



Ontario Seeks New Proposals for the next Phase of the Employment and Modernization Fund

In March, Minister Jaczek announced that the Ministry of Community and Social Services would continue to provide funding to support the Developmental Services Employment and Modernization Fund for a third phase.

In October, the third phase for proposals for projects was launched.

The Fund works to promote greater inclusion and independence for adults with developmental disabilities by funding projects put forward by developmental service agencies that fall under two major themes:

- **Employment:** Projects that assist with the shift toward competitive employment for people with developmental disabilities, and initiatives that enable people to pursue real work for real pay.
- **Modernization:** Projects that promote collaboration and new delivery models within the developmental services sector, and that build linkages with other sectors, in order to make services and supports more person-centred and responsive to the needs of individuals and families.

The ministry has had many successful projects in Phase I and Phase II, several of which have been profiled in previous editions of DS Spotlight. The intention is to, wherever possible, expand and replicate innovative concepts at other developmental service agencies across the province.

To date, the province has invested \$15 million in 76 creative proposals and by creating a Phase III, hopes the fund will encourage new projects that can further support adults with developmental disabilities.

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Projects must start on or after April 1, 2018 and be completed by March 31, 2020.

All applications must be received by regional offices by December 12, 2017.

For complete information on how to submit your application to the EMF Phase III, please visit our website.



The Employment and Modernization Fund helps further our goal of providing greater flexibility, choice and inclusion in the services that we offer to adults with developmental disabilities. We want individuals with developmental disabilities to be empowered and be able to access services and supports that are right for them and we're pleased to enable that through EMF Phase III."

— The Honourable
Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of
Community and Social Services

MCSS, MOHLTC Release New Guidelines to Support Adults with a Developmental Disability when Applying to, Moving into and Residing in a Long-Term Care Home

The Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS), together with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), have released the Guidelines for Supporting Adults with a Developmental Disability When Applying to, Moving Into and Residing in a Long-Term Care Home.

The guidelines will assist individuals when applying for, transitioning into and living in a long-term care home by improving knowledge, planning and service coordination between the developmental services and the Long-

Term Care home sectors. They will also support individuals and their families who might be considering a Long-Term Care Home as a possible residential option.

The new guidelines, which incorporate advice and feedback received during consultations, aim to:

- Reinforce that LTC homes are residents' homes and their rights must be respected;
- Provide information to inform decision making and outline roles, responsibilities of the individual and service providers, and about the application process in both the developmental services and LTC home sectors;
- Emphasize the importance of planning, choice and consent as well as an integrated and coordinated approach to service and care within and between the developmental services and LTC home sectors;
- Clarify that eligible adults with developmental disabilities who choose to live in a LTC home will receive MCSS-funded developmental services and supports, as applicable; and
- Outline the discharge process from a LTC home. ■



Amalgamation of Community Living Agencies to Improve Service Delivery in Haliburton County, Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough County

Grand opening celebrations of the new Community Living Trent Highlands in Lindsay were held on October 5th to mark the amalgamation of Community Living Kawartha Lakes, Community Living Haliburton County and Community Living Peterborough.

The three agencies have come together to coordinate resources, expertise and leadership to better deliver services to adults with developmental disabilities and their families across this the region.

In 2014/15, Ontario provided Community Living Kawartha Lakes with an investment of \$174,500 through the Employment and Modernization Fund, to conduct a feasibility study to explore integration and collaboration between three community agencies.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services encourages agencies to find more collaborative solutions, such as partnerships like this one, in order to promote higher quality services and enhanced supports for adults with developmental disabilities.



Board Co-President Wayne Eastabrook, Minister Dr. Helena Jaczek, Executive Director, Teresa Jordan and Board Co-President, Jennifer Moore at the grand opening of Community Living Trent Highlands.

Community Living Trent Highlands offers a wide range of supports for people with developmental disabilities. This includes connecting people to vital health and social services, and enabling them to stay active and engaged with family, friends and their community through a range of individualized programming.

The ministry wishes Community Living Trent Highlands all the best as they continue with their mission to inspire respect and equality for people with developmental disabilities. ■

“ We are pleased to have the support of the Ontario Government as we bring together resources, expertise, leadership and community development strength to create Community Living Trent Highlands. We are all so excited to launch the new agency created firmly in the foundations offered by the work done in the three communities. This will be a celebration of a vision being realized and a new beginning.”

— Teresa Jordan, Executive Director,
Community Living Trent Highlands

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley Creating Greater Independence Through Housing Projects in Pembroke

Minister Jaczek visited Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley (CLUOV) in Pembroke on October 12th.

Minister Jaczek toured the agency and learned more about some of their housing projects, including their Valley Housing project, which

is funded by the ministry through Phase II of the Developmental Services Employment Modernization Fund.

