



Community Law School (Sarnia-Lambton) Inc.

## Legal Literacy Activity Form

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Legal Literacy Activity Title: Specialty Criminal Courts: Mental Health Courts

Date Developed: November 14, 2019

Learner Name:

Date Started:

Date Completed:

Legal Literacy Activity Description: The learner will watch the video, "Canada's mental health courts: How they work and why they exist" on YouTube. As well, they will provide their written opinions on issues relating to mental health courts in Canada and discuss them with their tutor.

Materials Required:

Pen and paper

Access to a computer and the internet

Instructor preparation: Read over the learner instructions with the learner and check for understanding.



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**Task# 3:** Please discuss your written opinions under Task # 2 with your tutor.

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**Answers for Legal Literacy Activities:**

**The learner will undertake the following activities. Answers to the questions are provided where applicable.**

**Task # 1:** Mental health courts operate in all parts of Canada as an alternative to traditional criminal courts. This activity introduces you to the unique features of mental health courts. Using an internet search engine (for example, Google), type “Canada’s mental health courts: How they work and why they exist” in the search box. Locate and watch this YouTube video from the CBC.

**Task # 2:** Please provide your opinions through written responses to the following questions.

1. Do you agree certain cases should be sent to mental health courts? Why or why not?
2. Do you believe the mental health court’s requirements (for example, regular drug and alcohol testing, attendance at counselling or support groups and frequent reporting to the judge) recognize the seriousness of the crime? Should there be stronger sentences for these crimes? Why or why not?

As these activities call for the opinions of the learners, the answers will vary.

**Task# 3:** Please discuss your written opinions under Task # 2 with your tutor.

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**These Legal Literacy Activities:** were successfully completed \_\_\_ need to be tried again \_\_\_

**Learner Comments**

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**Instructor (print and signature)**

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**Learner Signature**