Windsor-Essex Brokerage for Personal Supports

Contributions. Citizenship. Freedom

Windsor Essex Brokerage for Personal Supports is built on the belief that individuals and families need good information to make good decisions.

What is Windsor Essex Brokerage for Personal Supports?

Windsor Essex Brokerage for Personal Supports (Brokerage) is a non-profit organization. We receive annual funding from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to provide **independent facilitation**. We use the word independent because we work solely for you and your family. We do not have any direct support often provided through other service organizations.

What is Independent Facilitation?

Independent facilitation is an ongoing relationship that is designed to assist people with disabilities over time as they work to create change in their lives. Through conversations, a plan for your life can be developed based upon what you want now *and* in the future.

The people who provide independent facilitation are called **independent facilitators**. Independent facilitators are similar to a coach or a guide. A facilitator will work alongside you and your family/trusted friends on a timeline that works for everyone! This could refer to how often and when we meet. Independent facilitators are free to meet during the day, in the evenings, or on weekends. Your independent facilitator will meet with you and your family, friends, and loved ones that you want to be with you.

Sometimes it can take a long time to figure out what we want in life. To get started, we will meet about what is happening in your life and what changes you would like to make. We will also focus on what you are good at, what you like and dislike, and what support you need to have a full life in your neighbourhood and community. We will give you ideas and information that are custom to the life you want to live. We can also assist you with **brokering** agreements for services. This means we will work with you and the support providers of your choice to review options and choose the services and supports you want and need.

Some of the things you could talk about with your facilitator are:

- Graduating from high school and what comes next
- Going on to post-secondary education (college/university)
- Working
- Volunteering
- Where you may live in the future
- Accessing leisure and recreation

Who Can You Expect to Connect With?

The connections you make are up to you and what you would like to do! Here are some ideas you might think about, but not all:

Circles of Support

- Parents
- Brothers
- Sisters
- Aunts
- Uncles
- Cousins
- Friends
- Neighbours

Your Neighbourhood and Community

- A home of your own
- Community and Cultural Centres
- Public Libraries
- Churches
- Schools
- Arenas
- Restaurants

Transportation

- Transit Windsor
- Carelink
- Handi-Transit
- Uber
- Taxi Services
- Carpooling

Leisure and Recreation

- Fitness Centres
- Art Classes
- Sports Teams
- Cooking Classes
- Festivals
- Dance
- Theatre
- Choir

Employment

- Volunteering
- Resume Workshops
- Employment Agencies
- Mentoring

Education and Lifelong Learning

- Adult Literacy Courses
- St. Clair College
- University of Windsor
- Online Classes
- Tutoring
- Self-Development

Is Independent Facilitation for You?

- Do you believe that you should have the same opportunities as everyone, recognizing you may need supports in place to make your dream of a good life in your neighbourhood and community come true?
- Do you believe you can direct your life when you have good information and support to make decisions?

If so, independent facilitation may be for you.
It is not a fit for all people and families, and that's okay.

Contact us today to learn more about how Brokerage may be able to support you on your life journey.

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