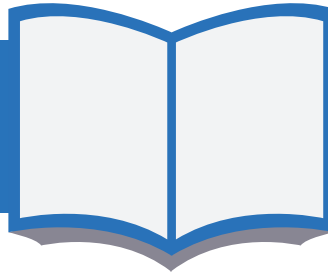




Participant Handouts Scenarios



Scenario 1 Worksheet: Demonstration

Last year, I got in a car accident that left me disabled. It has been rough having to stay at home – I feel like my brain is melting! I've applied to college so that I can get back out into the world and learn things. The college accepted me and offered me an internship that pays \$5,000. It sounds great, but I'm worried I will lose my CPP income if I go back to school.

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Canada Pension Plan disability benefits (CPP)" with the question, "Can I work or go to school if I'm getting CPP disability benefits?"

- Will this person lose her CPP disability benefits if she goes back to school?
- Assuming that she could go to school and keep her CPP income, can she also accept the internship?
- What information could Service Canada ask for if they reconsider her disability status?
- If she loses her CPP disability benefits, can she receive them again later if her disability comes back
- What are the criteria for determining whether your CPP disability benefits can restart?



Scenario 2 Worksheet

I have an ongoing medical condition and I often need to travel out of town to meet with a special psychotherapist. I need to do an intensive therapy program with him which requires us to meet a few times over the course of a week. I want to know if the Ontario Disability Support Program will help me cover the cost of travelling for treatment.

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, “Ontario Disability Support Program” with the question, “Will ODSP help pay my costs when I travel for medical treatment?”

- Will ODSP help for travel costs associated with medical treatment?
- What kind of treatment qualifies for travel costs?
- What are some examples of travelling costs that ODSP will cover?
- When will ODSP pay for your travel outside of Canada?
- How do you apply for ODSP travel costs?



Scenario 3 Worksheet

I work at a hardware store, but I had a back injury last year and I haven't been able to come into work since then. My job keeps calling me to see how I'm doing and to ask about when I can return to work. I don't feel like I'm fully healed, but my doctor thinks I should be able to start working again soon. I'm not sure what I'm supposed to do.

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Workplace injury" with the question, "How do I go back to work after an injury?"

- What factors determine when you can return to work after an injury?
- Does your employer have to offer you a different job while you are injured?
- What is an "accommodation" for returning to work?
- When can an employer refuse to make accommodations for your return to work?
- Who can you talk to if you need advice about returning to work?



Scenario 4 Worksheet

I am the mother of two children and I have a permanent disability. I got divorced last year and I've been struggling financially since then. I haven't heard from my ex-husband since the marriage ended. I have been receiving benefit payments from the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) because of my disability but without his income, it is not enough to live on. Is there any difference in the financial support I can get from ODSP now that I am a sole-support parent?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Ontario Disability Support Program" with the question, "My spouse and I have separated. What will happen when I apply for ODSP income support?"

- When would ODSP grant this person income support as a sole-support parent?
- How much money would they get from ODSP?
- Why might ODSP decide that two people are still a couple?
- How do you prove to ODSP that you are legally separated?
- How do you appeal a decision from ODSP?



Scenario 5 Worksheet

I recently had a catastrophic injury and applied for disability benefits from Canada Pension Plan (CPP). It has been a few months and I have not heard anything yet, and I am getting quite anxious. I wish I knew how the process works. I don't know if I qualify or how long it will take for me to start getting the support that I need.

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, “Canada Pension Plan disability benefits” with the question, “What happens after I send in my application for CPP disability benefits?”

- Where does CPP get the information it uses to decide if you are eligible for disability benefits?
- Why might CPP may contact you after you send in your application?
- How does CPP decide whether a disability is “severe and prolonged”?
- Can you receive CPP benefits to cover the time between when you apply and when you learn if you are eligible?
- Why would CPP stop giving someone benefits?