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Denial By Design

Responding to the extreme difficulty that people with disabilities have in accessing ODSP benefits, ISAC publishes *Denial by Design*.

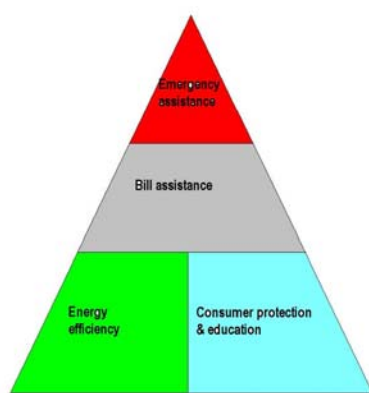
The report documents the exceedingly complex ODSP application process of lengthy medical reports, tight timelines, delays, unfair and unaccountable adjudication, and lack of support.

Government responds, inviting ISAC, the ODSP Action Coalition, and other stakeholders to participate in working groups on the Disability Adjudication Unit, access issues, and employment supports.

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....THE ONTARIO DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

 **ISAC** INCOME SECURITY ADVOCACY CENTRE

LIEN's approach to low-income energy conservation & assistance



LOW-INCOME ENERGY NETWORK

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As ISAC and ACTO work to respond to government's review of a cap on electricity prices, CELA is developing a low-income energy conservation and assistance strategy. Teaming up makes sense.

LIEN is formed with Share the Warmth, the TDRC, the Toronto Environmental Alliance, and the Social Planning Council of Toronto. As LIEN hosts a press conference in early 2004, government announces the \$10 million Rent Bank program and \$2 million Emergency Energy Fund.

To ensure continuing policy advocacy and law reform on energy issues facing low-income Ontarians, LIEN's longer-term advocacy and education work begins.

National Poverty Law Consultation

ISAC starts work to coordinate *Poverty, Law and Litigation: A National Consultation on the Direction of Social and Economic Rights Litigation After Gosselin*, on behalf of CCPI, NAPO, TAPS and LEAF and funded by the Court Challenges Program.

The three-day consultation, held in May 2004, brings together more than forty legal experts and anti-poverty advocates from across Canada.

The event explores law reform and litigation strategies to strengthen social and economic rights and studies the impact of the Supreme Court's decision in *Gosselin*.

Poverty, Law, and Litigation

May 7, 8, 9, 2004 - Toronto

Program

Friday May 7	Advancing Social & Economic Rights in the current Social and Political Context
6:00 - 7:00	Registration
7:00 - 7:10	Welcome
7:10 - 8:30	Evening Plenary Speakers: Shelagh Day & Jean-Yves Desgagnés Moderator: Andrée Coté Plenary discussion
8:30 - 9:30	Reception
Saturday May 8	How Do We Think About Equality?
8:30 - 9:00	Coffee and snacks
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome, Introduction
9:15 - 10:30	Morning Plenary: Panel Discussion Lessons from Gosselin Gwen Brodsky Gosselin: Autonomy with a Vengeance JoAnne Frenschkowski / Judith Keene Evidentiary review: Lessons from Gosselin and other Social & Economic Rights Challenges

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