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### **Workshop looks at social welfare changes from recipients' perspective**

*Waterloo, Ont. (March 17)* — The proposed changes to Canada's social welfare policy will be discussed from the perspectives of recipients at a workshop at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo on Friday, March 24.

Panelists will be Patrick Johnston, special adviser on social security reform for Human Resources Development Canada, and representatives from Onward Willow (a community centre and program of Better Beginnings, Better Futures) in Guelph and from Greenway Chaplin Community Centre in Cambridge.

The workshop will be the third and final in a series entitled "Social Welfare in Transition: Implications for Policy, Administration, and Practice."

The series has been sponsored by the Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers and Laurier. Its purpose is to assist social work practitioners — from front-line workers to administrators, teachers, community agency staff, clergy, and interested members of the public — to understand the current trends and future directions of social policy and their impact on the practice of social work and the people served.

Following the presentation, there will be a discussion period and a luncheon. The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Paul Martin Centre.

Advance registration, including lunch, is \$49 each. Tickets at the door are \$59 but do not include lunch. To register, call Laurier's office of continuing education at (519) 884-1970 ext. 4606 or 4106.

The first workshop explored the proposed changes from the perspectives of three levels of government. At the second, representatives from four organizations examined the creative opportunities and the structural constraints of existing policy.

Well known for its emphases on clinical and community social work, the faculty of social work at Laurier has 2,056 alumni; currently, there are about 200 master's and 25 doctoral students. The university's Centre for Social Welfare Studies conducts applied social welfare research and focuses on program development, management, and evaluation in social agencies.