

## COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

**Apprehended domestic violence orders for defendants: free information sessions (NSW), 2011, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)**

<http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/apprehended-domestic-violence-orders-for-defendants-information-sessions>

These free 15 minute information sessions are for defendants in apprehended domestic violence applications at local courts. Sessions will be held on various dates during November and December at local courts in Bankstown, Burwood, Campbelltown, Dubbo, Fairfield, Liverpool, Mt Druitt, Newcastle, Parramatta, Penrith, Wagga Wagga and Wollongong.

**What's the law? Train the trainer workshops (NSW), 2011, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)**

[http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/9605/Whats-the-law-train-the-trainer.pdf](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/9605/Whats-the-law-train-the-trainer.pdf)

These workshops for teachers, tutors and community workers will cover key legal concepts, how to deal with legal questions, making legal referrals and where to find more information. Workshops are designed to assist delivery of the What's the law? education package for newly arrived migrants and will be held at various locations throughout November and December.

## GUIDES TO THE LAW

**Apprehended violence orders (AVOs): information for applicants and persons in need of protection (NSW), 2011, 8p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)**  
<http://acextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/168.pdf>

This brochure is for victims of violence and harassment. It explains what an apprehended violence order (AVO) is, types of AVOs, how to obtain an AVO, what happens in court and the consequences and conditions of an AVO. It is available in English, Arabic, Chinese (Traditional) and Vietnamese.

**Are you having problems with fines? (NSW), Inner City Legal Centre, Redfern Legal Centre, Legal Aid NSW, 2011, 2p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028,**

[publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://acextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/110.pdf>

This pamphlet outlines the fine enforcement (payment) procedures and the options available for dealing with fines in NSW. It is available in English, Arabic, Chinese (Simplified), Dari/Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese.

**Are you having problems with your home mortgage? There are things you can do. (NSW), 2011, 2p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)**

This pamphlet is for people who are having problems with their home mortgage. It provides information on where to get legal advice, how to negotiate payment and lodging an external dispute resolution. It is available in English, Arabic, Chinese (Traditional), Korean, Dari/Farsi, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese.

**Artists in the black (Australia), 2011, [Web site], Arts Law Centre of Australia, Free, 02 9356-2566, <http://www.aitb.com.au/>**

This website is a free legal service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, communities and arts organisations. It provides information on various legal topics including intellectual property, copyright, licensing, moral rights, resale rights, employment issues and wills. It also lists other services available such as telephone legal advice, mediation, referral and advocacy.

**Best for kids (NSW), 2011, [Web page], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au), <http://www.bestforkids.org.au/>**

This website has family law information for parents, families and children. It features four short videos and has links to other resources for separating families.

**Caring for kids: a guide for foster, relative and kinship carers (NSW), 2011, 183p., [Booklet], Department of Family and Community Services, Free, 02 9716 2222, [http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/DOCSWR/\\_assets/main/documents/fostercare\\_guide.pdf](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/DOCSWR/_assets/main/documents/fostercare_guide.pdf)**

This guide provides information on legal issues carers may have to deal with when working in a fostering placement. It contains information on bails, payment of fines, end-of-life decisions, teenage marriage, victims of crime, wills for young people and allegations of abuse. It also lists contact details of publications and organisations that can provide further legal information and assistance.

**Changes to disability support pension (Australia), 2011, 2p., [Factsheet], Welfare Rights Centre, Sydney, Free, 02 9211 5300, [welfarerights@welfarerights.org.au](mailto:welfarerights@welfarerights.org.au) [www.welfarerights.org.au/Factsheets/fsdsp-changes.doc](http://www.welfarerights.org.au/Factsheets/fsdsp-changes.doc)**

This factsheet explains recent and future changes affecting the disability support pension. Changes include a new requirement to have been part of a rehabilitation or support program, new impairment tables, an ongoing residency requirement and a proposal to activity test those under 35 years of age.

**De facto relationships and family law (NSW), 2011, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au) <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/156.pdf>**

This factsheet provides up-to-date information about changes to the law affecting de facto couples, including same-sex relationships. It covers property division, maintenance, financial agreements and the superannuation of people in de facto relationships.

**Discrimination toolkit (NSW), Meredith Osborne, Fiona Pace, Emma Golledge, Nicholas Cruz, Dianne Anagnos and Elizabeth Meyer, 2011, 2nd ed., 196p., [Book], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au) <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/246.pdf>**

This updated toolkit is for people who believe they have been discriminated against and want to do something about it. It includes an introduction to discrimination law, what can be done about discrimination, courts and tribunals, getting help and a glossary of services.



**Drugs, driving and you (NSW), 2011, 8p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au) <http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/81.pdf>**

This pamphlet explains what to do when pleading guilty to a charge of Driving Under the Influence or a Drug charge. It is available in English, Arabic, Chinese and Vietnamese.

**Family safety in Auslan - domestic violence (NSW), 2011, [DVD], The Deaf Society of NSW, Free, 02 9893 8555, [http://www.deafsocietynsw.org.au/domestic\\_violence/](http://www.deafsocietynsw.org.au/domestic_violence/)**

This series of 9 videos provides information on domestic violence including warning signs, effects on children, apprehended violence orders and where to get support. The videos are acted out and presented in Auslan with script written below.

**Fences (NSW), 2011, [Web site], LawAccess, Free, 1300 888 529, [http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/LawAccess/ll\\_lawassist.nsf/pages/lawassist\\_fences](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/LawAccess/ll_lawassist.nsf/pages/lawassist_fences)**

This web site includes information about things to consider when building, fixing or replacing a fence, including information about options if neighbours can't reach agreement. It also provides information for people who have applied to the local court or local land board for fencing orders and has step-by-step guides to preparing for hearings as well as sample forms and instructions. The resources also include a specific section devoted to boundary disputes. Please contact Rita Bhattacharya on (02) 8833 3104 or [Rita\\_Bhattacharya@agd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Rita_Bhattacharya@agd.nsw.gov.au) for questions or feedback on LawAssist.

