

Some Benefits You May be Entitled to, When You Participate in Employment Activities

- Appropriate work wear
- Grooming costs
- Licensing fees, association fees
- Tools and equipment
- Transportation costs
- Actual costs of licensed child care
- Up to \$600/ month for unlicensed child care
- Vocational training costs
- Safety equipment
- Telephone expenses
- Criminal reference checks
- Medical examinations
- Costs associated with obtaining a Pardon

LEAP supports: child care, transportation, school supplies, school clothing, educational trips, graduation fees, tutoring, counselling, fees for recreational activities

\$200 monthly earning exemption, meaning the first \$200 you report in wages per month are exempt. All wages after that are 50% exempt.

After you find employment put in your papers each month because you are still eligible for health benefits for 6 months, as long as you put in your Ontario Works paperwork.

Don't be afraid to report your earnings, you may still qualify for monthly assistance.

Stepping Stones success is measured by your participation in employment and your earnings.



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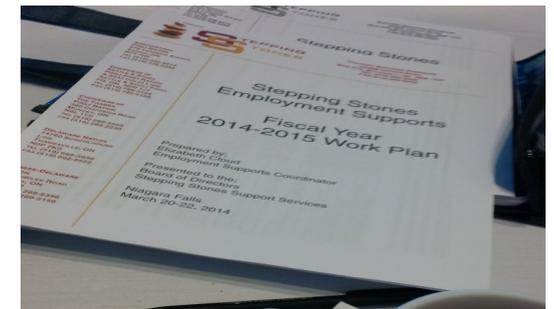
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Ontario Works

Employment and Supports
for
Ontario Works Clients



Ontario Works two (2) programs
Employment Assistance
Employment Activities



As an Ontario Works Client, you

..have access to employment assistance to help you prepare for and find a job.

Ontario Works can give you practical help by working with you to determine what you need to become employed, and helping you develop a plan based on your skills, experience and circumstances.

Here are some examples of the kinds of services we provide to help you;

- workshops on looking for work, resume writing and preparing for an interview
- referrals to job counselling or training programs
- information on who's hiring
- access to basic education
- access to telephones, faxes, computers and job banks

To receive Ontario Works you must sign a **PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**. This agreement sets out the employment assistance activities that you will do to find work and/or improve your skills. The agreement can be updated regularly when you complete tasks or begin new ones.

EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES



Education Programs

To help you finish high school, upgrade your reading, writing and math skills. Choose a program that suits your individual needs.

Job-Specific Skills Training

If you need special training or skills to do a job, we can get you the help you need to develop your skills. Examples of programs are: Food Certification, Smart Serve, Customer Service, Computer Skills and there are many more.

Literacy Screening and Testing

If it's hard for you to get a job because you have trouble with reading, writing or math, we can help you get the education you need.

Learning, Earning and Parenting (LEAP)

If you are a young parent between the ages of 16 and 25, the LEAP program can give you the supports you need to; finish high school, improve your parenting skills and prepare for and find work so you can support your family. You can earn a \$500 bursary for your child's education if you complete all tasks in LEAP.

Community Placement

A placement in a community agency can help you gain valuable experience. You can practice your skills, improve your confidence and get up to date job references and contacts. Placements are volunteer and can be up to a maximum of 70 hours per month. However you may still qualify for clothing, transportation and child care while on your placement.

Employment Placement

When you are ready for a job, we can help you connect with employers and we can work out an employment placement agreement with the potential employer. If you find an employer that you wish to work for, there are employer incentives that are available to employers that hire Ontario Works clients. Employment placements can be up to six months in length. You will qualify for employment supports while you are on an employment placement.

Self Employment

Clients must have a business plan to participate in a self employment initiative.

