



- In order to create the Family Law Information Program (FLIP), family law lawyers at Legal Aid Ontario worked with a developer to create an on-line version of the Mandatory Information Program (MIP) being rolled out across the province by the Ministry of the Attorney General. The project team designed the program's legal information to reflect family law practices across the province. FLIP is interactive, user-friendly and available to all members of the public.
- The program is designed for adults in Ontario whose relationship with their spouse or partner is breaking down. It describes legal and practical issues related to child custody, support payments, property settlements, shared parenting, and other issues that former partners may encounter.
- The goal of the program is to help Ontarians make more informed decisions about the legal and emotional issues resulting from the breakdown of a relationship.
- The Family Law Information Program is available in French and English, with written text and audio.
- The program provides links to other legal resources, including domestic violence help lines and resources.
- The information presented in the Family Law Information Program is valid in Ontario. Laws and procedures may vary in other jurisdictions. This program does not offer legal advice. Program users are urged to seek independent legal advice for their situation.

## Family law fast facts

- Legal Aid Ontario issued 15,585 family law certificates in 2010 (YTD November 2010).
- 82 per cent of applicants with family law matters receive a certificate.
- In 2010, Legal Aid Ontario opened six Family Law Service Centres in communities across the province, with locations in Toronto, North York, Newmarket, Brampton, Chatham and Sarnia, to meet the demand for family legal services.
- In 2009/10, 86,153 new family law proceedings were heard in Ontario courtrooms across the province with 12.5 per cent of these involving child protection matters<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry of the Attorney General, Court Services Division. Annual Report 2009-10. pp.31