

Access to Services Without Fear Immigration Campaign

# TORONTO COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOURCE GUIDE





Please check our website at www.socialplanningtoronto.org for:

- Multilingual versions of the guide
- The **online expanded version** of the guide which includes detailed service provider information including: languages of services, hours of operation, services offered, program eligibility, etc.
- The **most up-to-date version** of the guide The guide is a continuous work-in-progress. All changes, additions and updates are included in the online expanded version of the guide and maintained for future printed editions.

If your agency or organization is listed in this guide and you have changes you would like to report to us, or if you are an agency that works with non-status people and would like to be included in future editions or on our online version, please send your information to us at the Community Social Planning Council:

student1@cspc.toronto.on.ca or 416-351-0095 ext 219

# This book provides information about community services in Toronto (not the GTA) to people without immigration status.

If you don't have immigration status or are still waiting for a Canadian immigration decision, there are places to get services like schools, health care, dental care and legal advice in Toronto. This guide is intended to help you find the available resources within the community.

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Though many of the agencies listed offer multiple services for clients, due to government funding criteria and guidelines, not all of their programs may be open to non-status people. Please contact the agencies directly if there is a certain service you require to find out if you are eligible.

All of the agencies listed in this guide reported that they work with non-status immigrants and do keep their client's identity and status confidential, except in situations where Canadian law requires otherwise. Such situations can include:

- In cases where an agency worker believes that a child of 16 years and younger is being physically, sexually, or emotionally abused, neglected or exposed to family violence, they are legally required to inform the Children's Aid Society
- Agencies may have their files subpoenaed by a court of law
- Health professionals are legally require to report any positive cases of sexually transmitted infections to public health
- In other instances, status information can be shared between agencies for referrals purposes, in order for the client to receive the most appropriate services possible. Agencies will sometimes ask for a client's consent before sharing any personal information.

All attempts were taken to make sure that information was as up to date and accurate as possible at the time of printing. However, we advise users of the guide to contact agencies directly to confirm addresses, program and service information and organizational policies with respect to people with less than full immigration status

Note: We have worked with our partners and networks to create an extensive list of non-status service providers. However, it is likely that there are additional organizations that provide services to people will less than full immigration status in Toronto. If you are aware of any organizations that should be added to the guide, please contact us at: student1@cspc.toronto.on.ca or 416-351-0095 ext 219

Because of the collaboration of Davenport Perth Neighborhood Centre, some of the services listed are concentrated mainly within the west end of Toronto. Updated versions of the guide will include additional agencies and programs from across the city.

All services listed in the guide are free of charge, unless otherwise specified. For more information on hours of operation, types of services offered, or any other details, please check the expanded online version of the resource guide at www.socialplanningtoronto.org or call the agency directly.

#### For further information:

The Blue Book provides accurate, up-to-date information on hundreds of community and government services and organizations. The telephone number is 211 and you can also get this information online at www.211toronto.ca

Settlement.org provides newcomers with information on job resources, sponsorship, English as a Second Language, housing, health and much more. Their website is www.settlement.org

Disclaimer: Inclusion of an organization and information about its programs and services in this guide does not imply endorsement by the creators of the guide, nor does exclusion indicate lack of endorsement. The guide is intended for information purposes only.

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#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

911

\*Please be aware that 911 operators will likely send police, fire and ambulance services to respond to any emergency. Health care providers contacting 911 can request 'ambulance only' for medical emergencies. 911 services are available in many different languages. As well, the Toronto Police Services Board has agreed to adopt a Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy, meaning an officer will not ask a person to divulge their immigration status, unless there is a good reason to do so. This policy, however, has yet to be implemented. Please visit the No One Is Illegal website at http://toronto.nooneisillegal.org for updates.

#### **Children Emergency Hotlines**

Kids Help Phone line 1-800-668-6868

#### **Distress Emergency Hotlines**

Distress Line 416-408-4357
Gerstein Centre 416-929-5200
Salvation Army Suicide Prevention & 416-285-0100
Emergency Counselling

#### **Emergency Shelter Hotlines**

Street Helpline 416-392-3777

#### **Sexual Assault Hotlines**

Assaulted Women's Helpline 416-863-0511

#### Toronto Rape Crisis:

Multicultural Women Against Rape Crisis Line: 416-597-8808

#### **Other Information Lines**

Community Information Toronto 211 www.211Toronto.ca

Birth Certificate (for Canadian-born children) 416-325-8305

#### **EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND HOUSING**

Telephone interviews conducted by shelter staff are required to determine urgency. The Central Family Intake Line is a city system that also conducts interviews to determine which shelter is suitable for a person's needs. Please be advised however that Central Intake is obligated to inform the Children's Aid Society if there is an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child of 16 years and under in the family.