**Fined out (NSW), Inner City Legal Centre, Redfern Legal Centre, Legal Aid NSW, 2011, 3rd ed., 72p., [Booklet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au) <http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/109.pdf>**

This booklet outlines fine enforcement (payment) procedures and the options for dealing with fines in NSW.

**Hey you mob - got a problem with child support? (NSW Australia), 2011, 6p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au) <http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/379.pdf>**

This brochure explains how Legal Aid NSW can help Aboriginal clients with child support matters.

**IARC information sheets (Australia), 2011, [Factsheet], Immigration Advice and Rights Centre (IARC), Free, 02 9281 1609, <http://www.iarc.asn.au/Information>**

These factsheets provide a step-by-step guide to the visa application and visa review process. Information is also provided on domestic violence provisions and who to contact for additional information and help.

**Income management (Australia), 2011, 3p., [Factsheet], Welfare Rights Centre, Sydney, Free, 02 9211 5300, [welfarerights@welfarerights.org.au](mailto:welfarerights@welfarerights.org.au), <http://www.welfarerights.org.au/Factsheets/fsincomem.doc>**

This factsheet explains what income management is, who it applies to and the exemptions that exist. Income management is when a percentage of a person's social security, Abstudy or family assistance payment is withheld and placed in an income management account for spending on identified priority needs.

**Police powers (NSW), 2011, 20p., [Book], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/146.pdf>**

This pamphlet has been translated into Farsi, Turkish, Korean and Spanish. It explains the powers that police have and the rights and responsibilities of an individual when dealing with police.

**Refugees (Hot topics 77) (Australia NSW), 2011, 32p., [Booklet], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), \$22.00, 02 9273 1558, [liac@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liac@sl.nsw.gov.au)**

This book explains what a refugee is and Australia's refugee and humanitarian programs. It discusses relevant Australian laws, landmark cases, children in immigration detention and refugees and international law.

**Rest assured: a legal guide to wills, estates and funerals (NSW), Rosemary Long and Trudy Coffey, 2011, 5th ed., 128p., [Book], Federation Press, \$29.95, 02 9552 2200, [info@federationpress.com.au](mailto:info@federationpress.com.au)  
<http://www.federationpress.com.au/bookstore/book.asp?isbn=9781862878396>**

This book highlights the procedures that accompany death. It discusses recent changes to the law and explains what to consider when writing a will, how to change a will, how to make a power of attorney, or leave instructions if you are incapacitated, how to plan ahead, how to obtain probate, what to do if there is no will and how to arrange a funeral.

**Self-help guide for women prisoners (NSW), 2011, 2nd ed., 44p., [Booklet], Women in Prison Advocacy Network (WIPAN), Free, 02 8011 0699, [info@wipan.net.au](mailto:info@wipan.net.au)  
[http://www.wipan.net.au/publications/WIPAN%20Self%20Help%20Guide\\_2nd%20Ed\\_Sep2011.pdf](http://www.wipan.net.au/publications/WIPAN%20Self%20Help%20Guide_2nd%20Ed_Sep2011.pdf)**

This updated guide is a self-advocacy tool designed for women prisoners. It addresses commonly encountered issues such as housing, child protection, fines and victims compensation.

**Unpaid fines and work development orders (NSW), 2011, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)**

<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/413.pdf>

This fact sheet provides information about working off fines debt with a Work and Development Order and explains what Legal Aid NSW can do to help.

**Visa cancellation kit (Australia NSW), 2011, 43p., [Booklet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/410.pdf>**

This kit explains what to do if the Department of Immigration and Citizenship is considering cancelling your visa, or has already cancelled your visa, because of a criminal record. It also provides practical assistance in circumstances where a visa is being considered for refusal.

**What happens when your relationship ends? (Australia), 2011, 16p., [Booklet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/377.pdf>**

This booklet assists Aboriginal families in matters such as divorce, property, making arrangements for sharing children and child support.

**What's the law? Australian law for new arrivals (NSW), 2011, [Kit & DVD], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au) <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/Publications/Website/Publications/Details/134>**

This kit contains 10 stories of common legal issues experienced by recently arrived migrants and refugees including the legal system, driving, car accidents, buying a car, police, renting, Centrelink, child protection, family law and family violence. The kit is aimed at ESL teachers and contains a DVD, student activity sheets and teacher notes.

**YDAC: your guide to the Youth Drug and Alcohol Court (NSW), 2011, [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au) <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/229.pdf>**

This pamphlet outlines the function of the Court including eligibility requirements and what happens once someone is accepted into the program. It explains the consequences of not sticking to the program plan and gives contact numbers for Legal Aid, the YDAC Registry, Aboriginal services and the Alcohol and Drug Information Service.

## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

**Are you being squeezed for debt? (NSW), 2011, 2p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)**

This pamphlet will be re-released to include further information on the external dispute resolution process regarding debts.

**Who's who in the local court (NSW), 2011, [Poster], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)**

This updated poster will contain a diagram showing who's who in court and will explain everybody's role. It will also explain what will happen on the day you go to court.

## PAST EDITIONS

Past editions of the newsletter are searchable at <http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/pllsearch> through 'plain language law search', which contains over 920 resources. It is searchable by format (eg DVD, booklet, etc), language, law type and target group.

## ABOUT PLL

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