

## HALCO Membership/Renewal Application

HALCO's primary goal is to provide free legal services to people living with HIV/AIDS in Ontario. To help us to fulfil our goal and to ensure that our services are relevant, we need the participation of people living with HIV/AIDS in Ontario, as well as those who are not living with HIV/AIDS.

Please offer your support by becoming a member of HALCO. As a member of HALCO, you have the right to participate in and vote at our General Meetings, and to stand for election to our volunteer Board of Directors. Membership takes effect when it is approved by the HALCO Board of Directors. HALCO reserves the right to deny Membership Applications/Renewals. Only members in good standing who have been members for at least 30 days before the meeting may vote at a membership meeting.

There is no fee for HALCO membership and membership is renewed annually. To become a member, you must be a resident of Ontario who is 16 years of age or older, and you must agree with our **Statement of Principles** (on page 2 of this application).

Your membership information will be used to inform you of our Annual General Meeting and to give you the opportunity to renew your membership annually. You can also choose to receive other HALCO information, including our newsletter, by checking the box below. We will only share your membership information as required by law.

**I agree with the Statement of Principles of the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO), I am a resident of Ontario, I am 16 years of age or older, and, I am applying:**

**-to become a new member of HALCO: [ ]      or      -to renew my membership [ ]**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(please print)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/Apartment: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ May we leave phone messages for you? Yes [ ] No [ ]

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would you like to be on our mailing list to receive our newsletter, etc., please choose:

Mailings by: Email [ ] Mail [ ]

If you are a new member, please tell us how you found out about HALCO:

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**Thank you for applying to be a member of HALCO!**

# Statement of Principles of the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario

Adopted January 30, 2006, by the Board of Directors  
of the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario.

It is agreed that:

1. People living with HIV and AIDS are confronted with unique legal problems of enormous proportions and complexity;
2. Those best equipped to make choices regarding HIV and AIDS issues and problems, are those individuals who are HIV positive themselves;
3. People living with HIV and AIDS must have control over their own lives.
4. The HIV and AIDS affected communities are very diverse and are confronted by overwhelming challenges derived from both their diversity and from their common experience as people living with HIV and AIDS.
5. It is necessary to create and foster a climate of understanding and mutual respect for the dignity and worth of people living with HIV and AIDS; and
6. The confidentiality, bodily security, autonomy and privacy of people living with AIDS and HIV must be respected, which includes but is not limited to:
  - a) the right of individuals to exercise control over their own medical treatment;
  - b) the right of individuals to exercise control over decisions concerning their own socio-economic position;
  - c) the right of all persons living with HIV or AIDS to be fully informed of all process and procedures in which their interests are in any way involved; and
  - d) the right of all persons living with HIV or AIDS to consent, or withhold their consent, in all matters affecting them.