








# Newcomer Tipsheet: Culturally Specific Organizations, Legal, and Employment Resources






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## Culturally Specific Organizations and Resources

Name	Description
<p>SMILE Canada Support Services</p> 	<p>SMILE Canada- Support Services is a charity dedicated to supporting racialized and Muslim children and youth with disabilities and their families. Programs include service navigation, financial assistance, parent support groups, SMILE camps, and more</p>
<p>South Asian Autism Awareness Centre (SAAAC)</p> 	<p>GTA programs include ABA therapy, speech-language therapy, SAAC camp and more. Please note that these services are open to everyone, not just those of South Asian background.</p>
<p>Caribbean African Canadian Social Services (CAFCCAN)</p> 	<p>This organization provides children, youth, and family programs, employment and settlement services, and free mental health counselling.</p>
<p>Hong Fook Mental Health Association</p> 	<p>Hong Fook Mental Health Association is the leading ethno-cultural community mental health agency with a consolidated culturally competent team serving Asian and other communities in the Greater Toronto Area.</p>





<p>Sawubona Africentric Circle of Support</p> 	<p>Sawubona Africentric Circle of Support aims to empower Black caregivers of individuals with disabilities and their families to use their voice and create change. They also provide a virtual parent support group.</p>
<p>Our Kids Health</p> 	<p>Our Kids Health has language and culturally specific information on topics such as family life, development and behaviour, and mental health.</p>
<p>Spirit of Life</p> 	<p>Spirit of Life provides services for Mandarin and Cantonese families who do not speak English in filling out OAP, ODSP, SSAH, and ACSD application forms. Other services include periodic community activities.</p>



### General Legal Resources

Name	Description
<p>Arch Disability Law Centre</p> 	<p>ARCH Disability Law Centre is a specialty legal clinic that practices exclusively in disability rights law. They also offer resources and workshops on topics such as human rights, accessibility, and government benefits.</p>
<p>P4P Planning Network</p> 	<p>P4P has developed a province-wide, online Professional Services Directory. This is an interactive list of legal, financial, accounting and independent facilitation services who have knowledge of disability-related issues.</p>
<p>Pro Bono Ontario</p> 	<p>Pro Bono Ontario is a non-profit organization committed to helping Ontarians with their everyday civil legal needs. If you can't afford a lawyer, call Free Legal Advice Hotline for up to 30 minutes of free legal advice (no family law, immigration or criminal).</p>



<p>Legal Aid Ontario</p> 	<p>If you qualify and have a legal issue they can cover, Legal Aid Ontario will pay a lawyer to help you. Legal issues can include criminal, domestic violence, family legal issues, refugee and immigration legal issues, and more. They offer interpreter services.</p>
<p>JusticeNet</p> 	<p>JusticeNet is a not-for-profit service helping people in need of legal expertise, whose income is too high to access legal aid and too low to afford standard legal fees. This is a directory of lawyers, mediators, paralegals who offer reduced fees.</p>

**Culturally specific and/or language-specific Legal resources**


Name	Description
<p>Pro Bono Ontario Canadian Legal Support for Ukrainians</p> 	<p>This page addresses some of the legal questions commonly asked by Ukrainians arriving in Canada affected by the Russian invasion. It contains information only and is not legal advice.</p>
<p>South Asian legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO)</p> 	<p>SALCO is a legal clinic that supports low-income South Asian people in Ontario. They provide services for immigration, tenancy, employment, and other areas.</p>
<p>Black Legal Action Centre (BLAC)</p> 	<p>BLAC offers a range of legal services on issues related to education, employment, housing, human rights, government support, and other topics.</p>
<p>Centre for Spanish-Speaking Peoples</p> 	<p>The Centre for Spanish-Speaking Peoples has a legal clinic that serves members of the Spanish-speaking community in Ontario. They provide access to justice for people with low income regardless of their immigration status in Canada.</p>






<p>Centre Francophone</p> 	<p>The Centre francophone legal aid services provide low-income people with access to legal services that meet their needs, free of charge. Consult our specializations to learn more.</p>
<p>Chinese and South-East Asian Clinic (CSALC)</p> 	<p>CSALC is a community based legal clinic provides free legal services to low income, non-English speaking clients from the Chinese, Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian communities in Ontario.</p>

### Legal Assistance for Special Education Issues

Name	Description
<p>Justice For Children and Youth (JFCY)</p> 	<p>JFCY provides select legal representation to children and youth in Toronto. They are a non-profit legal aid clinic that specializes in protecting the rights of those facing conflicts with the legal system, education, social service or mental health systems.</p>
<p>Pro Bono Ontario Education law Project</p> 	<p>The Education Law Program is Pro Bono Ontario's free legal service for low and moderate-income families whose children face challenges to their rights at school.</p>

### Employment Resources

Name	Description
<p>JVS Toronto</p> 	<p>JVS Toronto provides customized employment, training, and job search support to newcomers to Canada. They work with newcomers to help them find jobs in the GTA through enhanced language, employment, job search, and bridge training programs.</p>

<p>Newcomer Job Seekers</p> 	<p>The Government of Toronto has information on Employment-related services and support are available for newcomers looking to find work.</p>
<p>ACHEV</p> 	<p>ACHEV offer a wide range of immigrant services to help newcomers settle smoothly in Canada, from education and training, immigration, employment, health, housing, legal, financial, social and recreational.</p>
<p>NEWcomer Women's Services Toronto</p> 	<p>NEW empowers newcomer women and their families in building a life in Canada, by connecting them to social and economic opportunities and fostering a sense of belonging.</p>
<p>PolyCultural</p> 	<p>PolyCultural is a not-for-profit, community-based charitable organization dedicated to helping individuals and communities become productive members of Canadian society. Some services include employment, language, resettlement, refugees, and more.</p>
<p>ACSA Community Services</p> 	<p>Programs consist of Newcomer supports, Child, Youth, and Family Supports, Housing Access and homelessness Prevention, and Emergency Food Access.</p>

For more help finding additional newcomer or legal resources for your family (like recreation and school-based information), please feel free to contact our Family Support Specialists at [resourcecentre@hollandbloorview.ca](mailto:resourcecentre@hollandbloorview.ca) or our Pro Bono Triage Lawyer at [rmasemann@hollandbloorview.ca](mailto:rmasemann@hollandbloorview.ca).