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September 22 – 23, 2026 | All times EDT (GMT-4)

Osgoode Professional Development Centre, 1 Dundas St W Suite #2602

Abbreviated Program

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Day 1 – Tuesday, September 22, 2026

9:00 – 9:30 am

Welcome & Invocation

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Jody Harbour | Grandmother's Voice

Greetings from the Honourable Sean Fraser | Minister of Justice and Attorney
General of Canada

Greetings from the Honourable Doug Downey | Attorney General of Ontario

Greetings from Dr. Danielle Martin | Member of Parliament for University–Rosedale

Greetings from Legal Aid Ontario

	Setting the Stage: Why Health Justice Partnerships Matter Now Aidan Johnson & Amy Slotek Co-chairs, Ontario Health-Justice Community of Practice	
9:30 – 10:30 am	Session 1 (Plenary) Setting the Stage: Why Health Justice Partnerships Matter Now More than Ever <i>Moderator: Michele Leering</i> Visiting Scholar, Queen's University Faculty of Law; CPRA Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law	
	Presenters: Bethany Hamilton Director, National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership, George Washington University's Milken Institute of Public Health Dame Hazel Genn Dean of Laws & Co-Director of the UCL Judicial Institute in the Faculty of Laws at University College London, United Kingdom Lottie Turner Chief Executive Officer, Health Justice Australia Dr. Sarah Beardon Senior Research & Policy Fellow (health and justice), University College London Faculty of Laws, United Kingdom	
10:30 – 11:00 am	BREAK – 30 minutes	
11:00 – 12:15 pm	Session 2 (Plenary) Models & the Spectrum of Health Justice Partnerships <i>Moderator: Aidan Johnson</i> Executive Director, Niagara Community Legal Clinic ; Co-chair, Ontario Health-Justice Community of Practice	
	Presenters: Amy Slotek Staff Lawyer, Legal Aid Ontario; Co-chair, Ontario Health-Justice Community of Practice Emmanuelle Bernheim Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law; Director, Interdisciplinary Social Rights Clinic Giulia Reinhart Lawyer & Executive Director, Halton Community Legal Services Jennifer Stone Executive Director, Neighbourhood Legal Services; Manager, Health Justice Program Lisa Turik Lawyer & Executive Director, Community Advocacy & Legal Centre Michael Ollier Director of Legal Services, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic Tess Sheldon Associate Professor, University of Windsor Faculty of Law; Director, Mental Health Justice Clinic (CAMH/Legal Empowerment Council)	
12:15 – 1:15 pm	LUNCH – 1 hour	
1:15 – 2:45 pm	Session 3 (Workshop – Practical) Teaching & Embedding Health Justice in Medical, Healthcare & Legal	Session 4 (Workshop – Policy) Equity, Inclusion, & Priority Populations

	Education Co-moderators: <i>Helen Anderson</i> Director of CLEO Connect at Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) & <i>Lisa Turik</i> Lawyer & Executive Director, Community Advocacy & Legal Centre	Moderator: <i>Bérangère Desfonds</i> Lawyer, Justice Pro Bono (formerly Pro Bono Quebec)
	<u>Presenters:</u> Dr. Melanie Henry Vice-Chair of Community & Partnerships at the Department of Family & Community Medicine, University of Toronto; Board Vice-Chair & Family Physician, Health for All Family Health Team Mercedes Perez Lawyer & Managing Partner, Perez Procope Leinveer LLP; Adjunct Faculty, Osgoode Hall Law School Robin Nobleman Staff Lawyer, Income Security Advocacy Centre; Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto Jackman Faculty of Law	<u>Presenters:</u> Alexander McClelland Associate Professor, Institute of Criminology, Carleton University Dr. Daisy Rivadeneira Physician; Migrant Public Legal Education & Outreach Worker, Niagara Community Legal Clinic Jody Harbour Co-founder, Grandmother's Voice
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2:45 – 3:15 pm BREAK – 30 minutes		
3:15 – 4:45 pm	Session 5 (Workshop – Practical) Laying the Foundation: Building Health Justice Partnerships That Last Moderator: <i>Amy Slotek</i> Staff Lawyer, Legal Aid Ontario; Co-chair, Ontario Health-Justice Community of Practice	Session 6 (Workshop – Policy) Policy & Legislative Enablers of Health Justice Moderator: <i>Robin Nobleman</i> Income Security Advocacy Centre; University of Toronto Jackman Faculty of Law
	<u>Presenters:</u> Dr. Gary Bloch Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital & Inner City Health Associates Julien Dion Lawyer & Mediator, La Maison Bleue Lisa Turik Lawyer & Executive Director,	<u>Presenters:</u> Dr. Naheed Dosani Founder, Palliative Education and Care for the Homeless (PEACH) Program at the Inner City Health Associates; Medical Director, Kensington Hospice (Kensington Health); Health Equity Expert Advisor, Canadian Partnership Against Cancer; Physician, St. Michael's Hospital

