

Ontario Supporting Greater Employment Opportunities for Adults with Developmental Disabilities in York Region

Province Announces Employment and Modernization Fund Projects

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Ontario is supporting adults with developmental disabilities in York Region as part of a province wide program that will help promote community-based employment and improve employment services and supports.

Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services was at Community Living York South today to announce that the centre is receiving funding for its Outcome Employment Project, which will help adults with developmental disabilities to improve their job search skills so that they can find competitive employment in York Region. The project will specifically help people whose first language is not English.

This is one of 38 projects that is receiving support through the second phase of Ontario's [Employment and Modernization Fund](#) (EMF), which promotes greater inclusion and independence for people with developmental disabilities in their communities.

Supporting agencies and helping adults with developmental disabilities live as independently as possible is part of Ontario's plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

QUOTES

" As I visit agencies across the province, I see the continued expansion of strong partnerships that are driving more inclusivity for people with developmental disabilities in our communities. We have already begun to see the progress that the Employment and Modernization funding has had on agencies being able to deliver programs that are giving individuals with developmental disabilities greater opportunities for employment."

- Dr. Helena Jaczek

Minister of Community and Social Services

" Today's investment on behalf of the Ontario Government means that Community Living York South can implement our Outcome Employment Project. This will go miles in our goal of full

social inclusion for adults with developmental disabilities in York Region."

- Don Wilkinson

Executive Director, Community Living York South

QUICK FACTS

- As part of Phase II of the Employment and Modernization Fund, the government is investing over \$7 million for 38 creative projects across the province.
- Community Living York South is receiving \$146,000 for their Outcome Employment Project. This project involves developing an employment program to support individuals with developmental disabilities whose first language is not English.
- The EMF is part of the Ontario government's \$810 million multi-year investment strategy in community and developmental services.
- Ontario currently invests over \$2 billion a year in developmental services.

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- Learn more about [developmental services](#) in Ontario
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