For this reason we suggest contacting one of these shelters directly:

#### Women

Beatrice House	416-652-0077
Evangeline's Residence	416-762-9636
Fred Victor Centre Women's Hostel	416-368-2642
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	416-364-5577
The Redwood	416-533-8538
Women and Children Interval House	416-924-1491
Women's Habitat of Etobicoke	416-252-5829

#### Men and Women

Heyworth House	416-691-0012
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#### Men

Scott Mission 416-923-8872

#### Newcomer/Refugee

Adam House 416-538-2836

#### \*free services unless otherwise specified\*

#### **COUNSELLING AND ABUSE**

It is against the law for anyone to hit you. There are places that you can call where you don't have to give your name and it is completely confidential. However, if there is a reason to believe a child under the age of 16 is being sexually, physically, emotionally abused or has been exposed to family violence, agencies and workers are legally obligated to contact the Children's Aid Society.

#### **Multicultural Women Against Rape**

416-597-8808

Services for anyone who has been raped, sexually assaulted or abused; women who have had unwanted sexual touching; incest survivors.

#### **Assaulted Women's Helpline**

The Assaulted Women's Helpline is a 24-hour telephone and TTY crisis line for all women who have experienced abuse. It is free, confidential and anonymous and available in 154 languages. They provide counseling, emotional support, safety planning, information and referrals. They can help you look at your situation and explore the options available to you.

Crisis phone: 416-863-0511 TTY phone: 416-863-7868

#### **Other Abuse Counselling Services**

Rexdale Women's Centre 416-745-0062

23 Westmore Dr. Suite 400

Counselling and support groups available

Sherbourne Health Centre 416-324-4180

333 Sherbourne St.

Stonegate Community Health Centre 416-231-7070 150 Berry Rd (Stonegate Plaza), Etobicoke Support groups and counselling are available.

West End Walk-In Counselling Centre 416-394-2424 ext. 34 21 Ascot Ave (and Dufferin)

Free - no appointment needed/Wednesdays 5 pm - 8 pm

Women's Counselling, Referral & Education Centre (WCREC) 489 College St, Ste 303B 416-534-7501 Provides telephone counselling and referrals to self-help groups, legal services and therapists.

Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre 2 Carlton St., Suite 500 416-593-7655

# If you have experienced violence in your home country, you can contact:

Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture 416-363-1066 194 Jarvis St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Provides counselling, medical services, settlements services, legal help, language instruction, and more. Or visit them at their Scarborough branch:

Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (Scarborough) 2425 Eglinton Ave. East Unit# 220 416-750-3045

#### LESBIAN AND GAY COUNSELLING

Telephone for peer support, information, counseling, support groups, cultural, social and recreational programs. Free and confidential.

519 Church St. Community Centre 416-392-6874 519 Church St.

\*free services unless otherwise specified\*

#### Lesbian and Gay Counselling cont'd...

Lesbian, Gay Bi Trans Youth Line Toll free: 1-800-268-9688 www.youthline.ca Local: 416-962-9688

Sherbourne Health Centre 416-324-4180 333 Sherbourne St.

#### **HOUSING HELP CENTRES**

Non-status peoples are not eligible for social housing, unless they are able to prove they are waiting upon an immigration/refugee decision from the government.

Housing help centres can assist individuals who are seeking affordable accommodations in the private rental market. Services may include access to a housing registry, tenant rights' information, housing search support, referrals and advocacy. Contact the agencies directly for more information.

Albion Neighbourhood Service/Etobicoke Housing Help Centre 1530 Albion Rd. Suite 205 416-741-1553

Housing Help Centre of York Region 416-410-6051 10265 Yonge St. Richmond Hill

Scarborough Housing Help Centre 416-285-8070 2500 Lawrence Ave East Unit# 205

WoodGreen Homelessness and Housing Help Services 835 Queen St. East 416-469-5211 ext.1175

#### **COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES**

If you want to find out about how you can get legal status, find out what your rights are, or try to prevent a deportation, you need a lawyer as soon as possible. It is best to get legal services through a community legal clinic or a well-checked referral - there is a risk of abuse by some people offering independent legal services.

Legal Aid Ontario provides legal services to people with low-incomes through two ways:

- (1) the community legal clinic system
- (2) the legal aid certificate program

#### **Community Legal Clinics**

Connects people to lawyers or legal workers in community centres. Get support for your case including help filling out any applications, answers to questions about immigration status, landlord and tenant issues and other law issues.

