

Street Youth Legal Services offers workshops for staff or youth at your agency. Call Johanna Macdonald, the SYLS lawyer, to request one of the workshops.



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Workshop Topics

- [1] **Introduction to Justice for Children and Youth/General Discussion:** What JFCY does and how we can help you. General things you want to know about the law.
- [2] **How to Get Legal Help?** A tour of what you can do about a problem you have, how to preserve evidence and get the legal help you need.
- [3] **Leaving Home:** do you have a right to enter your parents' home after they have kicked you out? Do you have a right to your possessions? Who can apply for child support?
- [4] **Assistance:** eligibility for Ontario Works and ODSP ages 16+.
- [5] **Family:** custody and support rights and responsibilities with your parents, your child, your partner, and the CAS.
- [6] **Immigration:** what are your rights to stay in the country and still go to school or work if your sponsor kicked you out? The law about how people can come to Canada from other countries and how to get legal help.
- [7] **Schooling, debts, and collection agencies:** How long can you be in high school? When are you no longer a dependant? What to do if you have a debt and can't pay it off? How do you dispute a debt?
- [8] **Employment:** how old do you have to be to have a full-time job? How much should you be paid? Your rights if you're fired, what you can do if your boss doesn't pay you.
- [9] **Housing:** what are the rules of the shelters? What you can do if your landlord or the person you are living with won't fix your place, if they take your stuff, or if they kick you out.
- [10] **Human Rights:** what are your human rights? What can you do if you think you have been discriminated against? How can you help someone else that feels they have been discriminated against?

[11] **Victim compensation and public complaints:** What happens if you are a victim or witness to a crime? Can you get compensation if you were a victim of a violent crime?

[12] **Harm Reduction:** what is the legality of harm reduction practices?

[13] **Police:** rights v.s. reality - when the police can stop you and search you. Your privacy when stopped by police. What happens to the record of the police stop?

[14] **Criminal:** what happens when you're charged or ticketed. What you can do if you have a warrant. Details of provincial offenses like squeegeeing, panhandling, parks, trespassing.

[15] **Records:** youth records, criminal records, and police records - how you get them, how they affect you, and what you can do about it.

Workshop for Staff

Workshops for agency staff can be in-depth versions of the topics above, or general discussions based on questions that staff provide to the SYLS lawyer in advance.