CALC
Community Advocacy & Legal Centre

Funding cuts mean less service for YOU

The government of Ontario has cut funding to Legal Aid Ontario ("LAO") by $133 million – by 30 to 35% this year and more next year. LAO is CALC's main funder. We have been told that our funding will be cut retroactive to April 1. We are making every effort to keep as many of our services as possible but we will have to reduce some of what we do. Community legal clinics all across Ontario serve people living on a low-income. We help you keep a roof over your head, food on the table and protect your rights as consumers and at work.

Our clinic helps you find the legal services you need and helps specifically with legal problems with:

- **Income assistance**
- **Housing**
- **Employment and work**
- **Consumer and debt**
- **Human rights and discrimination**
- **Victims of Crime**
- **Schools and education**
- **Senior's issues**

We also provide legal information through printed materials, our website, and public talks and workshops. We also work on issues of domestic and sexual violence, poverty, homelessness and safe housing, and the rights of vulnerable people and communities.

Please let our government know how service cuts will impact you

Email or call Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, and your local MPP.

Let them know how we have helped you and how you and others will be impacted if we cut services. The cuts will directly impact local services and advocacy that low-income people need to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table. Premier Ford promised not to cut front-line services.

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Other Things to Consider

For more information

1. Stop Legal Aid Cuts: https://stoplegalaidcuts.nationbuilder.com/
2. CALC media release and website:
   http://communitylegalcentre.ca/news/media-releases/
   http://communitylegalcentre.ca/

Tips for speaking to your Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP)

1. **Phone your MPP's office.**
2. **You will likely speak to office staff.**
3. **Introduce yourself.**
4. **Tell the person you are talking to that you want your MPP to know that you are worried about cuts to legal aid and legal clinics. These cuts will make it harder for low-income people to get help to keep a roof over their head and food on the table.**
5. **If you are comfortable to do so, share your personal story about how legal aid cuts could affect you or someone you know.**
6. **Ask for your concerns to be passed on to your MPP and for an acknowledgement that they have been heard.**

Have you been a victim of crime?

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board is being changed in a very dramatic way.

If you have been a victim of crime, do not delay in applying for compensation. You may still be able to get an award under the old rules.

The new rules will cap "pain and suffering" awards at $5,000 for all victims. For more than 30 years the Community Advocacy & Legal Centre (CALC) has helped local victims to recover up to $25,000 to help compensate for pain and suffering.

Read our media release for more information:
http://communitylegalcentre.ca/news/media-releases/