Centre for Spanish Speaking Peoples Office: 416-533-8545 2141 Jane St. Legal Clinic: 416-533-0680

Community and Legal Aid Services Programme (CLASP) 4700 Keele St. Osgoode Hall Room# 118 416-736-5029

Downtown Legal Services Intake line: 416-978-6447 655 Spadina Ave. 416-934-4535

East Toronto Community Legal Services 416-461-8102 1320 Gerrard St. East

Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) Refugee Centre 208 Oakwood Ave. 416-469-9754

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#### **COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES (Continued)**

Flemingdon Community Legal Services 416-441-1764 49 The Donway West, Suite # 205

HIV and AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario 1-888-705-8889 65 Wellesley St E, Ste 400 Local: 416-340-7790

Jane Finch Community Legal Services 416-398-0677 1315 Finch Ave. West, Suite # 409

Justice for Children and Youth 416-920-1633 415 Yonge St. Suite 1203

Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services 489 College St., Suite # 205 416-924-4244

Parkdale Community Legal Services 416-531-2411 1266 Queen St. W

Rexdale Community Legal Clinic 416-741-5201 The Woodbine Centre, 500 Rexdale Blvd., Etobicoke

Scarborough Community Legal Services 416-438-7182 695 Markham Rd., Unit # 9 (in the Cedar Heights Plaza)

South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO) 416-487-6371 1992 Yonge St. Suite #205

South Etobicoke Community Legal Services 416-252-7218 5353 Dundas St. West, Suite # 210

West Scarborough Community Legal Services 416-285-4460 201-2425 Eglinton Ave East

#### **COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES (Continued)**

Willowdale Community Legal Services 245 Fairview Mall Dr., Suite #106

416-492-2437

#### **Legal Aid Certificates**

You may be able to get a legal aid certificate to pay for a private lawyer's services. To find out if you are eligible for a legal aid certificate, contact a Legal Aid Office in your area. The following legal aid offices provided their information for the guide:

North York Legal Aid Office

416-730-1588

45 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 106

Scarborough Legal Aid Office

416-750-7172

1921 Eglinton Avenue East, Unit 1A

#### **LEGAL INFORMATION**

Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) produces pamphlets and fact sheets in many different languages on a range of subjects including: consumer, criminal, family, health and disability, immigration and refugee, landlord and tenant, legal services, seniors, social assistance, work and employment insurance, workers' compensation, and youth justice. CLEO does not provide legal advice. Please contact a community legal clinic for legal advice.

For publications, check CLEO's website at www.cleo.on.ca or call 416-408-4420

Selected brochures and fact sheets available through CLEO include:

- Every Child's Legal Right to Education
- OHIP Coverage for Children Born in Canada
- Being Arrested or Detained for Immigration Reasons
- Immigrant Women and Domestic Violence

<sup>\*</sup>free services unless otherwise specified\*

#### YOUR RIGHTS AS A TENANT

Call the tenant hotline to get free information on your legal rights as a tenant:

Tenant Hotline 416-921-9494

If you are having trouble with your landlord, you can call the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal to enforce your rights.

Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal 416-645-8080

or

1-888-332-3234

If you think your landlord is committing an offence under the Residential Tenancies Act, you can report them to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Investigation Unit at:

416-585-7214

Toll Free Complaints 1-888-772-9277

The Parkdale Tenants' Association maintains a "Bad Landlord Hotline" which serves the Metro Toronto region. You can report a bad landlord or get information about a potential landlord.

Parkdale Tenants' Association 416-760-2149

Two websites that provide legal advice and other services:

www.torontotenants.org includes services in many languages through a telephone interpreters' service.

www.canlaw.com/tenants/tenants.htm

\*free services unless otherwise specified\*

Drop-in centres are places where you and your children can meet, play and relax with other children and parents.

#### **Ontario Early Years Centres**

The Early Years Centres offer a place for parents and children up to 6 years of age to take part in activities and programs together. There are nearly 150 centres across the city of Toronto. To locate the centre nearest you visit:

www.ontarioearlyyears.ca or toll free: 1-866-821-7770

The following are drop-in centres located in the West End of the City:

Charles G. Fraser School 416-603-7372

79 Manning Ave

(Bathurst St. & Queen St. W)

\*Please call regarding fees

Children's Storefront 416-531-8151

1079 Bathurst St.

(Bathurst St. & Dupont St.)

