

THE EVICTION PREVENTION PROJECT AT CALC

Since 1999 the Community Advocacy & Legal Centre (CALC) has been supported in eviction prevention work through a partnership with Hastings County Community and Human Services Department. Both the County and CALC recognize importance of housing retention and eviction prevention for vulnerable tenants in our community, and the importance of working collaboratively on common goals.

The focus of the project and its programs have encouraged early intervention in the eviction and disrepair cycle, improved our ability to work with County staff for better tenant outcomes and increased our capacity to lead and participate in initiatives related to affordable housing.

The Eviction Prevention Project funding has enhanced direct service through a tenant hotline, and supported extra help for tenants at the Landlord and Tenant Board (complementary to our Duty Counsel service). It has allowed the production of timely, plain language resources and education materials for tenants.

Through the years we have met with hundreds of tenants and service providers at “Tenant School”. We have created a working relationship with, and provided education programs for, County staff. We have undertaken collaborative efforts with County staff to improve the situation of tenants, such as the development and implementation of Vital Services By-Laws in several Hastings County communities.

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