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Dear Community Partner:

The **Community Education & Access to Police Complaints Demonstration Project** (CEAPC) ¹ is pleased to announce that five workshops have been developed and are currently available for use by front line workers in non-profit organizations. The workshops use a number of engaging and interactive exercises to educate participants about their legal rights and responsibilities, how to interact with police officers, the youth justice act and hate crimes.

The full descriptions of the workshops are:

- **THE POLICE COMPLAINTS PROCESS**

Designed to provide information to community members about the police complaints process, this workshop discusses how to file a complaint, where to file one in a safe and supportive environment that is not a police station, and what happens to a complaint once it is filed.

- **HATE CRIMES**

Distinguishing between discrimination and hate crime, this workshop provides information on how to identify hate crimes and what to do if you or someone you know is a target of a hate.

- **YOUTH CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT/YOUTH RIGHTS**

This workshop is intended to help young people identify and dispel common myths surrounding the Youth Criminal Justice Act and will provide them with information on their legal rights and responsibilities.

- **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED WITH THE LAW**

This workshop is intended to help parents and guardians identify and dispel common myths regarding the Youth Criminal Justice Act, while providing information on their legal rights and responsibilities. It also identifies and discusses ways you can help your child through the system.

¹ The goal of the Community Education & Access to Police Complaints Demonstration Project is to ensure that the police complaints system is accessible and available to the specific needs of community members, as well as providing opportunities for education.

- **IMMIGRANT AND NEWCOMER RIGHTS AND THE POLICE**

This workshop will provide information on legal rights, responsibilities and options that immigrants and newcomers have when stopped, questioned and searched by police officers.

This workshop material has been designed in such a way that service providers with a modest amount of experience delivering workshops and group facilitation can present the material for their clients. CEAPC staff members are also available to deliver the material to pre-arranged groups as requested. These workshops and materials are available for free. To arrange a workshop or to receive a set of the workshop material please contact Lancefield Morgan, Senior Special Projects Developer at (416) 392-0335 ext 223 or lmorgan@scaddingcourt.org

In solidarity,

CEAPC