TRANSITION PLANNING RESOURCE DOCUMENT
Work Experience Program

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Developmental Services and Transition Planning

This Transition Planning Resource Document is designed to assist parents and caregivers to understand and access community developmental supports and services in York Region.


Developmental Services Ontario (DSO): funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to assist adults (18+ years) with developmental disabilities to access services and supports in their communities. The DSO is your first point of contact when seeking local programming or general information. Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) Central East Region (CER) is the local DSO for York Region residents.

Supports include:

- Case Management
- Caregiver Respite
- Community Participation Supports (Day Programs)
- Person-Directed Planning
- Residential Supports
- Behaviour Services
- Passport Program

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For Information on Local Programs and/or To Make a Referral for Services:

**Adult Developmental Services Apply at 16 years, call the DSO CER at** (905) 953-0796 or Toll free: 1-855-277-2121 [www.dsontario.ca](http://www.dsontario.ca)

**DSO Eligibility Requirements:** Individuals must be at least 16 years of age to begin the application process however, individuals must be **18 years or older** to receive services. Requirements for the application:

1. Proof of Ontario residency
2. Proof of age
3. A psychological assessment indicating a Developmental Disability

**Children’s Developmental Service 6-17 years** call YSSN at 1-866-257-9776 Ext. 2574 [www.yssn.ca](http://www.yssn.ca)

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**York Support Services Network (YSSN):** is a community-based agency that offers a range of case management and community crisis services throughout York Region to support individuals with a Developmental Disability and/or a serious mental illness in accessing appropriate supports and services. In addition, York Support Services Network maintains the Access Line for Children’s developmental services and hosts Developmental Services Ontario (DSO), Central East Region. [www.yssn.ca](http://www.yssn.ca)

Central Office (North) 240 Edward St., Aurora, ON L4G 1W2 1-866-257-9776

**YSSN Crisis Response Services:** Crisis workers are available 24 hours per day 7 days per week to provide immediate telephone response. 1-855-310-COPE (2673)

**YSSN Streamlined Access:** A single point of entry for individual mental health case management services in York Region (289) 340-0348 or 1-844-660-6602
**Associations for Community Living**

**Associations for Community Living:** Services may include: day programs/supports, residential supports, employment supports, recreation and leisure activities and community outreach services.

1. **Community Living Central York (Newmarket/Aurora District) (CLNAD) [www.clnad.com]**
   757 Bogart Ave., Newmarket, ON L3Y 2A7 (905) 898-3000

2. **Community Living Georgina (CLG) [www.communitylivinggeorgina.com]**
   26943 Hwy 48, Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0 (905) 722-8947

3. **Community Living York South (CLYS): [www.communitylivingyorksouth.ca]**
   **Richmond Hill Office:** 101 Edward Ave., Richmond Hill, ON L4C 5E5 (905) 884-9110 or 1-877-737-3475
   **Markham Office:** 5694 Hwy 7 E., Unit 13, Markham, ON L3P 1B4 (905) 294-4971
   **Vaughan Office:** 190 Marycroft Ave., Unit 5, Woodbridge, ON L4L 5Y1 (905) 264-7262

**Provincially Funded Resources and Supports**

**Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)**
**Central East Office:** 17310 Yonge St., Unit 1, Newmarket, ON L3Y 7R8 (905) 868-8900 or 1-877-669-6658

**Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD):** Provides financial support for low- to moderate-income families to cover some of the extra costs of caring for a child who has a severe disability. A parent/legal guardian whose child is under 18 years of age, lives at home and has a severe disability may be eligible to receive help under this program. [www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/disabilities.aspx](http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/disabilities.aspx)

**Children’s Treatment Network (CTN):** Services children and youth with multiple special needs up to 18 yrs (up to age 21 yrs if attending school) and residing in York Region or Simcoe County. [www.ctnsy.ca](http://www.ctnsy.ca)
   13175 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, ON L4E 0G6 CTN ACCESS at 1-866-377-0286

