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COLOUR OF POVERTY - COLOUR OF CHANGE  
CHINESE & SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEGAL CLINIC  
COUNCIL OF AGENCIES SERVING SOUTH ASIANS  
ONTARIO COUNCIL OF AGENCIES SERVING IMMIGRANTS and  
SOUTH ASIAN LEGAL CLINIC OF ONTARIO**

**BACKGROUND ON ORGANIZATIONS**

**Colour of Poverty - Colour of Change (COP-COC)** is a community initiative based in the province of Ontario, Canada, which is made up of individuals and organizations working to build community-based capacity to address the growing racialization of poverty and the resulting increased levels of social exclusion and marginalization of racialized communities (both Indigenous Peoples and peoples of colour) across Ontario.

The **Chinese & South East Asian Legal Clinic (CSALC)** – formerly known as the Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic (MTCSALC) – is a Canadian NGO mandated to provide free legal services to low income members of Chinese and Southeast Asian communities in Ontario. Apart from providing legal services, CSALC also engages in systemic advocacy to advance the rights of immigrants, racialized communities and other disadvantaged members of society. CSALC has ECOSOC consultative status at the UN.

**Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA)** CASSA is an umbrella organization that supports and advocates on behalf of existing as well as emerging South Asian agencies, groups, and communities in order to address their diverse and dynamic needs. CASSA's goal is to empower the South Asian Community. CASSA is committed to the elimination of all forms of discrimination from Canadian society.

**OCASI - Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants** is a council of autonomous immigrant and refugee-serving organizations in Ontario and the collective voice of the immigrant and refugee-serving sector in the province. Formed in 1978, OCASI has 220 member organizations across the province of Ontario. OCASI's mission is to achieve equality, access and full participation for immigrants and refugees in every aspect of Canadian life.

**South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO)** is a not-for-profit organization established to enhance access to justice for low-income South Asians in the Greater Toronto area. Since 1999, SALCO has been working to serve the growing needs of South Asians in a culturally and linguistically sensitive manner. As a specialty clinic funded by Legal Aid Ontario, SALCO provides advice, brief services and/or legal representation in various areas of poverty law.

CSALC, CASSA, OCASI and SALCO are founding Steering Committee members of Colour of Poverty - Colour of Change.