



Edmonton Community Legal Centre

Edmonton's

Pro Bono

Legal Clinic





Legal Issues at ECLC

- Civil Law matters
 - Landlord and Tenant
 - Employment and Wrongful Dismissal
 - Small Claims
 - Debt
 - Human Rights
 - Immigration
 - Income Supports and Other Benefits



Services Offered at ECLC

- Evening Legal Clinics
- Legal Advice and Representation
- Income Supports Advocacy
- Foreign Worker Program
- Fee Waiver Program



Staff at ECLC

- 2 FTE Staff Lawyers
- 2 Social Workers
- 1 Community Legal Worker
- 1 Foreign Worker Coordinator
- Administrative Staff



Community Legal Worker

- Intervention on problems before they become legal issues
- Liaising with other agencies whose clients need legal assistance
- Income support advocacy



Income Support Advocacy

- **Federal Programs**
 - Employment Insurance
 - Canada Pension Plan-Disability
 - Canadian Child Tax Benefit
- **Provincial Programs**
 - Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped
 - Alberta Works
 - Victims of Crime Financial Benefits



Employment Insurance

- Enabling Legislation:
 - *Employment Insurance Act*, S.C. 1996, c. 23
- Appeals Process:
 - Appeal to Board of Referees
 - Appeal to the Umpire



Canada Pension Plan- Disability

- Enabling Legislation:
 - *Canada Pension Plan*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-8
- Appeals Process:
 - Application for Reconsideration of Denied C.P.P. Disability
 - Appeal to the Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunal
 - Leave to Appeal to C.P.P. Pension Appeal Board
 - Leave to Appeal to Federal Court of Appeal.



Canadian Child Tax Benefit

- Enabling Legislation:
 - *Income Tax Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 215
- Appeals Process:
 - Internal review with Validation and Control Department
 - Notice of Objection to Appeals Department
 - Appeal to Federal Tax Court
 - Appeal to Federal Court of Appeal



Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped

- Enabling Legislation:
 - *Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act*, S.A. 2006, c. A-45.1
- Appeals Process:
 - Internal and informal administrative review
 - Appeal to Citizens Appeal Panel



Alberta Works

- Enabling Legislation:
 - *Income and Employment Supports Act, S.A. 2003, c. I-0.5*
- Appeals Process:
 - Internal and informal administrative review
 - Appeal to Citizens Appeal Panel



Victims of Crime Financial Benefits

- Enabling Legislation:
 - *Victims of Crime Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. V-3
- Appeals Process:
 - Internal Review by the Board Chair
 - Appeal to Criminal Injuries Review Board
 - Appeal to the Alberta Court of Appeal