**Local Health Integration Network (LHIN):** A centralized agency, funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, which coordinates the necessary health care and specialized supports. Services include: PSW support, nursing, supported living and long term care.
   - Central LHIN (access for York Region excluding west Woodbridge): Locations in Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Markham 1-888-470-2222 [www.centrallhin.on.ca](http://www.centrallhin.on.ca)
   - Central West LHIN (access for West Woodbridge): Main Office 1-888-733-1177 [www.centralwesthin.on.ca](http://www.centralwesthin.on.ca)

**Special Services at Home (SSAH):** Assists families caring for a child under the age of 18 years with a Developmental or Physical Disability to pay for relief/respite services in or outside the family home provided the child is not receiving support from a residential program. [www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/specialservices.aspx](http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/specialservices.aspx)
Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Income Support: Financial support for eligible adults (18 years and older) designed to assist with cost of living expenses, prescription, vision and dental coverage. Apply six months prior to 18th birthday. *Eligibility is determined by financial income of Applicant Not Household.*


Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Employment Support: Provides work-related support to eligible students (16 years and older) and adults (18 years and older) prepare for and find a job. Services include assessment, resume writing, interview skills and support, job development, job coaching and job maintenance.


Ontario Works (OW): Income and employment assistance for residents of Ontario in immediate financial need and willing to participate in employment assistance activities.


Passport Program: A financial resource designed to assist adults with a developmental disability with the cost of supports including: Day Programs, Caregiver Respite. *Applications for Passport must be made through Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)*

1-855-277-2121


Passport Tip Sheet


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**Financial and Legal Supports**


www.planinspiringpossibilities.com/inspire/inspiringpossibilities.html?p=1

Disability Tax Credit (DTC): Available to eligible persons with disabilities. The DTC reduces the amount of tax owed by a person to the government. An individual may apply for the DTC by completing Form T2201.

www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pbg/tf/t2201/  1-800-959-8281

An individual deemed eligible for the DTC will then be eligible to open a RDSP.

Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP): A long-term savings plan that is designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities and their families. An RDSP may be opened by any individual who qualifies for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC). For those 49 years of age and under, the Government of Canada matches money deposited into an RDSP with grants of up to $3500 per year (government will match up to lifetime maximum of $90,000) and provides a bond of up to $1000 for individuals living on a low income. An RDSP is an exempt asset under ODSP.  1-800-959-8281


Henson Trust/Discretionary Trust: Protects the assets of a person living with a disability and their right to collect government benefits, inheritance and entitlements without losing their Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) monthly income. Consult a lawyer or financial advisor for more information.


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Financial and Legal Consultants

ARCH Disability Law Centre  www.archdisabilitylaw.ca
Provides free legal advice and information in the following areas of law as they relate to disability: abuse of people with disabilities in certain contexts, accessibility laws, attendant care services, legal capacity, and the right to make your own decisions, discrimination/human rights, education and employment.
55 University Ave., Toronto, ON M5J 2H7 (416) 482-8255 or 1-866-482-2724

Community Legal Clinic of York Region  www.clcyr.on.ca
Provides legal representation for low-income families regarding specific issues including: public service eligibility refusals, service denial such as Mobility Plus and ODSP benefits.
21 Dunlop St., Suite 200, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2M6 (905) 508-5018 or 1-888-365-5226

Pooran Law  www.pooranlaw.com
Provides services focusing on disability and related issues including: wills, Henson Trusts, Inheritance Trusts, Powers of Attorney for Property and Personal Care, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP).  Brendon Pooran (416) 860-7572 bpooran@pooranlaw.com
1500 Don Mills Rd., Suite 400, Toronto, ON M3B 3K4

Ron Malis Financial Advisor  www.ronmalis.com
Financial solutions for people with disabilities and their families including RDSP, ODSP and Estate Planning.
20 Holly St., Suite 207, Toronto, ON M4S 3B1 (416) 562-5570 rmalis@ifcg.com

Special Needs Planning Group (SNPG)  www.specialneedsplanning.ca/tax.html
Provides free coordinated financial and estate planning supports to families including DTC, RDSP, Wills, Henson Trust and support for trustees.  Graeme Treeby (905) 640-8285 70 Ivy Cr., Stouffville, ON L4A 5A9
The CICE Program is a two-year, post-secondary, modified program that provides students with an opportunity to enhance their academic skills through regular college classes, while developing vocational abilities through career-related, field placement experiences.

