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Technology Resources in Windsor-Essex

Enabling Technology

www.enablingtech.ca

A free online resource showcasing tech products for people, families, friends and supporters.

The idea for EnablingTech.ca came as we sought to support people who wanted more independence. We know that people can live with more control over their lives and surroundings when they are empowered by technology; this is true for all of us.

As we tried to think about ways to connect people with the right technology, it occurred to us that there was no resource for people, families, and supporters that really attempted to present solutions through a lens that prioritized people with developmental disabilities (and certainly no resource that was not selling any products). So an idea was hatched, partnerships were formed, and a free community resource was **started**.

Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County (LDAwe), Assistive Technology Refresher

programs@LDAwe.ca

(519) 252-7889 ext. 102

These courses have been designed for students with learning disabilities who have received assistive technology training at school. This course will review assistive technology concepts and help students with helping students utilize these tools when completing schoolwork.

In order to participate, you must have received AT training at school.

There is a \$50.00 cost associated with this course.

Course available for laptop, iPad and Chromebook.

Laptop: Delivered using Microsoft Teams

iPad: Delivered using Zoom

Chromebook: Delivered using Google Meet

Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County (LDAwe), Tech 101 – Digital Literacy

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This program has been designed to help students with learning disabilities and ADHD up to Grade 9 about the powerful use of computers. Students should select the course based on the technology they are using to complete schoolwork. This program will be delivered virtually using Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, or Zoom. Tech 101 is available in three formats: Laptops, Chromebooks, and iPads.

There is a \$50.00 cost associated with this course.

Laptops: This course will focus on keyboarding, file management & organization, using a digital calendar, researching effectively using the internet, Microsoft 260 and smart social media use.

Chromebook: This course will focus on keyboarding, file management & organization, using a digital calendar, researching effectively using the internet, Google apps for education, and smart social media use.

iPad: this course will focus on keyboarding, file management & organization, using a digital calendar, researching effectively using the internet, Google apps for education, and smart social media use

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Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Coverage for Assistive Devices

(519) 254-1651

If you are receiving Ontario Disability Support Program Income Support, you are eligible for the Assistive Devices Program under the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The Assistive Devices Program generally pays for up to 75% of the cost of approved assistive devices. In some cases, the Assistive Devices Program pays a fixed amount for a device or provides grants directly to a person for supplies. The Ontario Disability Support Program can help with some of the costs that are not covered by the Assistive Devices Program.

Here are some categories of assistive devices:

- mobility devices, such as wheeled walkers and wheelchairs
- visual aids, such as magnifiers
- hearing aids
- orthotic or prosthetic devices
- speech devices, such as teletypewriters
- certain medical supplies, such as ostomy supplies
- respiratory devices.

The Assistive Devices Program sets out what assistive devices are covered and the maximum amount of coverage. To get Assistive Devices Program funding, you need to get approval first from a physician or qualified professional who is registered with the Assistive Devices Program. Usually, the physician or qualified professional also assesses your needs and prescribes the device or supplies.

The Assistive Devices Program will not reimburse you for devices you buy before getting approval.

The Assistive Devices Program does not cover the assessment fee for assistive devices. However, the Ontario Disability Support Program may cover the assessment fee, if there is no other source of funding available.

For the Ontario Disability Support Program to cover the assessment fee you need to get:

- approval by the Assistive Devices Program **before** buying an assistive device, and
- pre-approval from your local Ontario Disability Support Program office for all assessment fees over \$500.

The Assistive Devices Program generally does not provide funding for batteries or repairs. The Ontario Disability Support Program can help with the cost of batteries or repairs for hearing aids and mobility devices, like an electric wheelchair.