

ASSESSING THE LEGAL NEEDS OF TRANS* PEOPLE IN ONTARIO



TRANS* LEGAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT ONTARIO

Are you a trans* identified person in Ontario living with HIV? Do you have a partner living with HIV?

Have you been employed or self-employed as a sex worker? Used injection drugs? Spent time in prison?

If you said yes to any of the above questions, would you be willing to participate in a focus group, a confidential one-on-one research interview or complete a survey that will help document legal issues, needs, and barriers to accessing justice and legal services for trans* people living with or impacted by HIV?

Are you interested in attending a free workshop to learn about your legal rights as a trans* person and how to access the legal services you need?

A focus group and workshop for trans* people living with or affected by HIV will take place:

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2016

at 99 Gerrard Street East, Toronto

- FOCUS GROUP: 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- WORKSHOP: 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Registration is required for the focus group and workshop. For more information or to register, please email transneedsassess@lao.on.ca, or call 647-782-8773 (you can call collect).

It is important to the project that the voices and experiences of trans* people living with or impacted by HIV are documented and heard. The one-on-one interviews take up to one and a half hours, the focus group runs for about an hour, we provide honorariums (payment) for both, refreshments, and transportation costs (bus tokens, parking, etc).

TRANSforming JUSTICE is a Legal Aid Ontario/Ontario HIV Treatment Network funded project, administered by the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO). The project will assess the legal needs of trans* community members, document problems trans* people have getting legal services, explore structural causes of trans* people's challenges with the law, and help identify policy changes and other interventions necessary to improve access to justice for trans* people in Ontario. Part of the project focuses on the specific access to justice needs of trans* people who are living with or impacted by HIV.

You can find more information, including the survey for trans* people, the schedules for other focus group/workshop, and sign-up information at:

TRANSFORMINGJUSTICE.CA

General information about the project is available on our HALCO website:

**WWW.HALCO.ORG/OUR-SERVICES/
TRANS-LEGAL-NEEDS-ASSESSMENT-ONTARIO.**

The project is using "trans*" as an umbrella term to refer to a diverse array of experiences and identities, including two-spirit, non-binary, agender, genderqueer, cross dressers, transgender, transsexual, as well as those who identify as men or women but have a history that involves a gender transition.

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