The CVP is an individualized, supportive program that helps bridge the gap for students who have graduated from high school with workplace credits or an Ontario Secondary School Certificate and who are having difficulty finding appropriate and meaningful work.

Durham College - CICE: A two-year, post-secondary program designed for individuals with intellectual disabilities or other significant learning challenges. [https://durhamcollege.ca/programs/community-integration-through-cooperative-education](https://durhamcollege.ca/programs/community-integration-through-cooperative-education)

2000 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa, ON L1G 0C5 (905) 721-2000 Ext. 2472
Natasha Rebeiro, Lead Learning Facilitator natasha.rebeiro@durhamcollege.ca

George Brown College - CVP: A job-readiness program designed to meet the unique educational and vocational needs of people who would not normally consider or qualify for entry into a traditional post-secondary program. [www.georgebrown.ca/programs/college-vocational-program-a101/](http://www.georgebrown.ca/programs/college-vocational-program-a101/)

St. James Campus 200 King St. E., Toronto, ON M5A 3W8
Jennifer Dewar, Program Coordinator (416) 415-5000 Ext. 2503 or 1-800-265-2002 jdewar@georgebrown.ca

Humber College - CICE: Designed to provide students with developmental disabilities the opportunity to participate in college-adapted programs and activities. [www.healthsciences.humber.ca/programs/cice-ontario-college-certificate.html](http://www.healthsciences.humber.ca/programs/cice-ontario-college-certificate.html)

North Campus 205 Humber College Blvd., Toronto, ON M9W 5L7
Rosanna To, Program Coordinator (416) 675-6622 Ext. 4288 rosanna.to@humber.ca

For a more detailed description see GTA College Comparison Chart on Page 6.
# GTA College Comparison Chart

