

INVEST IN LEGAL AID

CUTBACKS HURT CLINIC CLIENTS

What you can do: Ask candidates to increase the Province's financial commitment to Legal Aid Ontario to \$480 million annually.

- In 2019, the provincial government cut funding to Legal Aid Ontario by 30%. This decreased access to legal services through community clinics for low-income and vulnerable Ontarians.
- Funding is needed for increased demand for translation and interpretation services.
- Indigenous clients who represent 3% of Ontario's population, but 14% of Legal Aid Ontario clients, are disproportionately impacted.
- Over 50% of clients served by legal clinics have a mental or physical disability.
- The Law Foundation of Ontario's contribution dropped by 75% because of the pandemic, worsening the funding problem.
- For every \$1 spend in Legal Aid Funding, the rate of return is between \$9 and \$16.

Low-income Ontarians including Indigenous people, people with disabilities, racialized people and people with precarious immigration status need access to justice!



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