

# YOUTH & ONTARIO WORKS

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Hamilton

# OFFICES

- 181 Main St W  
(Career Development Centre)
- 250 Main St. E
- 1550 Upper James
- 2255 Barton St. E



Child Minding at the Career  
Development Centre.



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# PARTICIPANT SERVICE PATH

- Initial contact with Intake Unit  
(905-546-4800)
- Application appointment with a Case  
Manager
- Subsequent referrals (in-house and  
community agencies)



# SERVICE DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

- Basic needs and shelter
- Mandatory/Discretionary benefits
- Emergency Assistance

## EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:

- Assists participants to secure and maintain employment



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Resides in the geographical area in which they are applying for assistance
- Must not be younger than 16 years old (unless applying for a dependent child)
- If under 18, meet the youth criteria
- If under 18 with dependents, must participate in LEAP (Learning, Earning and Parenting)
- Income and assets cannot exceed legislated limits
- Must be a resident of Ontario and legally entitled to reside in Canada permanently



# YOUTH CRITERIA (UNDER 18)

Youth will be appointed a trustee from the Good Shepherd Youth Trustee Program.

Each youth must provide verification of:

- Appropriate living arrangements
- A responsible adult willing to maintain contact with the youth
- Full time attendance at an approved school or training program
- Existence of special circumstances



# SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

May include:

- Physical, emotional or sexual abuse
- Irreconcilable differences where the parents have withdrawn support
- Parents inability to provide adequate care and support
- There is no familial home or financial support available



# YOUTH PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

- Youth applicants must attend school or an approved training program fulltime
- Cannot have more than 5 unjustified absences per term
- Monthly attendance is required to confirm attendance (due on the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month)
- During summer months, can attend summer school or participate in youth employment programs
- If under 18 with dependents and has not completed high school, must participate in the Learning, Earning and Parenting (LEAP) program



# LEARNING, EARNING, AND PARENTING (LEAP)

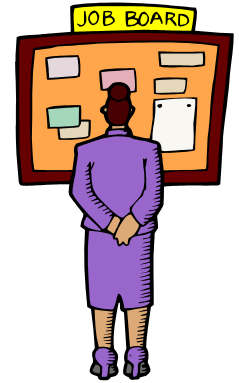
A program that is available to parents aged 16-25 who have not completed high school. It is mandatory for those 16-17 years old.

LEAP workers will outline activities to be completed as part of the three elements of LEAP: learning, earning and parenting.

LEAP participants are provided with supports to cover expenses associated with participation in the LEAP program.



# PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT



- It is “participant centered” and is a progressive document which will develop over time as the skills, need and circumstances of the participant changes
- Two service paths exist for OW participants:
  1. Case Manager = full time education, restricted/deferred
  2. Employment Development Counsellor = employment ready



# BUDGET CALCULATION



# BASIC NEEDS

Basic Needs (legislated maximum)				
Dependants (not a spouse)	18 & over	17 & under	Single Participant	Couple
0	0	0	224	443
1	0	1	344	443
	1	0	554	581
2	0	2	344	443
	1	1	554	581
	2	0	692	735
3	0	3	344	443
	1	2	554	581
	2	1	692	735
	3	0	847	890
each add. Dep.	155	0		



# SHELTER

FAMILY SIZE	SHELTER MAXIMUM
1	368.00
2	578.00
3	627.00
4	681.00
5	734.00
6 and more	761.00



# EARNINGS DEDUCTIONS

## YOUTH (16 & 17):

- Income from employment or a training program is exempt from being deducted
- Once the youth has turned 18, net earnings are deducted at 50%



## OVER 18:

- Income from employment or a training program is deducted at 100% for the first three consecutive months on OW
- Deducted at 50% thereafter



# MANDATORY BENEFITS

- Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit (CSUMB)
- Prescription Drug Card
- Dental and Vision Care
- Medical Travel and Transportation
- Transition Child Benefit (for those not in receipt of full Ontario Child Benefit)
- Special Diet
- Employment Supports



# EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

- Job Developers
- Helping Hands
- In-House Workshops
- Community Placement
- Individual Employment Counseling
- Resource Centre (available to general public)



# EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- Full Time Employment Benefit (FTEB)
- Other Employment and Employment Assistance Activities Benefit (OEEAAB)
- Employment Related Expenses (ERE)
- Up Front Child care
- Extended Health Benefits (EHB)
- Extended Employment Health Benefits (EEHB)
- Other Employment Benefits



# QUESTIONS?????