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<th>Durham College</th>
<th>Humber College</th>
<th>George Brown College</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total # of Students</td>
<td>11000 full-time</td>
<td>15,000</td>
<td>28,924 full-time</td>
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<td></td>
<td>8000 part-time/apprenticeship</td>
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<td>66,410 part-time</td>
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<td>Program Type</td>
<td>CICE (INTEGRATION)</td>
<td>CICE (INTEGRATION)</td>
<td>CVP (VOCATIONAL)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Program Length</td>
<td>2 years</td>
<td>2 years</td>
<td>1 year</td>
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<tr>
<td># of Students</td>
<td>20 first year 40 total</td>
<td>38 First Year / 73 Total Program</td>
<td>34</td>
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<tr>
<td># of Applications</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>140</td>
<td>110+</td>
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<tr>
<td>Integration</td>
<td>Modified curriculum</td>
<td>1 elective class per semester</td>
<td>Physical and Social</td>
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<td>Electives (10 over 2 years)</td>
<td>Student Council involvement</td>
<td>Selected students tested for college-level upgrading</td>
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<td></td>
<td>3 Field placements</td>
<td>Field placement opportunities in college and community</td>
<td>may take other college programs</td>
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<tr>
<td>Comprehension</td>
<td>Grade 3 Level</td>
<td>Grade 1-3 Level</td>
<td>Grade 3 to 12+ Level</td>
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<td>Eligibility</td>
<td>OSSD + IEP/OSSC+ IEP or Major student (19 years) + 2</td>
<td>Based on questionnaire,</td>
<td>Based on: Attendance at</td>
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<td>Secondary School English credits Modified gr. 9,10, 11 or 12.</td>
<td>interview, references.</td>
<td>Information Session, Intake/Testing Class, Interview</td>
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<td>Moderate independence, OCAS application, online CICE</td>
<td>Must have a documented developmental disability</td>
<td>Guidance and Resource input,</td>
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<td>application, references, interview</td>
<td>Application through Humber College (not OCAS)</td>
<td>information obtained from IEPs,</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>19 yrs old by Labour Day</td>
<td>school transcripts, OCAS application</td>
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<td>Courses</td>
<td>CICE Seminar, Communication, Self-Advocacy, Computer</td>
<td>Healthy Relationships &amp; Sexuality, Community</td>
<td>Vocational Skills, Communication Skills, Life Skills,</td>
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<td>Literacy, 3 Field Placements, Elective Courses</td>
<td>Awareness, Personal Development,</td>
<td>Math, Computers, Health/Fitness</td>
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<td>Support</td>
<td>Curriculum modification,</td>
<td>Approximately 5 hours a support</td>
<td>Academic and Personal</td>
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<td>Accommodations, 1 hour tutoring and support per class,</td>
<td>a week: In class support, tutorial assistance,</td>
<td>Counseling as required</td>
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<td>Academic Advisor 1-1: Tutorials/</td>
<td>1-1 meetings and job coaching, academic support</td>
<td>External Advisory Committee</td>
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<td>Class 1-4 max Support, Financial Aid</td>
<td></td>
<td>input</td>
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<td>Homework</td>
<td>Moderate amount – modified to meet student ability</td>
<td>Moderate amount</td>
<td>Moderate amount</td>
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<td>Emphasis</td>
<td>Strategies for success in the workplace, Integration</td>
<td>Community integration and self-</td>
<td>Choosing a realistic and</td>
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<td>and strategies for academic success at College,</td>
<td>realization Development of leadership, personal</td>
<td>achievable job goal</td>
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<td>Community connections, Annual CICE</td>
<td>goals. Advocacy skills and independence</td>
<td>Completing a co-op placement and finding a job in a</td>
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<td>Transition Event (to help students transition after graduation)</td>
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<td>related area</td>
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<td>Residence</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Program Tuition</td>
<td>Year one: $3,025</td>
<td>$3600 (Approx.) for a full year</td>
<td>$3789 (Approx.)</td>
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<td>Institutional Bursary available</td>
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<td>Campus</td>
<td>Oshawa and Whitby</td>
<td>Access to both North and Lakeshore</td>
<td>Centralized /accessible</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>Campus for elective courses</td>
<td>Independent travel</td>
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<tr>
<td>Work Component</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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Sault College - Community Integration through Cooperative Education (CICE)
www.saultcollege.ca/Programs/Programs.asp?procode=1120&cat=overview&groupcode=CIC#bd-header
443 Northern Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 5L3
Sara Trotter, Team Leader (705)759-2554 Ext. 2537 sara.trotter@saultcollege.ca

St. Lawrence College - Community Integration through Cooperative Education (CICE)
www.stlawrencecollege.ca/programs-and-courses/full-time/programs/a_m/community-integration-through-cooperative-education-cice/kingston/
100 Portsmouth Ave., Kingston, ON K7L 5A6
Camilla Goobie (613) 544-5400 Ext. 1470 cgoobie@sl.on.ca

CVP Programs Outside The GTA

Algonquin College - Academic Assistance for Adults with Developmental Disabilities (AAADD): A 4yr program designed to offer various courses to adults with an intellectual-developmental disability. The overall goals of the program are to build academic and social skills within a college environment.
www2.algonquincollege.com/access/home/aaadd/ 1385 Woodroffe Ave., Ottawa, ON K2G 1V8
Hillary Dolan, Program Officer (613) 727-4723 Ext. 5726 dolanh@algonquincollege.com

Northern College of Applied Arts and Technology - College Vocational Program (CVP): A program designed to meet the unique educational and/or vocational needs of individuals with complex disabilities who require one-to-one intervention or continuous access to technology in order to benefit from academic studies.
www.northernc.on.ca/college-vocational-certificate/ 4715 Highway 101 E., South Porcupine, ON P0N 1H0 (705) 235-3211

Vocational and Employment Programs

Many organizations that provide developmental programs also offer employment skills development as a component of a larger program. Supports may include: job preparation, communications skills, volunteer work and/or a work placement.

Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District (CLNAD)
The Employment Strategies program through CLNAD assists individuals with developmental disabilities or individuals traditionally perceived as having employment barriers locate and maintain work.
www.clnad.com/What+We+Do/Employment+Strategies/default.aspx
Christine Ruchlewicz, Employment Strategies Manager (905) 898-3000 Ext. 310

Community Living York South (CLYS)
A Community Support Coordinator can make referrals to job matching services and employment preparation programs, or assist individuals and families in pursuing employment. www.communitylivingyorksouth.ca
Richmond Hill (905) 884-9110 Markham (905) 294-4971
Vaughan (905) 264-7262
Community Living York South (CLYS) Outcome Employment Project  
For Chinese Residents of Markham and Richmond Hill  
An employment program specializing in the support of people 18+ with an intellectual disability and DSO eligible within the Chinese speaking communities working towards gaining employment and/or volunteer opportunities. [www.communitylivingyorksouth.ca/programs/outcomeemployment](http://www.communitylivingyorksouth.ca/programs/outcomeemployment)  
For address refer to page 2. 1-877-737-3475 Ext. 325

Community Living Youth South (CLYS) Summer Employment Program  
For Residents of Richmond Hill and Vaughan  
In partnership with Reena, SEP is an 8 week summer program for individuals ages 19-29 with an intellectual disability or ASD providing job readiness training, job coaching and paid summer employment. A registration fee applies. [gsajepan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca](mailto:gsajepan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca)  
For address refer to page 2. (905) 294-4971 Ext. 348

Job Skills  
Provides a variety of work related supports and programs for individuals. [www.jobskills.org](http://www.jobskills.org)

KVS Toronto [www.jvstoronto.org](http://www.jvstoronto.org)  
- **Disability Services**: Provides free employment programs for individuals identified with a Learning Disability, ADHD, ASD or Development Disability searching for employment. Programs include employment related workshops, job search, job coaching and job maintenance support.  
  JVS Toronto Head Office, 74 Tycos Dr., Toronto, ON M6B 1V9 (416) 649-1619  
- **Employment Source Markham**: Provides employment workshops, one on one services for newcomers, recent graduates, ODSP recipients, students looking for their first job, and individuals experiencing unemployment or underemployment.  
  30 Karachi Dr., Unit 66, Markham, ON L3S 0B6 (905) 470-9675  
- **1 Open Door**: Provides one on one employment counselling, resume and interview support, job development and connecting to employers. Joseph & Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus  
  9600 Bathurst St., Suite 242, Vaughan, ON L6A 3Z8 (905) 303-5838

Learning Enrichment Foundation (LEF): Offers employment services, skills training, language training, childcare services and supports for children and families, newcomer services, youth programs and community enterprises programs.[www.lefca.org/employment_services/lef_jobs.shtml](http://www.lefca.org/employment_services/lef_jobs.shtml)  
116 Industry St., Toronto, ON M6M 4L8 (416) 769-0830

March of Dimes Canada The Tannery Mall 465 Davis Dr., Unit 128, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2P1  
1-800-350-4621 Ext. 6503  
- **Employment Services**: A Job Development Service for individuals with disabilities and/or employment barriers, 18+ years and living in York Region. [www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/employment/Page/default.aspx](http://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/employment/Page/default.aspx)  
- **Customer Service and Retail Sector Training Program**: A free three week in-class program rotating through York Region to prepare individuals for jobs in the retail and grocery sectors. Topics include:
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• **Skills Development For Youth Program** A paid employment program for ages 15-29 includes 4 weeks paid workshops with 8 weeks paid job placement. 1 barrier to employment to be eligible.
  YMCA Centre, 4855 14th Ave., Unit 4, Markham, ON L3S 3L6 (905) 948-9622

360 kids Programs
Base 4 Success (B4S), Every Bite Matters (EBS), Specialized Training Employment Program (STEP), Youth Job Connection (YJC), Youth Job Connection Summer (YJCS), Youth Success Strategy (YSS)
360°kids Employment Programs are designed to empower and encourage participants to overcome employment barriers that could potentially hinder their motivation and ability to be successful at work.
10415 Yonge St., Suite C, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0Z3 (905) 475-6694 Ext.10

### York Region Day Programs and Community Participation Supports

**Day Programs/Community Participation Supports:** refers to a variety of community-based activities related to work or volunteerism, daily living skills, social skills, independent living and personal management.

