

Family Violence Prevention

CLIA is a member of the Premier's Action Committee for the Prevention of Family Violence (PAC). The key priorities of the current strategy focus on:

- awareness, education and training
- partnerships and coordination
- service delivery
- policy, legislation and legal issues

Currently we are developing a pamphlet describing the court orders (criminal and civil) that affect victims of family violence and the process for obtaining and enforcing these orders.

CLIA is also a member of the steering committee of the Justice Options project (one of the projects of PAC). This planning group, which is made up of survivors of violence, victim advocates, government and community representatives, came together to design and make recommendations for the implementation of a domestic violence treatment option court process for PEI. Recommendations were presented to the provincial government in December 2004. To view the recommendations and for information on the project please visit the website at: www.isn.net/~tha/justiceoptions

Justice Options has also developed a set of PEI Woman Abuse Protocols. These eight protocols provide a holistic, coordinated response to woman abuse. The recent final report of this project made recommendations for continuing a coordinated response in PEI and implementing on-going provincial monitoring and evaluation. The protocols may be seen on the CLIA web site at: www.isn.net/cliapei/womanabuse

Victims of Crime

CLIA is represented on the Victim Services Advisory Committee. Last year we distributed:

- 698 copies of *Islanders Guide to the Victims of Family Violence Act* (English) and 20 French
- 258 copies of *A Guide for Witnesses* (English) and 10 French
- 555 copies of *Women Assault and the Law* English
- 714 copies of *Information for Victims of Youth Crime* (English) and 49 French

Crime Prevention

CLIA is involved in the following crime prevention activities:

- Developing Local Leadership for Community Safety and Well-being
- The Atlantic Coordinating Committee for Crime Prevention and Community Safety
- The PEI Joint Management Committee, National Crime Prevention Strategy
- The Canadian Forum for Crime Prevention, a national ngo initiative focused on promoting Canadian research into evidence-based approaches to crime prevention projects and programs

Projects

Informing the Community about Youth Justice

This year's project began August 15, 2005 and continued to March 31, 2006. We had an opportunity to apply for an addition to the project in November, which was approved. Angela Jordan began part-time work December 3 on additional components of the project.

This year we did 36 presentations on the YCJA - most were to intermediate schools but also to some alternative schools, high schools and a university seminar. In total, 1661 students received the information. We distributed a total of 14,533 pieces of written information about youth justice and responded to 27 inquiries from families and individuals dealing with the youth justice system.

Products developed this year were a booklet on age-based legal milestones called *Are You Old Enough?* a module about the YCJA designed to go on the website of the Association for Newcomers to Canada, and posters/notices about our interactive presentations on youth justice to be sent out to schools, youth groups and community groups. We will also be doing summer workshops on the YCJA to newcomer families and young people.

One disappointment this year was that the PEI Department of Education has not yet made a decision about our education modules developed over the past 3 years. We are not likely to know for at least another year which grade level will be using the product. Until then, even though it has been completed in both Official Languages, we cannot get the module designed and printed.

Developing Local Leadership for Community Safety and Well-being

This project is sponsored by CLIA and funded through the National Crime Prevention Strategy. The steering committee for *Developing Local Leadership for Community Safety and Well-being* believes that developing capacity in the area of leadership skills can help people to work together locally to overcome the conditions that contribute to crime.

Developing Local Leadership for Community Safety and Well-being builds on work already being done by community, government, non-profit groups and individuals to address community challenges. It offers practical, "hands-on" tools to help people gain community leadership skills through the use of resource booklets in the series *It's All About People: A Story of Crime and Hope*; *Community Leadership Toolbox*; and *A Facilitator's Guide*.

The steering committee for *Local Leadership for Community Safety and Well-being* is currently planning a training program for people who want to learn how to use these resources in their own communities. Participating communities will benefit by having people trained as facilitators for community activities and by networking with other communities.

Financial Information

Revenue	
Core funding	\$100,905
Projects	\$ 56,411
Total	<u>\$157,346</u>
Expenses	
Core funding	\$104,787
Projects	\$ 57,453
Total	<u>\$162,240</u>
Excess (deficiency)	<u>(\$ 4,894)</u>

The Government of PEI provides generous in-kind support to CLIA through the Office of the Attorney General

To obtain a copy of the audited financial statements please contact CLIA at 892-0853 or 1-800-240-9798 toll-free

Community Legal Information Association of Prince Edward Island



Annual Report 2005-2006

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President’s Report

Let me begin my Report by saying a big “*Thank You!*” to all CLIA staff and Board members for another year of hard work and dedication. And I have to say it was a tough and trying one: major changes, lots of personal hard times. I commend and congratulate everyone involved, both the staff and the Board, not only for pulling through and fulfilling their respective duties, but also for showing tremendous support for each other in these difficult times.

This experience has proven that our organization is not just a group of devoted community servants, co-workers and fellow volunteers, but also a group of friends who are there for each other. We have come out of this period stronger and even more determined to continue with our mandate.

Despite the hardships, countless inquiries were addressed, tons of material distributed, numerous presentations delivered, and CLIA never really slowed down. Besides the core services, remarkable work has been done through projects, such as the Youth Project and Crime Prevention Leadership Project.

At the end of 2005 we said goodbye to Maisie Smith, who retired from her position of Executive Assistant. Maisie’s years-long commitment to CLIA is very much appreciated, and her organizational skills (among many others) will be particularly missed. I wish Maisie all the best and I hope she is enjoying her retirement as much as she enjoyed her work.