The initiative will support more inclusive living accommodations for nine people with developmental disabilities in Pembroke.

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Minister Dr. Helena Jaczek speaks with Kirby Adams, Noreen Adams, Kirby's mother, and Tricia Kettleman, an employee at Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley.

Specifically, the project has:

- Assisted three seniors to live in a newly constructed integrated community senior residential site, which is inclusive and provides many supports to residents;
- Supported three people in their move from agency housing to a newly renovated inclusive building in Pembroke; and
- Provided housing for three individuals in a newly built, barrier free, accessible triplex, using the **intentional neighbour concept** for overnight support.

On October 18th Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley was also presented with a 2017 Award of Excellence by The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Council on Quality and Leadership is an international organization that is dedicated to the improvement of personal quality of life. The Award of Excellence is presented once a year to an organization that exemplifies improving the quality of life for individuals in the community and

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley is the first organisation in Canada to ever receive this award.

Congratulations to Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley for continuing to make adults with a developmental disability feel empowered to live as independently as possible and flourish in a community of their choice.

For more information on [Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley](#), visit their website. ■

Celebrating Recipients of the 2017 Developmental Services Research Grant Fund

The Developmental Services Research Grant Fund was established in 2012 by the Ministry of Community and Social Services as a way of enhancing research capacity across the developmental services sector that helps inform policy making. In total, the 2017 DS Research Grant will provide \$400,000 per year over two years for research that supports the priority research areas. Congratulations to the following 2017 recipients. The ministry hopes the results will provide new insights that will positively change the developmental services sector:

Priority Area	Recipient(s)	Title	Grant
Support models	Dany Lussier-Desrochers Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières	Access in the residential environment by persons with an intellectual disability: digital solutions at their fingertips!	\$119,631
Support models	Karen Chartier Lake Ridge Community Support Services	Effects of Behaviour Support Plans based on the MCSS Quality Assurance Measures and Support and Living Arrangement Variables on the Challenging Behaviour of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities	\$99,632
Support models	Robert Balogh University of Ontario Institute of Technology	Key elements of successful housing for individuals with developmental disabilities and exceptional behavioural needs: Useful space designs and supportive residential models	\$88,746
Criminal justice	Ron Hoffman & Lynn Martin Nipissing University & Lakehead University	Promoting early identification of adults with developmental disabilities in contact with police	\$52,500
Criminal justice	Yona Lunsky Centre for Addiction and Mental Health	Developmental disabilities in Ontario's criminal justice system: using data to tell the story	\$182,036

To receive more information about the DS Research Grants, please contact REU@ontario.ca.

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We were thrilled to hear of our successful application for continued funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Funds from the Developmental Services Research Grant will make it possible for our team of agency partners, clinicians and scientists to conduct research that addresses Government of Ontario priorities. Specifically, this funding opportunity makes it possible for researchers in Ontario to conduct policy and service relevant research for the benefit of persons with developmental disabilities and their families.“

— Dr. Robert Balogh, University of Ontario Institute of Technology

“It is a great opportunity to be able to do research that matters with our partners on the ground that can inform DS policy and practice. Targeted calls like this one allow us to get creative and to think about new people we can bring to the table with different types of expertise, in a way that ultimately can improve the lives of those with developmental disabilities and their families.”

— Dr. Yona Lunsky,
Centre for Addiction
and Mental Health



**Recipients of the 2017
Developmental Services
Research Grant Fund
gathered at Toronto Central
Grosvenor YMCA**



Ontario Expands Its Support for the City of Toronto's Bridges to Housing Demonstration Project

On November 1st Ontario announced it was expanding support to the Bridges to Housing project.

The City of Toronto's Bridges to Housing project provides critical residential and mental health supports to homeless adults with developmental disabilities through supportive,

individualized housing solutions. The province is providing \$730,000 in continued support for the creative project.

Ontario has supported Bridges to Housing since 2015, as part of an investment recommended by the Developmental Services Housing Task Force.

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Minister Jaczek met with Dr. Sylvain Roy and the Bridges to Housing team at the Ontario Legislature

The Task Force is a cross-sector group assigned to assist the Ministry of Community and Social Services with addressing housing opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

Minister Jaczek was pleased to meet with partners and stakeholders to share the good news.

Dr. Sylvain Roy, Clinical Lead for the Bridges to Housing project, was in attendance and welcomed the investment.

“The Bridges to Housing project connects cross sectoral partners to better understand and support adults with developmental disabilities experiencing homelessness to develop a robust and effective

pathway to diagnosis and care,” said Dr. Roy. “Our experience with the project has shown that rapid access to primary care, case management, housing and mental health supports not only improved housing and health outcomes, it has saved lives,” he concluded.

In closing his remarks, Dr. Roy expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Bridges to Housing team, with gratitude to the province for its continued support.

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