**NOTE:** It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to inquire about insurance, hiring & program policies and guidelines of private and/or parent run fee-for-service Day Program options in York Region.

#### NORTH
* Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, Keswick, Newmarket, Sutton *

- **The A.B.L.E. Network** [www.theablenetwork.ca](http://www.theablenetwork.ca)
  *Trinity Anglican Church, 44 Metcalfe St., Aurora, ON L4G 1E6 (905) 841-7627*
  - **Supports Individuals with:** Autism, Developmental Disability, Mild Intellectual Disability
  - **Program Includes:** Work Experience/ Volunteer, Leisure and Life Skills, 1:5 Ratio of Support

- **The Base (A Lifestyle Enriched Program)** [https://play.newmarket.ca/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp](https://play.newmarket.ca/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp)
  *Recreation Youth Centre, 56 Charles St., Newmarket, ON L3Y 3V8 (905) 953-5120*
  - **Supports Individuals with:** Autism, Developmental Disability, Mild Intellectual Disability
  - **Program Includes:** Leisure and Life Skills, Work Experience/ Volunteer, 1:4 Ratio of Support

- **Community Living Georgina (CLG)** [www.communitylivinggeorgina.com](http://www.communitylivinggeorgina.com)
  *26943 Hwy 48, PO Box 68, Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0 (905) 722-8947*
  - **Supports Individuals with:** Autism, Developmental Disability, Mild Intellectual Disability
  - **Program Includes:** Leisure and Life Skills, Residential, Educational, Work Experience/ Volunteer

- **Community Living Newmarket and Aurora District - Destinations** [www.clnad.com](http://www.clnad.com)
  *460 Oak St., Newmarket, ON L3Y 3X6 (905) 868-9275*
  - **Supports Individuals with:** Autism, Developmental Disability, Mild Intellectual Disability
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WEST
Concord, Maple, Vaughan, Woodbridge

Clarico Place of York Region  www.claricoplace.com
10 Planchet Rd., Unit 19, Concord, ON L4K 2C8 (905) 761-2139
  Supports Individuals with: Autism, Developmental Disability, Mild Intellectual Disability, Wheelchair Accessible
  Program Includes: Educational, Leisure and Life Skills, Respite, Work Experience/Volunteer

Community Access Learning Centre  http://calcentre.ca/
4220 Steeles Ave. W. Unit A7, Woodbridge, ON L4L 3S8 (905) 265-9633
  Supports Individuals with: Autism, Developmental Disability, Mild Intellectual Disability, Wheelchair Accessible
  Program Includes: Leisure and Life Skills, Respite, Work Experience/Volunteer

Community Living York South
Creating Alternatives  http://www.creatingalternatives.ca/
4300 Steeles Ave., Unit 18, Vaughan, ON L4L 4C2 (905) 264-9007
  Supports Individuals with: Developmental Disability
  Program Includes: Leisure and Life Skills, Respite, Work Experience/Volunteer, 1:1-1:5 Ratio of Support

Learning Academy Program  https://www.communitylivingyorksouth.ca/programs/learningAcademy
190 Marycroft Ave., Unit 5, Woodbridge, ON L4L 5Y1 (905) 264-7262
  Supports Individuals with: Autism, Developmental Disability, Mild Intellectual Disability, Wheelchair Accessible
  Program Includes: Educational, Leisure and Life Skills, Work Experience/Volunteer, 1:1 Ratio of Support

The META Centre  www.metacentre.ca/
Vaughan Day Program 201 Millway Ave., Unit 10, Vaughan, ON L4K 5K8 (905) 660-0333
  Supports Individuals with: Autism, Behavioural, Developmental Disability, Mild Intellectual Disability, Medically Fragile, Wheelchair Accessible
  Program Includes: Educational, Leisure and Life Skills, Respite, Residential, Work Experience/Volunteer, 1:1-1:4 Ratio of Support

