

In the name of justice

The staff working in Saskatchewan's 14 Legal Aid offices comprise some of the most experienced legal teams in the province.

Their clients don't wear Gucci shoes or carry Prada handbags. They are poor.

Last year, Legal Aid handled about 80 per cent of all the criminal law cases in the province and more than 5,000 family law cases. The staff also collected \$2.5 million in maintenance award payments, dramatically improving the lives of single parents and their children.

They could help many more Saskatchewan families if the federal and provincial governments gave Legal Aid more resources.

Legal Aid used to help families wrongfully evicted from their homes, refugees struggling with immigration matters or disabled workers trying to get benefits.

Funding cuts have restricted our program to criminal and family law cases and only the poorest of the poor now qualify for assistance.

Urge the federal and provincial governments to improve funding to Legal Aid.

Presented by the unionized staff at Legal Aid, members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1949.