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Media Advisory

The Family Law Education for Women (FLEW) Campaign launching two new videos in American Sign Language (ASL)

The new FLEW videos provide easy-to-understand and accessible legal information to Deaf women, and will be highlighted September 22, 2016.

The FLEW campaign, managed by METRAC: Action on Violence, is launching two new ASL videos about the law affecting families, on September 22, 2016. The two new videos in ASL were produced in partnership with Springtide Resources, in consultation with members of the Deaf community, and with support from Silent Voice, the Canadian Hearing Society and ARCH Disability Law Centre.

The video topics are:

- Child Custody and Access; and,
- the Victim/Witness Assistant Program (V/WAP), a support service for survivors of intimate partner assault, as they go through the criminal court system.

The Family Law Education for Women (FLEW) campaign provides plain language, accessible legal information to women of diverse backgrounds, about Ontario family law, and other areas of law affecting women at times of family breakdown. “All Ontarians deserve access to resources and support while navigating the legal system, especially at such a difficult time in their lives,” says Tracy MacCharles, Minister Responsible for Women’s Issues and Minister Responsible for Accessibility. “This Family Law Education for Women campaign is vital to improving accessibility for the Deaf community and making Ontario a safer place for women and their families.”

What: Official launch of two new videos in ASL for the Family Law Education for Women (FLEW) Campaign

Who:

- Greeting from the **Hon. Tracy MacCharles**, Minister Responsible for Women’s Issues
- Campaign highlights from Tamar Witelson, Legal Director, METRAC
- Other invited guests

When: September 22, 2016 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Where: Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto

Why: The FLEW Campaign is committed to increasing access to justice for women at times of family breakdown. As part of the FLEW Campaign's mandate to provide easy-to-understand, accessible legal information to women of diverse backgrounds, METRAC in partnership with Springtide Resources is launching two new videos in ASL exploring the topics of child custody and the Victim/Witness Assistant Program, produced in consultation with members from the Deaf community.

This venue is fully accessible and ASL interpretation will be provided. Should you have individual accommodation needs, please let us know.

Please confirm your attendance: Gabrielle Ross-Marquette, Communications Coordinator, METRAC, 416-392-3137, communication@metrac.org.

About METRAC: METRAC: Action on Violence works to end gender-based violence across communities, through education, research, and policy.