

## **Ontario Resources for Persons with Disabilities**

**Source:** Ontario WorkinfoNet, [www.onwin.ca](http://www.onwin.ca)

[#1] **Access Checklist - DisAbled Women's Network Ontario (DAWN Ontario)**

Use these guidelines to ensure that your building or event is accessible to people with **disabilities**.

[#2] **Adaptive Technology Resource Centre (ATRC) - University of Toronto**

Dedicated to ensuring that the design of emerging information technology is inclusive of people with **disabilities**. ATRC provides information on assistive technology that helps individuals achieve their personal goals and makes education accessible.

[#3] **Assistive Devices Program (ADP) - Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care**

Provides information on financial assistance for Ontario residents with long-term physical **disabilities** to obtain assistive devices essential for independent living.

[#4] **Business Takes Action (BTA)**

BTA is a Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) initiative. Their mandate is to provide the tools and resources to employers in removing the physical and attitudinal barriers associated with hiring persons with **disabilities**.

[#5] **Centre for Student Development - McMaster University (Hamilton)**

Services to students on campus -- personal concerns; students with **disabilities**; academic performance; personal development; peer helpers and volunteers.

[#6] **Centre for Students with Disabilities - Algonquin College**

The Centre provides guidance in developing education support services to students with **disabilities**, to help students become independent learners in the College environment.

[#7] **Community Living Ontario**

Supports individuals with intellectual **disabilities** live, learn, work and participate in all aspects of living in the community. They also help families and the community to provide a welcoming and supportive environment.

[#8] **COSTI Immigrant Services - Greater Toronto Area (GTA)**

Education and social service agency serving newcomers to Canada. In the Toronto area, COSTI operates five employment and training centres, six ESL training centres, a centre for Foreign Trained Professional and Tradespeople, a Rehabilitation Centre for people with **disabilities** and a Family Counselling Centre. Immigrant settlement services.

[#9] **Counselling & Disability Services - York University**

They provide a range of services, including personal counselling, group development workshops, learning skills training, support and academic accommodation for students with learning, mental health, physical, sensory and medical **disabilities**.

[#10] **Disabilities Flyers - YMCA Employment Services Information Warehouse (Toronto)**

Downloadable information flyers (PDF files) on Toronto resources for people with **disabilities**.

[#11] **Disability Services - Fanshawe College**

Students with **disabilities** can access counselling, assessment, and academic assistance.

[#12] **DisAbled Women's Network Ontario**

DAWN Ontario advocates for inclusion and equality for women with **disabilities** in Ontario. Links to web sites of Ontario disability organizations.

[#13] **Employment Services - Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario**

CPA Ontario offers employment services for persons with **disabilities**, including career counselling, employment mentoring, assistive technology, job search, job placement, and employment supports. Employers are offered qualified applicants and on-site support in accommodating employees with **disabilities**.

[#14] **LinkUp Employment Services (Toronto)**

At its centre in downtown Toronto, LinkUp helps persons with **disabilities** find jobs through many cross-disability programs: assessment of skills and abilities; employment consultants to help with job searching; workshops and seminars; presentations by businesses. Assessment of training needs and eligibility for grants.

[#15] **Literacy and Basic Skills - Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities**

Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) Program; Literacy for Adults with Developmental **Disabilities**; Literacy Profile of Immigrants.

[#16] **Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) - Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services**  
Income support and employment support for people with **disabilities** in financial need.

[#17] **Ontario March of Dimes (OMOD)**  
Helps Ontarians with physical **disabilities** participate more fully in community life. Employment programs focus on vocational assessment, skills training, supportive employment and job placement services.

[#18] **PATH Employment Services (Hamilton)**  
PATH is a Hamilton employment agency for people with **disabilities**. Job Find Club.

[#19] **Project ADVANCE - Learning Disability Services - York University (Toronto)**  
A six-week summer program to prepare high school students with specific learning **disabilities** for the challenges of university. Students learn about: academic strategies; study and life skills; adaptive technologies; availability of campus support; and more.

[#20] **Services for Students with disABILITIES (SSWD) - Brock University**  
Find out about on-campus services for physically or learning disabled students. Services include note taking, exam accommodation and advocacy.

