

**The Edmonton Community Legal Centre (ECLC) is a non-profit organization. We give free legal information and advice to people in the Edmonton area.**

## **OUR MISSION**

**The Edmonton Community Legal Centre provides low income people with effective advocacy and access to justice in a supportive environment.**

# **FAMILY LAW**

## **WHO CAN GET FREE HELP?**

We will do our best to assist you to resolve your legal issue through legal information, advice, or referrals to appropriate agencies.

We offer service to individuals and families in the following areas:

- Parenting Orders
- Child and Spousal Support
- Common-Law Relationship
- Custody and Access Orders
- Guardianship
- Queen's Bench Protection Order Hearings
- Response to uncomplicated Divorce
- Division of Property

We do not help with Child Welfare matters.



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## HOW DO I GET STARTED?

### 1 Attend a Public Legal Education Session relating to your legal issue.

ECLC offers free legal education sessions. Anyone can attend. Topics rotate weekly and include sessions on:

#### CHILD CUSTODY

What is guardianship? What does the best interest of a child mean? Can I still make decisions for my child's education, medical, and recreational needs? What are my rights to visit my child?

#### CHILD AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT

How do we determine the right amount for support? How long will a Support Order last? What are Section 7 expenses about? Can I ever change a Support Order? Do I pay support even if I am not the biological parent? We were never married, can I still get support?

#### PROPERTY DIVISION

What is considered joint property? How do I know what I am entitled to? How is pension divided? What rules apply to adult interdependent relationships (common-law couples)?

Check out our website to find the topic schedule. These sessions are held at:

#### STANLEY MILNER LIBRARY

7 Sir Winston Churchill Square  
on the 6th floor in room 5  
Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

For more information including dates go to [www.eclc.ca](http://www.eclc.ca)

### 2 Free legal advice clinics.

After you have attended a session you can request a meeting with a volunteer lawyer.

You will be assessed to see if you qualify under the financial guidelines.

At the clinic, the lawyer will:

- Explain your legal issue
- Provide you with legal advice
- Outline steps that you can take to represent yourself in court
- Refer you to other organizations

## WHAT OTHER SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

#### FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

If you qualify, this program reduces the fee you would pay to file documents at court.

#### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

We also offer supports and referrals to community agencies such as housing, parenting, counseling, financial supports and many others.



#### REMINDERS:

The courts have mandatory programs that parents must attend when making applications under the Family Law Act and the Divorce Act for guardianship, parenting or support orders for children, and variation of existing orders relating to children. ECLC will remind you of these obligations.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

Parenting After Separation:	780-413-9805
Family Justice Services:	780-427-8329
Child Support Resolution Meeting:	780-427-1907