Creating Together Parkdale 416-537-1004

1497 Oueen St. West

(Queen St. W & Lansdowne Ave)

Essex School 416-393-9291

50 Essex St.

 $(Bathurst\ St.\ \&\ Dupont\ St.)$ 

\*Please call regarding fees

<sup>\*</sup>free services unless otherwise specified\*

#### SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Every child has the right to go to school in Canada regardless of status. The Toronto District School Board has passed a Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy which states that all children will be treated equally, even if they (or their parents) have no immigration status, and that they will not disclose this information to any enforcement agency or government body. However, this policy has not yet been fully implemented. Please visit the No One Is Illegal website at http://toronto.nooneisillegal.org for updates.

Toronto District School Board 416-397-3000 International Program and Admission office 416-395-9618 5050 Yonge St. 416-395-8109

Toronto Catholic School Board 416-222-8282 ext. 5320

You will need to show your child's passport or birth certificate.

To find the addresses and phone numbers of elementary, middle and high schools, you can look at the following websites:

www.tdsb.on.ca (Toronto District School Board) www.tcdsb.org (Toronto Catholic District School Board)

If you are having difficulty enrolling your child in school, contact:

Justice for Children and Youth 416-920-1633 415 Yonge Street, Suite 1203 www.jfcy.org

To help your child solve a problem they might be having at school, please visit **http://www.peopleforeducation.com** for some helpful tip sheets and advice; available in many different languages.

\*free services unless otherwise specified\*

The following organizations located in the West End also provide a school readiness programs for young children:

Davenport Perth Neighborhood Centre 416-656-8025 1900 Davenport Rd. and 21 Randolph Ave.

Rexdale Women's Centre School Readiness Program
45 Kingsview Blvd.
416-745-0062 x504

#### **ADULT EDUCATION**

#### **Education and Schools for Adults**

There are many organizations that can provide one-on-one support to help you upgrade your literacy skills. To find the closest place call the:

Toronto Catholic School Board 416-222-8282 ext: 24 99 / 2513 / 5348

Or visit http://www.tcdsb.org/adulted/ for a full program directory

Toronto District School Board Continuing Education 2 Trethewey Drive, 3rd floor 416-338-4000

Note: Classes offered by the school boards may require a fee for non-residents of Canada.

These organizations offer free literacy and skills programs:

Bickford Centre 416-393-1995

777 Bloor St. West, Room 214B Call to book an appointment

Davenport Perth Neighbourhood Centre 416-656-8025 1900 Davenport Rd.

Learning Enrichment Foundation 416-769-0830 or 116 Industry St. 416-769-9675

#### **EMPLOYMENT & JOB SKILLS TRAINING**

Some employers do not ask for a work permit, although most do. If you are looking for a job, check the community newspapers. Also, the best way to find a job is through the people you know. Build your own network - talk to people you trust. Ask at your church, temple, mosque or synagogue or join a cultural association.

# For more information about employment resources or training in job skills please contact:

Michael DesRoches from the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty at 416-925-6939 or

Karen Dick from the Workers' Action Centre at 416-531-0778 extension 225

The following websites also contain some useful information and helpful tips on job searching, resume building, and interview preparation.

www.workopolis.com

www.monster.ca

http://jb-ge.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca (Service Canada)

\*free services unless otherwise specified\*

#### **WORKERS' RIGHTS**

The Ontario Employment Standards Act provides protection for many classifications of workers regardless of immigration status. Whether or not you have full immigration status, you are entitled to receive the money you have earned. You may also file an anonymous complaint under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, if you feel your working conditions are unsafe. If you have experienced discrimination or harassment or have not received the money you are owed, contact:

Workers' Action Centre 720 Spadina Ave., Suite 223

416-531-0778

www.workersactioncentre.org

INTERCEDE for the Rights of Domestic Workers, Caregivers, and Newcomers 416-483-4554

234 Eglinton Ave East Suite 405

1-877-483-4554

\* Due to government funding, INTERCEDE can only provide services for workers and newcomers with permanent or temporary status

#### **VOLUNTEERING**

Volunteering in your community can help you learn new skills, meet people and find out about potential jobs. You can contact a community centre close to your home if you would like to volunteer there. Call 211 or go to www.211toronto.ca for information on your local community centres.

You can call the following numbers to find out about other volunteering opportunities.

Volunteer Toronto

416-961-6888

344 Bloor St. West. Suite 404

You can also check www.volunteertoronto.ca for volunteering opportunities.

