

Workshop Topics

We offer a wide range of information sessions and resources on many topics. Topics include:

- Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation programs & services
- Basic legal and procedural issues
 - Legal Aid Ontario
 - The roles of legal professionals
 - The court system
 - The Charter of Rights and Freedoms
 - The Criminal Code of Canada
- Birth registrations
- Bullying
- Band by-laws
- Criminal Law
 - Bail and judicial interim release
 - How to get a pardon
 - Search and seizure
 - Breaking and entering
 - Impaired driving (DUI)
- Family Law
 - Family violence
 - Child support guidelines
 - Child custody and access
 - Divorce
- Contract Law
- Current changes in the law
- The Police
- Provincial offences
 - Hunting and fishing rights
 - MNR issues
- Aboriginal and treaty rights
- Wills & estates
- Criminal Youth Justice Act

If you would like to request another topic, please let us know. We are here to help you!

Community Legal Workers

For a Community Legal Worker, please contact:

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Toll Free: 1-866-468-5151

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Matawa Communities (Drive-in)

Tel: (807) 876-1672

Matawa Communities (Fly-in) & Mishkeegogamang

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Toll Free: 1-800-465-5581

Moose Factory & Moosonee

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Toll Free: 1-877-331-0144

Shibogama Communities

Tel: (807) 737-5201
Toll Free: 1-877-851-1108

Wabun Communities

Tel: (705) 268-5544
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Windigo Communities

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Toll Free: 1-888-314-4417

You can also contact our Thunder Bay office at (807) 622-1413 or Toll Free 1-800-465-5581.

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Know Your Rights!

What is Public Legal Education (PLE)?

The goal of Public Legal Education is to inform the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) communities about the Canadian legal and justice systems, and NAN members' rights and obligations within the legal system.

PLE activities take many forms and are designed to promote a better understanding of the legal system through the provision of legal information for NAN communities and community members. Activities are also designed for service providers and justice personnel serving the NAN territory, as well as the general public.

How is Public Legal Education Provided?

Some of the ways in which PLE is carried out include the following:

- Legal education workshops
- Clinic Days
- School presentations
- Information booths/displays
- Newsletters
- Promotional materials (posters, maps, brochures)
- Cross cultural workshops
- Public awareness of Aboriginal justice issues

Public Legal Education Objectives

Public Legal Education objectives include:

- To enhance access to legal information by NAN communities to ensure individuals' rights and responsibilities are known and understood.
- To provide legal information in plain language and in an easy to understand format.
- To increase public knowledge and understanding of the law, the role of lawyers, and the legal system.
- To ensure NAN communities are aware of the changes in law and legislation and the impact those changes have on individuals' rights.
- To engage in "preventive law" by offering public legal education activities.
- To ensure the NAN communities are aware of NALSC and the services available.
- To periodically review the effectiveness of Public Legal Education and the needs of the NAN communities in order to remain responsive to changing needs.

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services has a strong commitment to providing public legal education and takes an active role in the delivery of justice in the NAN communities.

How can My Community Benefit from PLE?

Clinic Days offer a unique opportunity to have a lawyer present in the community to discuss legal issues with people in the community.

Any member of the community can discuss any type of problem with the lawyer - without an appointment and without a fee. This provides the members of the community with greater access to legal services and gives lawyers an opportunity to spend time in the communities with NAN members.

NALSC also provides information pamphlets, brochures, booklets and other resources on a variety of legal topics - free of charge.

Our range of PLE services are provided in a manner sensitive to, and tailored to the unique needs of, NAN communities.

Accessing PLE Services

Community requests for PLE services are usually handled by the Community Legal Workers (CLWs) located in various NAN communities. The CLWs direct requests to the Public Legal Education & Communications Officer (PLECO).

All other requests (such as cross cultural training, special projects, and information booths/displays) may be directed to the PLECO.

To contact the CLW serving your community, please see the back of the brochure.