

Promote Access To Justice

Be A Community Connector

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC?

Hamilton's Community Legal Clinics are comprised of Dundurn Community Legal Services, Hamilton Mountain Legal & Community Services and McQuesten Legal & Community Services.

We assist people who have legal problems with housing, social assistance, pensions, workers' compensation, and employment insurance. Clinic lawyers, community legal workers and support staff provide representation, advice, public legal education and advocate on behalf of disadvantaged communities.



There is no formal obligation other than to take the time to know who we are, what we do and share it with members of the community, formally or informally.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CONNECTOR?

Is a volunteer that:

- ◆ Commits to attend an information session to receive information about Hamilton's Community Legal Clinics. **Orientation sessions will be held November 27, 2007 at 3 & 7 pm.**
- ◆ Connects community members with our services.
- ◆ Helps us to foster trust between the community and us.
- ◆ Helps to answer questions people may have about the legal services we provide.

To register for the orientation session or to learn more about being a Community Connector, please contact Cat Cayuga at 905.575.9590 Ext. 227 or cayugac@lao.on.ca

To learn more about us check out our website at www.hamiltonlegalclinics.ca



HAMILTON'S COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINICS

Community Connector

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CONNECTOR?

- ◆ A Community Connector helps connect members of the community with the services of Hamilton's Community Legal Clinics.
- ◆ Community Connectors help to foster trust between the community and Hamilton's Community Legal Clinics.
- ◆ Community Connectors help to answer questions people may have about the legal services provided by Hamilton's Community Legal Clinics and how we can assist them.

WHY DO WE NEED COMMUNITY CONNECTORS?

- ◆ Some people don't know that we exist.
- ◆ People may not know about what we do and the services we provide.
- ◆ Some people don't feel comfortable coming to our offices; they don't know about us and may be unsure about our lawyers.
- ◆ Newcomers may have negative images of lawyers or they see us as a government service, which we are not.
- ◆ Some don't want to consider their problems as legal issues or involve legal solutions.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Hamilton's Community Legal Clinics...

- Through an orientation session will provide Community Connectors with current information on our locations, phone numbers and services.
- We will periodically update you on special events, any changes to services or any changes in the law.
- We will respond to requests from you and help direct you to the appropriate community services to assist a community member.

The Community Connectors...

We want to be clear that this is very informal program and that you are under no obligation, other than to know who we are and what we do. It is our hope that you will take opportunities to share this information with members of the community. As a Community Connector you agree to:

- Attend an orientation provided by Hamilton's Community Legal Clinics.
- Work with the Community Legal Clinic to get information distributed to people; this can be informally, such as an over the fence conversation with a neighbour or you may chose to do it formally, by providing a presentation to community groups you are involved in or your colleagues. *You decide how much time you spend sharing the information.*
- Review information provided by the Community Legal Clinics and read updates that will be provided on any key legal changes, via email or accessing the Clinics' website.
- Provide feedback and comments to the Community Legal Clinics about the program.

PLEASE NOTE: Two Orientation Sessions will be held **Tuesday November 27, 2007** at the Central Hamilton Library (Jackson Square) in the **Hamilton Room** at **3 & 7 pm**

HAMILTON'S COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINICS



Registration / Contact Information

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

If applicable, organization: _____

We will be holding two orientation sessions on **Tuesday November 27, 2007** at the **Central Hamilton Library (Jackson Square) in the Hamilton Room**. The orientation session will be 1.5 hours in length and refreshments will be served.

Please indicate which session time you would like to attend ___ 3 PM ___ 7 PM

Interpretation Services: _____ (language).

Hamilton's Community Legal Clinics will do their best to obtain the interpretation service required.

Please return your registration/contact information to Cat Cayuga at cayugac@lao.on.ca or fax to 905.574.8233.