# IMMIGRATION INFORMATION & SETTLEMENT SERVICES

#### **Applying for Status**

To apply for permanent residency status or Canadian citizenship, contact:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada 1-888-242-2100

You can download order forms at the website: www.cic.gc.ca

To apply for a birth certificate for a Canadian born child, contact: 416-325-8305 or go to www.serviceontario.ca

# IMMIGRATION INFORMATION & SETTLEMENT SERVICES

These organizations help newcomers with a variety of settlement services such as, immigration information, counselling, referrals, job searches, assistance in completing forms, and housing support:

forms, and housing support:	
Bloor Information and Life Skills Centre 672 Dupont St. Suite 314	416-531-4613
Catholic Cross-Cultural Services 55 Town Centre Crt Suite #401, Scarborough	416-757-7010
Community Action Resource Centre 1884 Davenport Rd., Unit 1	416-654-0299
CultureLink 160 Springhurst Ave. Suite 300	416-588-6288
Davenport Perth Neighbourhood Centre 1900 Davenport Rd.	416-656-8025
Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) Refugee Ce	ntro
(Formerly known as Hamilton House) 208 Oakwood Ave.	416-469-9754
Lighthouse Community Centre 1008 Bathurst St.	416-535-6262
Rexdale Women's Centre 23 Westmore Dr. Suite 400	416-745-0062
Working Women Community Centre 533A Gladstone Avenue	416-532-2824

416-928-6690

\*free services unless otherwise specified\*

YMCA Newcomer Information Centre

42 Charles St. East 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

#### **FOOD BANKS**

Food banks provide free, emergency food for people in need. Call the food bank before you go. Each food bank has different hours and days that they are open, and most serve people in their immediate neighborhoods only. They will ask you for identification or something with your name and address on it. To locate a food bank or food program in or around your neighbourhood, you may call:

#### FoodLink Hotline: 416-392-6655

Foodlink also provides information on community gardens and kitchens, meals-on-wheels programs, pet food banks, and nutritional information.

#### Daily Bread Food Bank

416-203-0050

If you have any problems getting help at the food bank or if you don't have required documents to access food, contact Maureen Tracey, Director of Agency Relations at Daily Bread.

If the Daily Bread Food Bank is closed, you may try calling **211** to locate a food bank near you.

There are approximately over 200 emergency food programs in Toronto. The following agencies have confirmed that they do indeed serve non-status people. Most are located in the west end.

416 DROP-IN 416-928-3334

416 Dundas St. East

(Dundas St E. & Parliament St)

Bloor Central Services/ Salvation Army 416-532-4511 789 Dovercourt Rd. (Call first)

(Dufferin St & Bloor St W)

Fort York Food Bank 416-203-3011

797 Dundas St. West

(Dundas St. W & Bathurst)

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#### **FOOD BANKS (Continued)**

High Park Baptist Church 9 Hewitt Ave. (Dundas St W. & Bloor St. W)	416-534-4225
Oasis Dufferin Community Centre 1219 Dufferin St. (Dufferin St. & Dupont St.)	416-536-3197
Our Lady of the Resurrection House 22 Pauline Ave. (Bloor St. W & Dufferin St.)	416-530-1302
Rainbow Information and Social Services 720 Ossington Ave. (Ossington Ave. & Bloor St. W)	416-531-6701
Scott Mission 502 Spadina Ave. (Spadina Ave & College St)	416-923-8872
Society of St. Vincent de Paul 240 Church St. Offers food vouchers, clothing, and furniture (Church St. & Dundas St. E)	416-364-5577

Syme-Woolner Neighbourhood and Family Centre

190 Woolner Ave. Basement #1171 to get in 416-766-4634 (Jane St. & St. Clair Ave. W)

A food bank is also located at their main office:

2468 Eglinton Ave. West; Food is distributed by appointment (Eglinton Ave W. & Keele St.)

The STOP Community Food Centre 1884 Davenport Rd. at Symington Ave (St. Clair Ave W & Lansdowne Ave)

\*free services unless otherwise specified\*

416-652-7867

#### HEALTH

You can call Telehealth Ontario to talk to a nurse in order to determine how urgent your problem is. The call is free and you can call 24 hours a day. The nurse will ask you for your name, telephone number and address, but you do not have to provide this information. All information you provide remains confidential.

Telehealth Ontario

1-866-797-0000

Community Health Centres do not require health insurance (or OHIP). A community health centre provides doctors, nurse practitioners, a registered nurse, a social worker, health and promoters. You must make an appointment. Each centre is different – some have other programs, such as social groups, the arts and cooking groups.

