

PLE Topics

- Aboriginal and Treaty rights
- Band by-laws
- Birth registrations
- Bullying
- The Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Child Welfare Act
- The Court System
- Criminal Law
- Elder Abuse
- Family Law
- Firearms Act
- Hunting and fishing rights
- Indian Act
- Legal Aid Ontario
- NAN Legal Services programs & services
- Roles/Careers - Legal Professions
- Wills & Estates
- Youth Criminal Justice Act

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Public Legal Education (PLE)

“Public Legal Education” is an activity that seeks to provide people with an opportunity to obtain information about the law and justice system.

PLE improves access to justice. It gives people the information needed to:

1. Help them understand the law;
2. Help them know how to deal with legal issues that affect their lives; and,
3. Help them know how to use the opportunities and the protections offered by the legal system.

Our PLE Program

Our **PLE Program** serves the 49 First Nations of Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN).

The goal of the **Public Legal Education** program is to inform and educate the citizens of NAN about the law and Euro-Canadian justice system, and what their rights and obligations are within this legal system.

PLE Program Objectives

- Familiarize citizens of NAN with the law & justice system.
- Keep citizens of NAN informed of new developments & changes in law and policy.
- Engage in “preventive law” by delivering legal education activities.
- Provide legal information in plain language & in a format that is easy to understand.

Delivery of PLE

The **PLE program** works in collaboration with the Community Legal Workers, the Advice Lawyer, and the Legal Aid panel of lawyers to meet the PLE needs of NAN citizens.

PLE activities take many forms and are designed to promote a better understanding of the law and legal system.

PLE services are delivered in a manner sensitive to, and tailored to the unique needs of, NAN communities.

PLE is delivered in the following ways:

- Community visits
- Workshops & presentations
- School presentations
- Career Fairs
- Clinic Days
- Booth displays
- Newsletters
- Website
- Radio show
- Legal resources & materials

Other requests, such as for cross cultural training, may be directed to the **Public Legal Education & Communications Officer**.



Advice Lawyer

An **Advice Lawyer** is available at our Thunder Bay office every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon—1pm to 5pm EST.

For quick legal advice or help with a relatively minor legal problem, call our office and speak to the **Advice Lawyer**.

Clinic Day

A legal **Clinic Day** is when a lawyer is present in the community to answer legal questions that people may have.

Clinic Days provide community members with an opportunity to access legal information and legal assistance, whether or not they have a matter before the courts.

A member of the community can obtain summary advice or brief service from a lawyer, without needing to make an appointment.

How to Access PLE Services

To request PLE services:

1. Contact your **Community Legal Worker**.
2. Contact the **Public Legal Education & Communications Officer**.
3. Talk to **Chief & Council** and ask them to request PLE services for your community.

**Know your
Legal Rights!**

**Know your
Legal Obligations!**