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Month	Dates
October 2017	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>
November 2017	November 7 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup>
December 2017	December 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup>
Fall Office Closure Dates	
October 2017	October 9 <sup>th</sup>
November 2017	November 10 <sup>th</sup>
December 2017	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> – January 2 <sup>nd</sup>

Clinics are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at Bridges Family Programs (477 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE, Medicine Hat) from 5:00-7:00pm.

**Volunteer Spotlight**



The Medicine Hat Legal Help Centre is thrilled to celebrate Anna Bara as our Volunteer Spotlight! Anna was born in Red Deer, AB, and spent most of her time in Beaumont, AB (a small town outside of Edmonton). She earned her Bachelor of Commerce degree in Accounting and minored in Business Economics and Law from the University of Alberta in 2011, graduating with distinction. She attended law school at the University of Victoria and received her J.D. in 2015.



In 2014, Anna worked for Stringam Denecky as a summer student and rejoined as a Student-at-Law for the 2015/16 session in Medicine Hat, AB. However, before she started her Articling Program, Anna describes a very full and active schedule including some interesting adventures. She spent the fall semester in Victoria at the University of Victoria before heading off for a six-month exchange program at the University of Utrecht, in Utrecht, Netherlands. She was called to the Bar in September 2016. Anna now works out of Medicine Hat and visits Brooks one day per week. Her primary practice areas include Civil Litigation, Employment, Family & Divorce, and Personal Injury.

Anna began volunteering in 2016 and has been a valuable member of our volunteer roster ever since. In 2017, she quickly became one of our most frequent volunteers. We could not do our work without you Anna, and we thank you for your service!

**Partner Note**



The Medicine Hat Legal Help Centre (MHLHC) is run through a partnership between Calgary Legal Guidance (CLG) and the Bridges Family Programs of Southeastern Alberta (Bridges). While CLG manages client files from a distance, Bridges is the heart and soul that physically facilitates the evening clinic and provides tangible support to our clients. Here is a note from Carolyn Kawan, Bridges staff who hosts the evening clinic, with her thoughts on MHLHC:

“I have been the Administrative Assistant for Medicine Hat Legal Help Centre since its inception several years ago. During this time the Centre has continued to change and grow. I feel that this service is a valuable and much needed program for Southeastern Alberta. Calgary Legal Guidance has amazing and dedicated staff that are fantastic to work with. The website that they created for the Medicine Hat Legal Help Centre is easy to navigate and full of information. Our clinic is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. To eliminate or shorten the waitlist, we increased the number of lawyers from 2 to 3. Unfortunately having 3 lawyers are not always possible.

The Medicine Hat lawyers are compassionate and caring and are involved with so many aspects of our community, making it difficult to ask them to spend more time away from their families. However, it would be wonderful if they could spare a couple of hours to volunteer with the Medicine Hat Legal Help Centre. If each lawyer was able to volunteer, they would probably only need to attend one or two clinics a year.

Clients are very thankful that this service is now available in Medicine Hat. Most clients are happy and satisfied with the advice offered from the lawyers. Some clients are surprised that they will be seeing an actual lawyer. Unfortunately there are times when we have clients reschedule, cancel or not show for their appointment. Various reasons for not attending are bad weather, they forget or just need to reschedule at the last minute. This gives us an opportunity to get to know the volunteer lawyers better. Calgary Legal Guidance is very accommodating and good at juggling client cancellations with the wait list that most people are able see a lawyer.”

**Special Event**



On October 18<sup>th</sup> MHLHC will be present at Project Connect. This event runs from 9:00am-3:00pm at St John’s Presbyterian Church and the Salvation Army Resource Centre. We will be providing Non-government issued Statutory Declaration Identification. This is an ID card that contains an individual’s name, date of birth, photo, and is notarized. This type of identification can be useful for accessing social services, and a variety of other situations. For more information on our Statutory Declaration Identification, or on our participation at Project Connect, please contact [intake@mhlhc.ca](mailto:intake@mhlhc.ca).

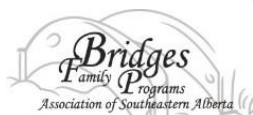
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