- YOU MUST LIVE IN THE CATCHMENT AREA (The area in which the services are provided)
- MUST MEET ALL CRITERIA Example: You must fill out an application form. This information will be kept strictly confidential. For more details on issues surrounding confidentiality, please view the front of this guide.
- WAITING LISTS: While Community Health Centres provide services to people without health insurance, many have lengthy waiting lists.

Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre 340 College St. Suite 500 416-324-8677 (College St. & Spadina Ave)

Black Creek Community Health Centre 416-249-8000 2202 Jane St. Unit 5, North York (Jane St. & Wilson Ave)

\*free services unless otherwise specified\*

#### **HEALTH (Continued)**

Davenport Perth Neighbourhood Centre Community Health Centre 1900 Davenport Rd. (Davenport Rd. & Lansdowne Ave)	416-658-6812
East End Community Health Centre 1619 Queen St. East (Queen St. E & Coxwell Ave)	416-778-5858
Flemingdon Health Centre 10 Gateway Blvd., Don Mills (Don Mills Rd & Eglinton Ave)	416-429-4991
Four Villages Community Health Centre 1700 Bloor St. West (Bloor St. W & Keele St)	416-604-3361
High Park Health Centre 10 Clendenan Ave. 1 <sup>St</sup> Floor (Bloor St. W & Keele St)	416-766-2718
Lawrence Heights Community Health Centre 12 Flemington Rd. (Allen Rd & Lawrence Ave W)	416-787-1661

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Parkdale Community Health Centre 416-537-2455 1229 Queen St. West (Queen St. W & Dufferin St.)

Regent Park Community Health Centre 416-364-2261

465 Dundas St. East

(Dundas St. E & Parliament St.)

Rexdale Community Health Centre 416-744-0066

8 Taber Rd., Etobicoke

(Kipling Ave & Rexdale Blvd)

Stonegate Community Health Centre 416-231-7070

Stonegate Plaza, 150 Berry Rd., Etobicoke

(The Queensway & Park Lawn Rd)

The House (Youth Services) 416-961-0113

Planned Parenthood of Toronto

36B Prince Arthur Ave., Main Floor

(Bloor St. W & Avenue Rd)

Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre 2 Carlton St. Suite 500 416-593-7655

(Carlton St. & Yonge St.)

York Community Services: Community Health Centre

1651 Keele St. 416-653-5400

(Keele St. & Rogers Rd)

\*free services unless otherwise specified\*

#### **HEALTH (Continued)**

Health Centres (some may be walk-in clinics or after hour clinics; call first for more information)

Anne Johnston Health Station 416-486-8666 2398 Yonge St. (no walk-ins available) (Yonge St. & Eglinton Ave W)

Scadding Court Cross-Cultural Health Services

707 Dundas St. West 416-392-0335 ext. 250

A fee of 20\$ per visit

(Dundas St. W & Bathurst St.)

Sherbourne Health Centre 416-324-4180

333 Sherbourne St.

(Sherbourne St. & Gerrard St. E)

Street Health 416-921-8668

338 Dundas St. East

(Dundas St. E. & Sherbourne St.)

Note: If you have a medical emergency, you can get help at any hospital emergency room. However, you will probably be charged a fee for this service.

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#### PRENATAL CARE

These organizations provide prenatal care and labour and postpartum support for expecting and new mothers. Arrangements can be made for women without an OHIP card, though there may be a fee. This is usually arranged between the midwife and patient. Please call for exact details.

Community Midwife of Toronto	416-944-9366
344 Bloor St. West 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	

Diversity Midwives	416-609-8187
3410 Sheppard Ave. East, Suite # 202, Scar	borough

Flemingdon Health Centre	416-429-4991
10 Gateway Blvd., Don Mills	

Kensington Midwives	416-928-9777
340 College St., Suite 450	

Midwives Collective of Toronto	416-963-8842
344 Dupont St. Suit # 403	

Reduced fee for hospital birth or free for home birth. Call for details

Rexdale Women's Centre, Eating for Two	416-745-0062
23 Westmore Dr., Suite 400, Etobicoke	

York Community Sevices: Having a Baby Drop-in Program 1651 Keele St. 416-653-5400

#### \*free services unless otherwise specified\*

#### SEXUAL HEALTH CLINICS

For information on issues related to sexual health, contact one of the following:

