

# Stop the Cuts:

## Access to Justice for All

Please join us for a **Public Forum on Funding Cuts to Legal Aid and the Community Legal Clinics**

**Thursday, May 16, 7:00 pm**

**Metro Hall, 55 John Street**

Room 309



Community legal clinics received an email from Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) on April 29, 2019 indicating that \$15 million will be cut from their budgets in this fiscal year, which represents a 16% cut in current funding. This follows on the 2019 Ontario Budget announcement of a 30% cut to LAO's funding in this year.

Legal clinics provide legal aid services to Ontario's most vulnerable residents. This vital work is aimed at ensuring that people with low incomes are able to access the benefits and services they are entitled to. This allows them to meet their most basic needs, such as securing or maintaining housing or income support benefits, giving them the ability to live healthy lives, in dignity, as active members of society.

Legal clinics are rooted in the communities they serve, using limited resources to provide often life-saving services that are most needed by that community, while working closely with other local agencies to ensure clients are well-served. Local clinics serve geographic communities while specialty clinics serve specific groups such as people with disabilities, injured workers, racialized communities, the elderly, or children and youth. Client surveys indicate very high satisfaction with the work done by clinics. International research shows that investments in legal clinics reduces costs to the legal system and across multiple government programs.

**Come to this public forum to learn the most up-to-date information about funding cuts and discuss ways to reverse the cuts and defend access to justice for all.**

**Please RSVP at EVENTBRITE:**

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**For more information, please contact one of the clinics listed below:**

<b>Industrial Accident Victims' Group of Ontario</b>	<b>416-924-6477</b>
<b>Injured Workers Community Legal Clinic</b>	<b>416-461-2411</b>
<b>Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services</b>	<b>416-924-4244</b>
<b>Toronto Workers' Health &amp; Safety Legal Clinic</b>	<b>416-971-8832</b>

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