Sara Elizabeth Centre Day Program  www.blueveil.org
7412 Kipling Ave., Vaughan, ON L4L 1Y4 (905) 851-3972
  Supports Individuals with: Autism, Behavioural, Developmental Disability, Mild Intellectual Disability, Medically Fragile, Wheelchair Accessible
  Program Includes: Educational, Leisure and Life Skills, Respite, Work Experience/Volunteer

Vaughan Enriched Day Program
Maple Community Centre, 10190 Keele St., Maple, ON L6A 3Y9 (905) 832-2377 Ext. 7405
  Supports Individuals with: Autism, Developmental Disability, Mild Intellectual Disability
  Program Includes: Leisure and Life Skills
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Residential Supports

**Residential Supports for Adults**: Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services funds community agencies who provide supportive housing options by a DSO housing navigator. These options include a variety of living arrangements with varying levels of support. [www.dsontario.ca/residential-services-and-supports](http://www.dsontario.ca/residential-services-and-supports)

Residential models include:
- Group Homes and Group Living Supports
- Supported Individualized Living (SIL)/ Individual Living Supports
- Host Family Home/Associate Living Supports
- Individual Residential Models

Respite Services

Provides short-term relief and/or support to caregivers of individuals with a developmental disability. Respite is offered in a variety of forms: in-home, out of home, residential, after school, day, evening and weekend.

Contact agencies directly or for assistance in connecting to a respite option in York Region.

**Alpha Camp & Retreat** [www.alphacampandretreat.com/Respite.html](http://www.alphacampandretreat.com/Respite.html)
Alpha camp and retreat is a non-competitive inclusive camp offering respite for ADHD, learning disabilities, behavioral needs and ASD focusing on life and social skills for youth and young adults.
2403 Seadon Rd., Springwater, ON L9X 1V7 (705) 792-4133

**The CHAP (Community Helpers for Active Participation)**
Facilitates the connection of individuals with disabilities and CHAP direct respite support providers through a respite registry. CHAP also provides information on community respite services and upcoming workshops/events. 1-866-257-9776 Ext. 2265

**Elqueena Support Services Inc.** [www.elqueena.com](http://www.elqueena.com)
Overnight and weekend respite.
59 Glen Cameron Rd., Thornhill, ON L3T 1P3 (905) 597-8354

**Improving Lives Respite** [www.improvinglives.ca](http://www.improvinglives.ca)
Provides respite, community support and residential programs.
4774 Cherry St., Stouffville, ON L4A 3K8 1-866-221-0501

**Impruv Living** [www.impruliving.ca](http://www.impruliving.ca)
Offers short-term and long-term accommodation for adults with autism and special needs.
3408 Holborn Rd., East Gwillimbury, ON L0G 1R0 (905) 478-8686

**Meta Centre Youth and Adults/Respite Services** [www.metacentre.ca//programs/respite-services/](http://www.metacentre.ca//programs/respite-services/)
Offers a variety of recreational and respite programs in the evenings, on Saturdays and in the summer months. Respite creates opportunities for individuals to participate in community activities while allowing caregivers time for themselves. Coordinator Respite Services (416)736-0199 Ext. 337
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JVS ASD Job Readiness Program [www.jvstoronto.org/find-a-job/disability-employment-services/]
Supports individuals 18 to 30 years of age. Services include an eight week workshop to develop job readiness skills; weekly one-on-one sessions, a work experience placement for up to 14 weeks, on-site job coaching and job retention workshops. 74 Tycos Dr., Toronto, ON M6B 1V9 (416) 649-1619

Kerry’s Place Autism Services [www.kerrysplace.org]
Services include: consultation, employment supports, day, evening & weekend groups and activities, person-directed planning (PDP), respite options, training for direct support providers, vacations and excursions.
Central Region: 38A Berczy St., Aurora, ON L4G 1W9 (905) 713-6808
For Additional Locations: [www.kerrysplace.org/contact-us/]