[#21] **Services for Students with Disabilities - Student Development Centre (SDC) - University of Western Ontario (UWO)**  
A variety of services are available to assist students with **disabilities** in adjusting to the university environment.

[#22] **Special Olympics Ontario Kitchener-Waterloo**  
A completely volunteer driven organization that provides year-round opportunities in sports training and athlete competition for children and adults with intellectual **disabilities**.

[#23] **Volunteering - Ontario March of Dimes**  
Discover the benefits of volunteering with this organization that is dedicated to creating a society inclusive of people with physical **disabilities**.

[#24] **WORKink Ontario - The Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work**  
Explore resources, tools and articles relevant to Ontario job seekers with **disabilities**.

[#25] **YMCA Employment Services Information Warehouse (ESIW) - Toronto**  
ESIW collects and provides information about employment services available in the Toronto North area. Topics include: job finding clubs; wage subsidy; foreign-trained professionals; newcomers; experienced workers; persons with **disabilities**; and more.

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## CANADA-WIDE RESOURCES

### [Best Practices in the Home-Based Employment of People with Disabilities](#)

This handbook, from the Canadian Centre on Disability Studies, provides guidelines for the planning, implementation and maintenance of successful home-based telework arrangements. Find suggestions for workers, employers, and organizations.

### [Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres \(CAILC\)](#)

Located across Canada, Independent Living Centres (ILC) offer peer support, skills development, and an employment program designed to empower people with **disabilities** to live independently.

### [Canadian Association of Professionals with Disabilities](#)

This non-profit association is dedicated to maximizing workforce and community participation and inclusion of professionals with **disabilities**. They support all professionals regardless of their employment status, profession, or specialty.

### [Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work \(CCRW\)](#)

This network promotes meaningful and equitable employment of people with **disabilities**. Job accommodation services (JAS), training, and consultation are among the services provided to people with **disabilities** and potential employers.

### [Canadian Society for Social Development \(CSSD\)](#)

CSSD's mandate is to provide employment and skills training to persons facing barriers to employment. They offer Canadians with **disabilities** free online courses, including: Internet Business Development for Entrepreneurs with **Disabilities** (IBDE), a 6-month web design course; and Business Abilities, a website with all the tools you need to start your business.

### [Creating a Welcoming Workplace for Employees with Disabilities - Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat](#)

This guide recommends some ways to include persons with **disabilities** in the work environment, to make them feel welcomed as contributing members of the team.

### [DisabilityAwards.ca](#)

The National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS) provides this list of grants, scholarships and funding programs for students with **disabilities**.

### [Easter Seals Ontario](#)

Easter Seals Ontario is a registered Canadian charity providing programs and services to children and youth with physical **disabilities**, including: financial assistance for Mobility equipment and communication devices, fully accessible summer camp, funding for participation in other recreational programs, post-secondary education scholarships, parent resources information and public education and awareness.

### [Easter Seals Ontario Post-Secondary Scholarships](#)

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### [EdLink - National Educational Association of Disabled Students \(NEADS\)](#)

Learn about the services available to students with **disabilities** and special needs at universities and colleges across Canada.

### [Madentec Ltd.](#)

Learn about the assistive technology available for people with physical **disabilities**. Products provide solutions for computer access and control, as well as aids for daily living.

### [Office for Disability Issues - Human Resources and Skills Development Canada \(HRSDC\)](#)

Find information on disability issues and related programs, services, and activities. Information is available for job seekers with **disabilities** and employers.

### [On My Own: A Resource Guide to Living Independently](#)

Designed to assist young people with **disabilities** in their transition to living independently, this book covers everything from finding a place to live to finding employment. (Fees apply)

### [Persons with \*\*Disabilities\*\* Online - Government of Canada](#)

Find information and services related to employment, education, financial supports, human rights and other areas of interest to persons with **disabilities**.

### [Tapping the Talents of People with \*\*Disabilities\*\*](#)

This report of interest to all employers, was produced by the Conference Board of Canada and is available in pdf format.

### [WORKink](#)

This virtual employment resource centre contains labour market and career information, online counselling services, job postings, resume database and other services of interest to people with **disabilities**, employers and career practitioners.