	Community Advocacy & Legal Centre Yonit Fuhrmann Deputy Director, Pro Bono Ontario	(Unity Health Toronto) Sara Gold Legal Counsel, Access to Justice Office, Department of Justice (DOJ) Canada Vanessa Gruben Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law; Director, Centre for Health Law, Policy, & Ethics
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4:45 – 7:00 pm	Poster Showcase & Networking Reception	

Day 2 – Wednesday, September 23, 2026		
9:00 – 10:30 am	Session 7 (Workshop – Practical) Building Evaluation and Research Capacity for Advancing Health Justice Partnerships <i>Co-moderators: Jennifer Stone Executive Director, Neighbourhood Legal Services; Manager, The Health Justice Program & Michele Leering Visiting Scholar, Queen's University Faculty of Law; CPRA Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law</i>	Session 8 (Workshop – Practical) Navigating Referrals in Health Justice Partnerships <i>Moderator: Helen Anderson Director of CLEO Connect at Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO)</i>
	Presenters: Jennifer Stone Executive Director, Neighbourhood Legal Services; Manager, Health Justice Program Lisa Turik Lawyer & Executive Director, Community Advocacy & Legal Centre Dr. Liz Curran Evaluator & Professor of Justice Reform and Legal Innovation, Nottingham Law School, Nottingham University, and Academic Advisor on Health Justice Partnerships for Central England Law Centre	Presenters: Giulia Reinhardt Lawyer & Executive Director, Halton Community Legal Services Dr. Rami Shoucri Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team

	Michele Leering Visiting Scholar, Queen's University Faculty of Law; CPRA Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law Dr. Navindra Persaud Director, St. Michael's Hospital's MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions	 accredited	<i>This program contains 1 hour(s) and 0 minutes of Professionalism Content</i>
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11:00 - 12:15 pm	Session 9 (Plenary) Building Evidence, Legitimacy, & Policy Impact <i>Moderator: Robin Nobleman Income Security Advocacy Centre; University of Toronto Jackman Faculty of Law</i> Presenters: Dr. Mona Loutfy Senior Scientist & Director, Women & HIV Research Program, Women's College Hospital Research & Innovation Institute; Innovation Fellow, Women's College Hospital Institute for Health System Solutions & Virtual Care; Staff Physician, Women's College Hospital; Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto Dr. Samantha Green Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team; Assistant Professor, University of Toronto; President, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment Sandra Ka Hon Chu Lawyer & Co-Executive Director, HIV Legal Network Dr. Vanessa Redditt Family Physician, Crossroads Refugee Clinic (Women's College Hospital); Lecturer, University of Toronto's Department of Community & Family Medicine and Dalla Lana School of Public Health		
12:15 – 1:15 pm	LUNCH – 1 hour		
1:15 – 2:45 pm	Session 10 (Workshop – Practical) Building Academic Health Justice/Medical-Legal Partnerships: Collaborative Models for Interprofessional Education, Advocacy, & Systems Change <i>Co-moderators: Michele Leering Visiting Scholar, Queen's University Faculty of Law; CPRA Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law & Vanessa Gruben University of Ottawa Faculty of Law</i> Presenters:	Session 11 (Workshop – Policy) Ensuring Funding, Sustainability and a Centre of Excellence <i>Moderator: Aidan Johnson Executive Director, Niagara Community Legal Clinic ; Co-chair, Ontario Health-Justice Community of Practice</i> Presenters:	

	Emmanuelle Bernheim Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law; Director, Interdisciplinary Social Rights Clinic Dr. Kathryn Dorman Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team; Clinical Lead, Health Justice Program Dr. Rami Shoucari Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team Tess Sheldon Professor, University of Windsor; Director, Mental Health Justice Clinic (CAMH/Legal Empowerment Council) Yael Cannon Professor of Law & Director, Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic, Georgetown Law, USA	Kirsti McHenry Executive Director, Pro Bono Ontario Nye Thomas Executive Director, Law Commission of Ontario Dr. Zayna Khayat Health Futurist, Teladoc Health Canada; Adjunct Professor & Executive-in-Residence, Health Sector Strategy, University of Toronto Rotman School of Business
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2:45 – 3:15 pm	BREAK – 30 minutes	
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Session 12 (Workshop – Practical) Future Visioning & Next Steps – Frontline Providers	Session 13 (Workshop – Policy) Future Visioning & Next Steps – Policy, Research, & Funding
	<u>Facilitated by:</u> MASS LBP Toronto-based democracy shop and policy impact consultancy	<u>Facilitated by:</u> MASS LBP Toronto-based democracy shop and policy impact consultancy
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Session 14 (Plenary) Where Health Justice Partnerships Go Next in Ontario & Closing Remarks	
	Presenters: Aidan Johnson & Amy Slotek Co-chairs, Ontario Health-Justice Community of Practice	