

# Projects for children and youth

## INFORMATION FOR CASE WORKERS

- Education Law Project
- Grandparent Support Project
- Youth Adoptions Project

Pro Bono Law Ontario offers three pro bono law projects of interest to case workers in their work with children, youth, parents and caregivers in Ontario. These projects provide free legal help to eligible recipients that include legal advice, help with forms, representation at Tribunals, or general help and advice navigating the legal landscape for a particular issue.

### EDUCATION LAW PROJECT

Free legal help for caregivers whose children face challenges to their rights in school related to accommodating special needs/disabilities; unfair expulsions, suspensions, exclusions or transfers; being denied the right to attend school; and bullying or harassment.

#### Services include:

- Information and advice for caregivers
- Representing students in their dealings with school administrators
- Representing students at tribunals or hearings

### GRANDPARENT SUPPORT PROJECT

Free advice to prospective caregivers to help them understand the financial implications of assuming custody prior to finalizing arrangements with CAS. Volunteers help caregivers access, retain and/or avoid loss of Temporary Care Assistance benefits by providing legal guidance and/or representation:

- prior to initial eligibility assessment
- when being assessed for continued eligibility or asked to sign letters confirming eligibility responses
- with the request for an internal review when advised of benefits cut-off
- with an appeal before the Social Benefits Tribunal

### YOUTH ADOPTIONS PROJECT

Free legal services for foster families and youth seeking to complete the adoption process. **Services include:**

- Legal advice and representation for parents and youth over 18
- Legal advice for foster parents adopting children under 18
- Information about the adoptions process
- Help completing and filing the application for adoption
- Representation at the adoption hearing



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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