

**LEGAL CLINIC OF GUELPH AND WELLINGTON COUNTY**  
**FAMILY LAW REFERRALS**

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- **Legal Aid Ontario**

Telephone: 1-800-668-8258, available from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday (collect calls are accepted).

You must be a recipient of OW, ODSP or have a limited income. For in-person assistance at court appearances, duty counsel services are available at the courthouses at 36 Wyndham Street and 74 Woolwich Street in Guelph. LAO courthouse staff services are also now available at the Guelph courthouse at 36 Wyndham Street on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Thursdays, LAO staff will be available in the courthouse at 74 Woolwich Street.

- **Lawyer Referral Service**

Telephone: 1-800-268-8326 or 416-947-3330 (GTA Area)

The service is available from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. The Lawyer Referral Service will refer you to a lawyer in your area with whom you will receive a free ½ hour legal consultation.

- **Family Law Information Centre (FLIC)**

Located at 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph,

Every Friday morning from 9:00-12 noon at the Courthouse. Must be in receipt of OW/ODSP or have limited income to attend FLIC. You will have the opportunity to speak privately with a Family Law Lawyer.

- **Law Help Ontario**

Website: <http://www.lawhelpontario.org/>

Law Help Ontario provides individuals with necessary information on how to attain legal assistance for family law matters as well as information on family law court.

- **Justice Ontario**

Telephone: 1-866-252-0104

Website: <http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/justice-ont/>

Legal information is available regarding Family Law issues, including divorce and separation, child custody and access and child and spousal support payments in 170 different languages via the telephone number above and on this website in 22 different languages.

- **Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis (For Women only)**

24 hour Crisis Line: 519-836-5710 or 1-800-265-7233

Telephone: 519-836-1110

Website: <http://www.gwwomenincrisis.org.>

This organisation provides safe shelter and 24 hour staffing for women and their children experiencing violence and/or abuse, including physical, emotional, sexual, verbal and/or financial. Other programs include the Sexual Assault Centre, the Rural Women's Support Program and the Transitional Support Program. More information is available via their website:

- **Duty Counsel Assistance**

In Criminal Court, duty counsel can give advice, prepare and review documents, represent clients in some motions and hearings and assist with settlement negotiations. Duty council for criminal offences can be found in the Superior courthouse on 74 Woolwich St.

- **Family Counselling and Support Services for Guelph/Wellington**

Telephone: (519) 824-2431 or 1-800-307-7078 (toll free)

Office located at 109 Surrey Street East, Guelph, Non-profit, Community-based family service agency dedicated to supporting family life by providing counselling, education, support and advocacy services.

- **Family Law Education for Women**

Website: <http://www.onefamilylaw.ca>

This is an excellent website for women which contains legal information on women's rights on family law issues in 11 languages including English, French, Arabic, Chinese (Traditional and Simplified), Farsi, Punjabi, Somali, Spanish, Tamil and Urdu.

- **Your Legal Rights**

Your Legal Rights is a project of CLEO (Community Legal Education Ontario) and is funded by the Law Foundation of Ontario ([www.yourlegalrights.on.ca](http://www.yourlegalrights.on.ca)). This is a great online resource that offers a variety of information that will help individuals better understand and exercise their legal rights.

- **Ministry of the Attorney General: Family Law Programs and Services**

Website: <http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/family/default.asp>

The Attorney General's website provides information about Family Court, Family Law and Child Support. The Ministry of the Attorney General also provides the following resources:

- What you should know about Family Law in Ontario  
<http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/family/familyla.pdf>
- Where do I stand? A Child's Legal Guide to Separation and Divorce  
<http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/family/wheredo.pdf>
- A Guide to Proceedings in Family Court  
<http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/family/guides/fc/default.asp>
- What you should know about Child Protection Court Cases  
[http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/about/pubs/child\\_protection.asp](http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/about/pubs/child_protection.asp)

- **Community Legal Information Ontario (CLEO) Pamphlets**

Website: [http://www.cleonet.ca/categories/Family\\_Law](http://www.cleonet.ca/categories/Family_Law)

CLEO Pamphlets are available at the Legal Clinic of Guelph and Wellington County.

- Child Support & Child Support Guidelines
- Custody and Access
- CPP Benefits are you entitled? Separated? Divorced?
- CPP Benefits are you entitled? Survivor's Benefits
- Family Law Resources in Ontario
- Financial Eligibility for Legal Aid
- Getting Divorced
- Living Together: Opposite Sex and Same Sex Common Law Relationships

CLEO also has a Six Language Project - <http://www.cleo.on.ca/english/six/index.htm>. Text and Audio on the subject 'Children's Aid: Information for Parents' is available through the website above in English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Somali, Spanish, Tamil and Urdu.

### **USEFUL FAMILY LAW INTERNET RESOURCES**

There is free access to the internet for 45 minutes per day at any Guelph Public Library branch if you are a Library member (it is free to become a member). There are 5 Public Libraries in Guelph:

- Main Branch: 100 Norfolk Street
- Bullfrog Mall Branch: 380 Eramosa Road
- Scottsdale Centre Branch: 650 Scottsdale Drive
- West End Branch: 21 Imperial Road South
- Westminster Square Branch: 31-100 Farley Drive