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Housing & Finance Resources in Windsor-Essex

Central Housing Registry, Housing Benefits

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The Central Housing Registry – Windsor Essex County (CHR) maintains a waiting list of applicants for all subsidized and rent-gearred- to-income housing in Windsor and Essex County.

There are over 39 landlords in Windsor and Essex County who provide subsidized or rent-gearred-to-income housing, including Windsor Essex CHC. Instead of filling out an application for each landlord, an applicant completes one application to apply for subsidized housing in Windsor Essex.

CHR reviews the application and determines whether an applicant is eligible for subsidized housing. An applicant who is eligible will be added to the waiting list.

City of Windsor, Social & Community Housing

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The available social housing and rent subsidies are designed to help make housing more affordable for you.

Social Housing refers to rental housing developed with the assistance of government and subsidized by Municipal and Federal government for people with low to moderate incomes; seniors; or people with special needs who can live, with supports, in the community.

Subsidies are provided to private landlords and independent Non-Profit Housing Corporations (known as housing Providers) who manage the day-to-day activities of the housing developments in the Windsor-Essex County service area, under five distinctive programs:

- Public Housing
- Non-Profit/Cooperative Programs
- Federal Programs
- Rent Supplement
- Aboriginal (Urban Native)

City of Windsor, Rent Supplement/Housing Allowance Programs

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- Rent-Gearred-to-Income (RGI) housing units are located in privately owned rental housing and Non-Profit and Cooperative projects.
- Rent Supplement/Housing Allowance subsidies may be paid directly to the landlord or tenant depending on the program.
- You may apply for a rent supplement and other subsidized housing units at the Central Housing Registry

Please seek assistance for eligibility criteria, or visit:

<https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/housing/Social-Housing/Pages/Who-Is-Eligible.aspx>

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Community Services Coordination Network (CSCN), Passport Funding	
309-3200 Deziel Drive. Windsor, ON N8W 5K8	(519) 945-3797
<p>Passport is a program that helps adults with a developmental disability to participate in their communities, and helps caregivers take a break from their caregiving responsibilities.</p> <p>Passport funding can be used for education, employment, volunteer activities, daily life, person-directed planning, administration & brokerage as well as caregiver respite.</p> <p>Access to adult developmental services and supports that are funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (including but not limited to the Passport Program) is provided through a Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) agency.</p> <p>Any adult who is eligible for developmental services and supports funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services may apply to receive funding through the Passport Program.</p> <p>Interested individuals must contact the Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) agency in their community to request these services. Once an individual's eligibility has been confirmed and they have completed the Development Services Application Package, their information will be transferred to the local Passport Agency.</p>	

Developmental Services Ontario (DSO), Housing Navigator		
Al Hendry	alhendry@dsoswr.ca	1-855-437-6797
<p>Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) funds community agencies who provide supportive housing options to people with developmental disabilities. Learning more about these residential services and supports can help you find a home that works for your needs.</p> <p>A DSO housing navigator in your area can help you understand your housing options by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing you with resources and organizations that can help you create a housing plan; • providing you with a toolkit of resources to help with a housing plan; • connecting you with family support networks to share information; • supporting innovative approaches and planning for housing, beyond the traditional models available 		

Family Services Windsor-Essex, Avenues Program	
info@fswe.ca	1-888-939-1831
<p>Flexible supports for people's lives. Through our Avenues Program, we provide personalized human resource and financial support for people with individualized or Passport funding. Our qualified staff help adults with developmental disabilities recruit, hire and maintain independent contractors and employees. Please note: there are fees for our Avenue Program, please see below for details.</p> <p>How does it work?</p> <p>The Avenues Program helps Adults with Developmental Disabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgeting – Helping you decide how to best use Individualized or Passport Funding. • Finances – Direct payment of your bills to other services and agency supports. Reimbursement of invoiced expenses. • Staffing – Support with recruiting, training, monitoring your independent contractors/employees. Support with administering their contracts and annual reviews. • Liaison – Linking you to the wider community. <p>For eligibility criteria visit: https://fswe.ca/support-services/</p>	

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My Home My Choice Initiative, Windsor-Essex Family Network	
info@windsorsexfamnet.ca	(519) 974-1008
<p>Since 2010, Windsor-Essex Family Network and partners have been inspiring people and families about what it means to have an affordable home to call one's own... one that offers security, stability and sustainability in an inclusive society.</p> <p>For the purposes of the My Home, My Choice initiative in Windsor and Essex County, a home includes the type of home-setting that any person might choose.</p> <p>This could be about renting or owning. It could mean living in a stand-alone house, secondary suits, townhouse, apartment, condominium, or housing co-op. It could be choosing to live alone, with a friend, beside or with your family. It could be about renovating within the family home, or creating private space beside the family home. There are many options for home living to consider, and many different ways to prepare for living on one's own someday.</p> <p>For resources and documents to help you think about various home options as well as strategies other families have used for safety and making things easier, please visit:</p> <p>https://windsorsexfamnet.ca/my-home-my-choice-initiative/</p>	

Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Income Supports	
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<p>The Ontario Disability Support Program Income Support helps people with disabilities who are in financial need pay for living expenses, like food and housing.</p> <p>To qualify for ODSP income support, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be at least 18 years old • be an Ontario resident • be in financial need and • meet the program's definition of a person with a disability. <p>You are considered to be in financial need if the costs of your household's basic living expenses are more than your household's income and assets (as determined by your ODSP caseworker).</p>	

Windsor-Essex Brokerage for Personal Supports, Youth Transition Planning		
<i>Domenic D'Amore</i>	domenic@webps.ca	(519) 966-8094
<p>Young people who are 13-18 years old and live with a developmental disability can meet with an independent facilitator to help plan for their life after high school.</p> <p>There are many questions that teenagers are asked as they prepare to move from high school to adulthood. An independent facilitator can help young people and their families to start to think and make choices about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What to do after high school (work, post-secondary education, volunteering) • What resources and supports are available to you (community connections, customization of support options, etc.) • <i>Where you want to live when you are an adult</i> • How you want to be part of and give back to your neighbourhood and community • Who you trust and want to be in your life 		