With a key staff person leaving our organization, the Personnel Policy Manual developed in the fall became a very timely resource. As President I would like to thank the Personnel Committee chaired by Jill Lightwood for excellent work on developing this valuable living document, which will be used for years to come.

Finally, my special thanks to Vice President Linda Gaudet for carrying on my duties while I could not be around.

It has been a great honour for me to serve as the President of CLIA for the past year, and I look forward to working with this wonderful group of people in the future.

Respectfully Submitted

Beti Andric

Executive Director’s Report

This has been an extraordinarily difficult year for CLIA. Staff members have faced personal illness or family illness or the death of a spouse. Our Board has also dealt with major challenges. Suffice to say that it is only through the solid leadership of Donna Langille that CLIA has survived and continues to provide its valuable services. Donna, together with Angela Jordan, kept the office going in my absence and they have been towers of strength and support to me since my return to work at the beginning of March. Staff absences severely curtailed the amount of work done this year on publications, the web site and family law information sessions. With only two people in the office, focus was maintained on core services: the inquiry line, lawyer referral service, youth justice work and legal information presentations.

Maisie Smith, our long time Executive Assistant took early retirement at the end of December. We miss Maisie’s presence; wish her well in her new endeavours, and much joy with her new grandson. Angela Jordan joined the CLIA staff part time in December. Angela had been working part time on the Youth Project and we were fortunate to have her available to work for CLIA as well. Noreen MacInnis continues to be a dependable and valuable asset to our staff. Noreen is responsible for much of our distribution and assists with the collection of statistics.

The board provided a great deal of support to staff throughout this trying time, especially the personnel committee which began the year working on a personnel policy manual, that it completed, and ended the year exploring the development of a succession and sustainability plan for CLIA.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Sherman

Personnel Policy Manual

The Personnel Committee has had an extremely busy and productive year, dealing with staff issues, supporting staff, and developing an extensive *Personnel Policy Manual* for CLIA’s future use. Members of the committee which dedicated many hours to this task were: Linda Gaudet, John Hennessey, Twila Whalen, Judy Goodwin and Jill Lightwood who chaired.

Production of the manual depended heavily on the skills of the Administrative Support Staff of the Justice Resource Centre, Office of the Attorney General and CLIA is grateful for this support. We hope that the manual will be useful to other non-profit organizations and we encourage sharing of this resource so long as CLIA’s work in developing the manual is acknowledged.

Core Programs Toll-free Legal Information Line

Last year we received 2,086 inquiries (2,604 separate questions) including in-person and e-mail inquiries.

- 1424 inquiries were from were women. 1238 were from Queen’s County, 343 from Prince County and 203 from Kings County. 291 calls were from outside the province and/or the country.
- 1599 inquiries were about family matters and 877 were referred to the lawyer referral service or we recommended they speak to a lawyer. 1109 inquiries were referred to other agencies.
- 324 of the inquiries were about wills and estates, health care directives or information about the financial and legal implications of moving into a nursing home.

Lawyer Referral Service

There were 1,248 calls to the lawyer referral service last year.

- 550 referrals were in the area of family law
- 154 were in other areas of civil law
- 80 involved criminal law
- 546 requests for referrals were from men
- 702 from women

Website / Resource Centre

Work on the web site was affected by staff shortages. We have been working with Virtual Art to redesign the web site and make it more extensive and easier to use. The new site should be launched some time in the summer.

Publications

The publications program was affected by staff shortages. Last year the following publications were revised:

- Moving to a Nursing Home
- Islander’s Guide to Alternative Measures

Just under 40,000 packages of written information were distributed by CLIA. These included publications produced by CLIA and publications produced elsewhere that we distributed. Our publications are available in public libraries, Access PEI Centres, through our community partners and from CLIA. We also put together packages of child support and family law information for the Child Support Guidelines Offices. We distributed:

- 1,248 You and Your Lawyer
- 961 Family Violence Resource Guide
- 540 Divorce Law Questions and Answers
- 377 Divorce Kits (each containing other pamphlets)
- 698 *Islander’s Guide to the Victims of Family Violence Act*
- 767 Separation Agreement Check List
- 574 Family Law kits (each containing 12 separate publications)

The Youth Justice project also distributed materials including:

- 4,773 packages of 6 youth collector cards in English
- 869 packages of 6 youth collector cards in French
- 543 *Know Your Rights* (Justice for Children and Youth)
- 28 *Connais tes droits* (Justice for Children and Youth)
- 1530 *Youth Justice Activity Booklet*
- 338 *Cahier d’activités sur la justice pour les adolescents*

Acting as a Resource to the Community/ Speakers Bureau

CLIA provides legal information and education to community organizations, project advisory committees and others. We provide speakers on various topics on request and put together displays and packages of legal information for workshops and conferences. Last year we organized a total of 33 activities. These included:

- Five presentations to the Women’s Addiction Rehabilitation Program
- Two displays for Law Day celebrations,
- EAP Wellness Expo at the Summerside Tax Centre
- Three interviews/presentations on CBC Radio
- Six lectures and/or intermediary training sessions

CLIA is a member of numerous partnerships and networks in the community. We are represented on:

- Justice Options Steering Committee
- Premiers Action Committee for the Prevention of Family Violence
- Victim Services Advisory Committee
- Legal Aid and Social Justice project
- Joint Management Committee, NCPS