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	Bay Centre for Birth Control 790 Bay St. 8 <sup>th</sup> floor		416-351-3700
	Birth Control & VD Information C 2828 Bathurst St. # 501	entre	416-789-4541
	Crossways Clinic, Crossways Mall 2340 Dundas St. West		416-392-0999
	Etobicoke Civic Centre Clinic 399 The West Mall		416-338-1517
Flemingdon Health Centre 10 Gateway Blvd. Open Monday and Thursday, 3pm to 5pm			416-429-4991
	Hassle Free Clinic 66 Gerrard St. East	Women's Men's	416-922-0566 416-922-0603
	Jane Street Clinic 662 Jane St.		416-338-7272
	Rexdale Community Health Centre 8 Taber Rd.	;	416-744-0066

Scarborough Sexual Health Clinic, Scarborough Civic Centre 160 Borough Dr. 416-338-7438

#### **SEXUAL HEALTH CLINICS (Continued)**

The House (for youth ages 13 to 25)

Planned Parenthood of Toronto

36B Prince Arthur Ave., Main Floor

The Talk Shop 416-338-7000 5110 Yonge St.

Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre 2 Carlton St., Suite 500 416-593-7655

Note: Many of these agencies offer anonymous HIV testing. You may also call **The Ontario AIDS and Sexual Health Information Line at: 416-392-2437** for other anonymous testing sites in your area. You do not have to give your name.

Clinics are required by law to report positive cases of sexual transmitted infections to Toronto Public Health. However, this information is kept private and confidential. Toronto Public Health may get in touch directly with the patient in order to make certain that they are receiving help, and that the patient's sexual partners have been informed. This is solely to ensure public health and safety.

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#### DENTAL CLINICS

There are public, private and government clinics that will provide a range of dental services for free or at a low cost.

APLUS Institute Dental Hygiene Clinic 416-222-0500

**Madison Centre** 

4950 Yonge St., Unit 15 Low cost dental services

Canadian Academy of Hygiene 905-896-2234

165 Dundas St. West, Mississauga

Low cost dental services

Regency Dental Hygiene Academy Inc. 416-341-0100

481 University Avenue Low cost dental services

#### LOST CANADIAN IDENTIFICATION (ID)

If you have a child that was born in Canada, or family members that are Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents, and they have lost their *Canadian* identification, you can contact the following agencies. An ID worker will fill in the forms with you, order the ID for you and provide a secure address at which you can receive it. There is no charge for the ID or for this service.

Fred Victor Centre

145 Queen St. F.

143 Queen St. E	
Street Health 338 Dundas St. East	416-921-8668
The Stop 1884 Davenport Rd. Mondays 12-1:30	416-652-7867

Weston King Neighbourhood Centre 416-241-9898 2017 Weston Rd
ID clinic 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month
Also provides an adult drop-in centre

York Community Services 416-653-5400 1651 Keele St. Wednesday 10am-12pm

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416-364-8228

#### **ADVOCACY CENTRES**

Amnesty International

416-363-9933

14 Dundonald St.

Works on helping refugee claimants who face threat of human rights abuses. Call for more information

Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA)
1992 Yonge St. Suite# 205
416-932-1359
An umbrella organization of agencies, providing referrals for a variety of community services for Toronto's South Asian population, such as counselling, support, training, information exchange.

Don't Ask Don't Tell

Voice Mail: 416-597-5820 ext: 5438

The Don't Ask Don't Tell campaign is organized by *No One Is Illegal* and a coalition of various community groups within the Greater Toronto Area. Their goal is to create a city policy to allow all individuals, regardless of immigration status, to safely access all services within Toronto, such as education, police, health, housing, social services, shelters, food banks, and more.

Grassroots Youth Collaborative 215 Spadina Ave 4<sup>th</sup> floor

416-644-1015 ext 1281

GYC is a collective of culturally and racially diverse youth-led organizations that work in underserved, lower-income, at-risk communities. The programs delivered by our members reach out and engage young people who are typically missed by more mainstream youth programming (including youth who do not have full immigration status)

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#### **ADVOCACY CENTRES (Continued)**

Immigration Legal Committee 416-633-1065 Collective of legal professionals and law students working for the rights of immigrants and refugees, especially non-status migrants. They offer practical workshops for community service workers and non-status people on immigrant rights, with a focus on the needs of people with no legal status or uncertain status.

