



The Future of Social Assistance:

The Basic Income Guarantee and The Income Security Roadmap for Change

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Biography

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Jennefer Laidley is Research and Policy Analyst at the Income Security Advocacy Centre. Jennefer has been with ISAC since fall 2007, and works on policy analysis, government relations, community outreach, communications and public education. She has worked on a number of law reform initiatives, on issues like poverty reduction, social assistance reform, equitable access to income supports, medical reviews, income exemptions, and many more. She previously worked for elected officials at all levels of government, and currently serves on the Executive of the ACLCO, the Policy and Research Committee of the ODSP Action Coalition, and the steering committees of Ontario Campaign 2000 and the Low-Income Energy Network. She strongly believes in the power of the legal clinic system to make change through its dual mandate of individual and systemic advocacy.

Presenter:

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Workshop Summary:

The Income Security Roadmap for Change is the first report in 30 years that recommends major investments in and improvements to programs that affect the lives of low-income people in Ontario. This session will review the Roadmap's recommendations for change to social assistance and other income security supports, including those that relate to Indigenous program design and sovereignty. We will then examine how and why the Roadmap is an essential complement to progressive visions for a basic income guarantee. And we'll consider both the political and policy-related viability of paths to reform in future.

Format:

Presentation and discussion.

Learning Outcomes:

After participating in this session, learners will have knowledge of:

- i) The recommendations of the "Income Security: Roadmap for Change" report
- ii) How the Roadmap could and perhaps should intersect with a Basic Income program
- iii) Progressive critiques of Basic Income
- iv) Future possibilities for income security reform