



2018 CONNECTING OTTAWA CONFERENCE

HOUSING, JUSTICE, AND PROFESSIONAL CODES OF PRACTICE



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MAY 16, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre

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REGISER TODAY at: <https://connectingottawa2018.eventbrite.com>

Housing/inadequate housing is both a social and legal issue for many linguistic minorities and those with communication barriers due to disability or sensory impairment.

The Connecting Ottawa 2018 Conference will explore the connection between housing and other legal and social issues, highlight successful local programs that support clients, and share best practices for addressing clients' legal and social needs surrounding their housing issues. In addition, the conference will review the ethical and professional codes of practice for legal and social services workers supporting vulnerable populations.

Plan to attend this exciting day of education and networking.

■ PROGRAM ■

8:30 a.m. Gather and connect

9:00 a.m. Welcome and introductory remarks

9:05 a.m. Keynote Speaker – Karen Andrews, Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario

Karen Andrews is a staff lawyer at the Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario and teaches in an adjunct capacity at George Brown College and Osgoode Hall Law School. She went to law school as a mature student after spending many years working in community development and strengthening the public sector. Karen will discuss the connection between housing/inadequate housing and other legal and social issues.

9:40 a.m. Panel Discussion: Local Approaches to Addressing Housing Issues

Panelists: Janice McFarlane, Pinecrest Queensway Community Health Centre

Eric Cabana, Legal Services, Vanier Community Service Centre

Diane Wade, Tenant Duty Council, Community Legal Services Ottawa

Our panelists will share information on programs developed to address clients housing needs from a holistic perspective, ways to identify and prevent housing issues from escalating to a legal process, and what service providers and clients need to know about appearing at the Landlord-Tenant tribunal.

10:30 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:45 a.m. Ethics, Conflict of Interest and Professional Codes of Practice. Connecting Ottawa front line professionals, **Alexandra Derisier** and **Erin Fitzpatrick** will review the professional boundaries surrounding ethics, conflicts of interest, and professional codes of conduct for legal and social services workers as they relate to supporting vulnerable clients.

11:30 a.m. Facilitated table discussion– what can we bring back to our organizations

12:15 p.m. Closing remarks

12:20 p.m. Lunch, networking and information exchange

12:45 p.m. Optional presentation from the Law Foundation of Ontario on the "Trusted Help" report. Sharing findings from research, survey of 400+ people, focus groups and interviews about ways the non-profit and legal sectors can work better together to support frontline workers who help clients with legal problems

SEE YOU THERE!

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