INTERCEDE for the Rights of Domestic Workers, Caregivers, and Newcomers

416-483-4554
234 Eglinton Ave East Suite 405
1-877-483-4554
Information, referral and counselling on immigration, employment, human rights, orientation for newcomers, settlement services. Due to government funding, INTERCEDE can only provide services for workers and newcomers with permanent or temporary status

Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women & Children (METRAC) 416-392-3135
158 Spadina Road TTY #: 416-392-3031
Providing information on safety for women and children, as well as offering referrals to women's services throughout the city

No One is Illegal- Toronto http://toronto.nooneisillegal.org
Group of immigrants, refugees and allies working to educate,
mobilize and network to defend the rights of immigrants, migrant
workers, refugees, and indigenous peoples in Toronto. Also
helps individual non-status people facing deportation. They do
not offer legal representation, but can assist the person in finding
legal representation if needed and work together with the person
and their lawyer. Email: nooneisillegal@riseup.net

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#### **ADVOCACY CENTRES (Continued)**

Ontario Coalition Against Poverty
10 Britain St.

416-925-6939

Provides direct one-on-one advocacy for individuals facing eviction, termination of social assistance, deportation, employment issues, legal referrals, and political support

The Financial Advocacy & Problem Solving Program
St Christopher House, 1033 King Street West 416-848-7980
Information, referral and advocacy regarding financial issues such as social assistance, year-round income tax, credit, debt, access to financial services

Workers' Action Centre 416-531-0778 (Formerly TOFFE-Toronto Organizing For Fair Employment & WIC-Workers Information Centre) 720 Spadina Avenue, Suite 223

Information and referral on work-related issues such as employment law, human rights, harassment, Employment Insurance (EI), workers' compensation, health and safety legislation

Working Women Community Centre 416-532-2824 533A Gladstone Avenue

Offers a variety of services such as settlement services, information and referral, orientation, interpretation, supportive counselling, documentation, social assistance applications, individual counselling and support groups for assaulted women. Call for more details.

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#### **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

#### **City of Toronto**

Services provided by the City generally fall into three categories:

- 1. Services that the City provides knowing that everyone benefits (e.g. roads, other physical infrastructure, fire and emergency services, quality of life or protective regulation such as licensing and standards)
- 2. Those that the City funds and operates itself (e.g. recreation) or funds and operates through arm's length boards (e.g. public health, libraries) that are intended for residents
- 3. Services for specific populations (e.g. children, people who require income support or subsidized housing) and for which the legislation, regulation and costs are shared with other orders of government (i.e. provincial or federal government) (e.g. child care, Ontario Works, rent-geared-to-income housing)

If you live in Toronto, you may use City services. In general, very little identification and no documentation regarding immigration status is needed to use the great majority of the programs, activities and services that the City of Toronto operates, funds and controls.

Exceptions to fully open access to services generally fall into category #3 above where residents must apply (instead of just registering or walking in) to use a service and identification that might disclose immigration status could be requested for specific reasons - most often, to comply with federal or provincial legislation.

#### **MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Continued)**

In most cases where City staff request information that may directly or indirectly lead to disclosure of immigration status, the information is not reported to other authorities. However, to comply with provincial legislation, staff check immigration status of applicants for Ontario Works, and in cases of sponsorship breakdown, with Citizenship and Immigration Canada. In addition, City staff may have to testify in Court or at a hearing (e.g. in a case of Ontario Works benefits fraud or, with Emergency Medical Services staff, if charges ensued from an accident where someone was injured) and may, if asked, have to reveal a client's citizenship status.

- Information kindly provided by staff member from the City of Toronto

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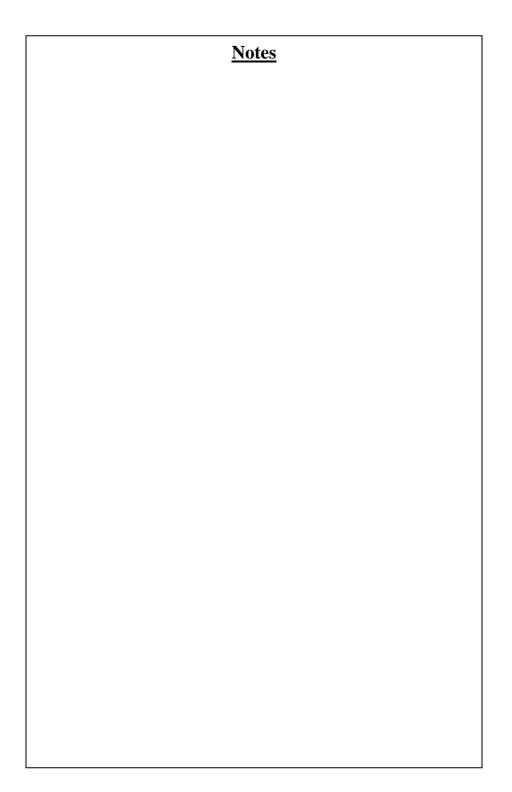
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