



# MCLAUGHLIN COLLEGE

PROUDLY PRESENTS

"Elimination of Racial Discrimination Week"

## CANADA'S "DREAMERS" NEED IMMIGRATION PROTECTIONS TOO! A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM (CASA)

PRESENTED BY

SARAH POLE & GNANUSHAN KRISHNAPILLAI



Young people brought to Canada as children and yet living in Ontario without immigration status can face significant uncertainty and insecurity. Unlike the US, where 'Dreamers' have legislative protections, the situation for their counterparts in Canada is considerably less well known, understood or supported. These young people face complex and overlapping issues of marginalization, including racism, a lack of financial resources, and difficulties accessing education, healthcare, housing and employment. Social isolation and fear of detention or deportation prevent them from getting the advice and support they need. This workshop will explore the impacts of being 'undocumented' as a young person in a legal, social, and economic context. The Childhood Arrivals Support and Advocacy (CASA) Program will also share strategies for outreaching and supporting youth with precarious or no immigration status and how to amplify migrant and child rights.

**SARAH POLE** (she/her), B.A., LL.B. – Director, Childhood Arrivals Support & Advocacy Program (CASA). Sarah's former roles include Executive Director of the Law in Action Within Schools (LAWS) Program of the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and Osgoode Hall Law School at York University. She has extensive experience in youth justice education and has focused in particular on youth facing personal and systemic barriers to educational success, and on increasing legal sector diversity.

**GNANUSHAN KRISHNAPILLAI** (Na-nu; he/him) – Education & Outreach Manager, Childhood Arrivals Support & Advocacy Program (CASA). Gnanushan is working to develop a robust and multi-faceted support network for youth living in Ontario without immigration status. His background and experience is in public health, youth outreach, and creating safer spaces for children and youth.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND TIME: 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM**

**REGISTRATION**

**<https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrcu6oqz8pE9GMbEFrOkpQOs2rluifBXkE>**