal issue must be one the clinic handles,
- you must live in the area the clinic serves, and
- your income and assets cannot be above a certain level.

To find out if you qualify, contact your local legal clinic. Most legal clinics provide brief advice, or "summary advice", without asking about your financial situation. Some legal clinics also offer workshops, information sessions, and other community development activities.

Most legal clinics serve a large area around their location and many clinics offer satellite services in neighbouring towns.

Central Toronto

Downtown Legal Services
Services provided by law students supervised by lawyers.
University of Toronto, 655 Spadina Ave., M5S 2H9 416-978-6447 http://dls.sa.utoronto.ca

Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services
489 College St., Suite 205, M6G 1A5 416-924-4244 www.kbcls.org

Neighbourhood Legal Services

333 Queen St. E., M5A 1S9
416-861-0677
www.nlstoronto.org

Services d'aide juridique du Centre francophone de Toronto (CFT)

22 College St., Suite 401, M5G 1K2
416-922-2672, ext. 300
Toll-free: 1-800-268-1697
Summary legal advice in French (Toll-free): 1-877-966-7345
www.centrefranco.org/daide-juridique

East Toronto

East Toronto Community Legal Services

1320 Gerrard St. E., M4L 3X1
416-461-8102
www.etcls.ca

Flemingdon Community Legal Services

1 Leaside Park Drive, Unit #1, M4H 1R1
416-441-1764
Intake: 416-441-0969
TTY: 416-441-9156
www.flemingdonlegal.org

Satellite Office:
Crescent Town Club, 2A The Market Place,
M4C 5M1
416-441-1764 ext. 28

Scarborough Community Legal Services

695 Markham Rd., Unit 9, M1H 2A5
416-438-7182
www.scarboroughcommunitylegal.ca

West Scarborough Community Legal Services

2425 Eglinton Ave. E., Suite 201, M1K 5G8
416-285-4460
www.westscarboroughlegal.ca

North Toronto

Community and Legal Aid Services Programme (CLASP)

Services provided by law students supervised by lawyers.

York University, Osgoode Hall Law School, 4700 Keele St., M3J 1P3
416-736-5029
www.osgoode.yorku.ca/clasp

Community Legal Clinic of York Region

21 Dunlop St., Suite 200, Richmond Hill, L4C 2M6
905-508-5018
Toll-free: 1-888-365-5226
www.clcyr.on.ca

Downsview Community Legal Services

540 Finch Ave. W., M2R 1N7
416-635-8388
www.downsviewcommunitylegalservices.com

Jane Finch Community Legal Services

1315 Finch Ave. W., Suite 409, M3J 2G6
416-398-0677
www.janefinchcommunitylegalservices.ca

Satellite Office:
20 Falstaff Ave., M6L 2C8
Call 416-398-0677 to inquire

Rexdale Community Legal Clinic

Rexdale Community Hub,
21 Panorama Court, Suite 24, M9V 4E3
416-741-5201
www.rexdalecommunitylegalclinic.ca

Willowdale Community Legal Services

245 Fairview Mall Dr., Suite 106, M2J 4T1
416-492-2437
www.willowdalelegal.com

West Toronto

Parkdale Community Legal Services

1266 Queen St. W., M6K 1L3
416-531-2411
www.parkdalelegal.org

South Etobicoke Community Legal Services

5353 Dundas St. W., Suite 210, M9B 6H8
416-252-7218
www.southetobicokelegal.ca

Unison Health and Community Services Keele-Rogers Site

1651 Keele St., M6M 3W2
416-653-5400
www.unisonhcs.org

West Toronto Community Legal Services

2333 Dundas St. W., Suite 404, M6R 3A6
416-531-7376

How to find a community legal clinic

This handout presents contact information for community legal clinics in Toronto and area. To find the legal clinic that serves a different region, you can phone Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) at one of the numbers listed below. Or, you can go to www.yourlegalrights.on.ca and click on “**Services**”. You can also go to the LAO website at www.legalaid.on.ca.

Legal Aid Ontario (LAO)

LAO provides legal assistance for low-income people. Services include:

- legal representation for eligible clients who appear in court without a lawyer,
- legal aid applications and information over the phone,
- legal resources and referrals to other social assistance agencies, and
- a certificate program for complex and serious cases.

If LAO cannot help, they will refer you somewhere that can.

To get legal aid services, your legal issue must be one that LAO covers, and you must be financially eligible.

For more information visit www.legalaid.on.ca or call:

Toll-free: 1-800-668-8258

Toronto area: 416-979-1446

Toll-free TTY: 1-866-641-8867

Toronto area TTY: 416-598-8867

Law Society Referral Service

The Law Society Referral Service will give you the name of a lawyer or paralegal within or near your community, who will provide a free consultation of up to 30 minutes. You can also ask for a lawyer who will accept legal aid certificates or who will offer their services at a reduced price.

Visit the Law Society website at <http://lsrs.lsuc.on.ca/lsrs/>, or call them at:

Toll-free: 1-800-268-8326

Toronto area: 416-947-3330

JusticeNet

JusticeNet is a 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. JusticeNet is currently available to anyone living in Ontario. Visit their website at www.justicenet.ca, or call them at:

Toll-free: 1-866-919-3219

Toronto area: 416-479-0552