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Kimberly Rogers Inquest

ISAC represents two public interest intervenors - the Steering Committee on Social Assistance and the Ontario Social Safety Network - in a nine-week inquest into the death of 40-year old Kimberly Rogers serving house arrest for social assistance fraud.

ISAC helps the jury understand the negative impact of social assistance rules and policy, and successfully advocates for a number of recommendations, including an end to the life-time ban on eligibility for social assistance for persons convicted of social assistance fraud.



Pay the Rent & Feed the Kids



The campaign to put pressure on the provincial government to increase social assistance rates for families with children, which was initiated in Ottawa by SWAN, gets a provincial boost from ISAC and ACTO, the Daily Bread Food Bank, legal clinics and the Ontario Coalition for Social Justice.

In Toronto, more than 20,000 postcards are distributed, and a lobby kit and posters are circulated via the PRFK website.

The Toronto campaign is endorsed by over forty organizations, increasing awareness of the inadequacy of social assistance rates, and providing an early collaborative community organizing opportunity for ISAC.

Community Organizing in Clinics: OPICCO

ISAC helps to create the Ontario Project for Inter-Clinic Community Organizing to support clinics in their community development mandate.

OPICCO becomes the voice of community development in the clinic system, meeting with Legal Aid Ontario, supporting clinic staff, and providing basic and advanced training opportunities.

