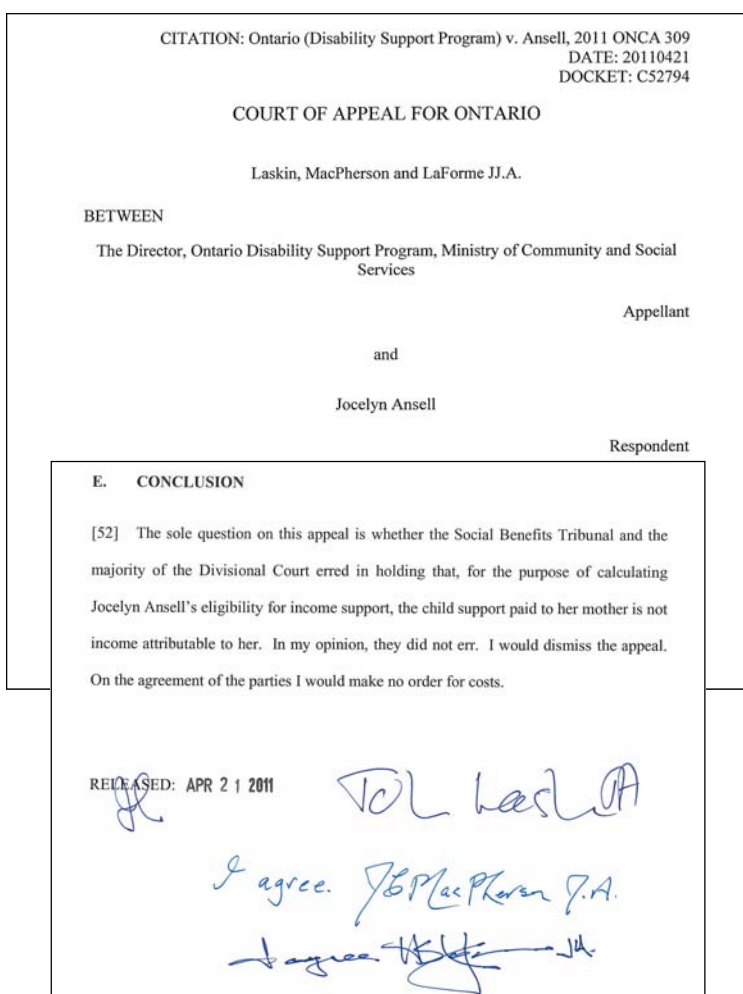
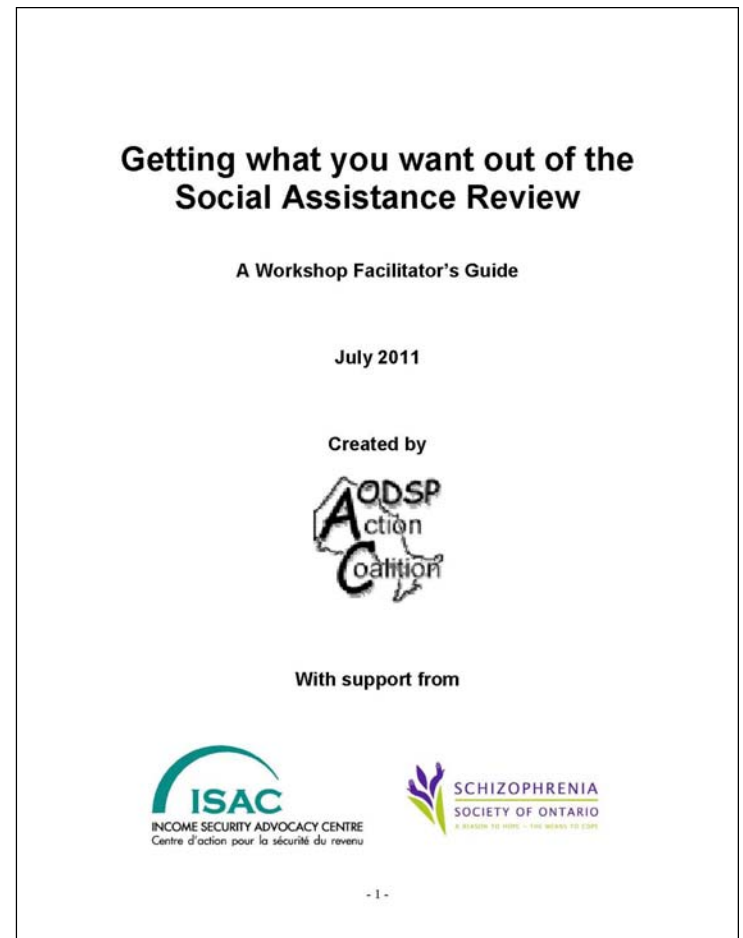


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## Social Assistance Review

The Social Assistance Review finally gets underway as a special Commission releases its first Discussion Paper in June. ISAC works with the ODSP Action Coalition and local clinics and groups to organize our own consultations across the province, and develop a train-the-trainer guide to help groups discuss the real issues at stake in the review. We also work with partners to ensure that a gender and race lens informs the review.

The Commission is expected to lay out options for reforming OW and ODSP in December. ISAC isn't waiting. We're already off and running...



## The Director of ODSP v. Ansell

ISAC successfully argues before the Ontario Court of Appeal that child support paid to the parent of an adult disabled child on ODSP should not be treated as income to the child for the purpose of reducing or denying ODSP benefits.

The decision means that adult children who live with separated parents are now entitled to the same income exemptions as those who live with both parents.

In its decision, the court confirms that "the objective of shared responsibility" between parents and the state "is a cornerstone of the ODSPA".

## Migrant Workers' Rights

The campaign to help temporary workers in the agricultural sector collect Employment Insurance parental benefits hits a roadblock when the government suddenly stops allowing back-dated claims.

ISAC works with Niagara North Community Legal Assistance and the Agriculture Workers' Alliance to fight for the rights of migrant agricultural workers to their parental benefits.

Over 100 migrant worker appeals are argued in November before the Office of the Umpire.



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