- **Foundations:** Assists adults who are aged 18 and older with an identification of Autism and are DSO eligible in developing improved functioning and coping skills in the areas of life that include Employment, Education, and Community Integration (transit training, independent living, and/or continuing education). Intake for Foundation Supports are managed by Developmental Services Ontario (DSO).
- **Ready, Willing and Able:** Services connect job seekers with Autism Spectrum Disorder to paid employment opportunities in the Greater Toronto Area. [www.kerrysplace.org/support-and-services/toronto-region/services-for-adults-toronto-region/]
- **Worktopia**
  - CommunityWorks® Canada is a peer supported pre-employment program for teens and young adults with ASD currently attending high school. Provides basic job skills training, social and communication skill building, community volunteer experience and potential areas of interest for future employment.
  - EmploymentWorks Canada offers employment preparedness training for individuals ages 15-29 with ASD no longer attending school and seeking essential skills development for sustainable paid employment.

Kinark Child and Family Services [www.kinark.on.ca]
Provides clinical assessment and intervention for complex and high risk children and youth from birth up to 18 years. Services are provided in the areas of Child and Youth Mental Health, Autism, Forensic Mental Health and Youth Justice. Central Intake: 1-888-454-6275

Making Small Talk [www.makingsmalltalk.com]
Provides a variety of programs and services including social skills and IBI for children and teens from 3 years up. 14663 Woodbine Ave., Stouffville, ON L4A 2G7 1-855-678-4424

Muki Baum Foundation [www.mukibaumfoundation.com]
Provides services for individuals identified with Autism and/or complex needs. Services include Early Intervention, Day Program, Social Skills and Dental Treatments (MukiSmile) for uninsured/underinsured children and adults with disabilities.
401 Magnetic Dr., Unit 25, Toronto, ON M3J 3H9 (416) 661-8222

Ontario Autism Program (OAP) [www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/Autism/ontario-Autism-program.aspx]
OAP is to give children and youth with ASD access to the timely and effective services they need to achieve their goals at home, at school, in the community, and as they transition into adulthood.

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The OAP provides all families of children and youth with ASD with flexible, family-centred services based on each child’s unique needs. **Single Point of Access Phone Number** 1-888-444-4530

**OpenMind Alliance Academy**  [www.openmindalliance.ca/centre/program_adult.html](http://www.openmindalliance.ca/centre/program_adult.html)
Adult Program providing job skills training and employment. Eligibility is Grade 3 literacy level. An Aquaponics Program (growing plants and vegetables without on water without the use of soil) is available at The Farm in Uxbridge. Two hour after school programs include piano lessons, basic computer skills and movement therapy.
160 East Beaver Creek Rd., Unit 21, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3L4 (905) 918-3852

**SAAAC: South Asian Autism Centre**  [www.saaac.org](http://www.saaac.org)
Toronto based charity supporting culturally and linguistically diverse families providing speech-language program, occupational therapy, ABA, day program, after school program, pre-employment and vocational program, summer camp, March break camp, music, dance and art.
705 Progress Ave., Unit 63, Scarborough, ON M1H 2X1 (416) 289-0100

**Specialisterne Canada**  [ca.specialisterne.com](http://ca.specialisterne.com)
Recruitment, job training and employment for individuals with ASD.
777 Richmond St. W, Suite 2026, Toronto, ON M6J 3N5 (416) 479-0689

**Spirale**  [www.autismontario.com/spirale](http://www.autismontario.com/spirale)
Database of services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
(416) 246-9592 Ext. 232

**York ASD Partnership**  [www.yorkasdpartnership.org/about-us](http://www.yorkasdpartnership.org/about-us)
Provides information on services supporting individuals of all ages with ASD including Ministry funded and Fee for service (private) providers. (647) 850-7780

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**Recreation and Leisure Services**

*Many local attractions and community programs provide reduced rates for people with disabilities. Prior to purchasing tickets ask for discounts for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers.*

**Access 2 Card**  [www.access2card.ca](http://www.access2card.ca)
Offers free admission for an attendant accompanying a person with a disability to movie theatres and attractions across Canada. An Easter Seals Canada Program.
Easter Seals Canada, 40 Holly St., Suite 401, Toronto, ON M4S 3C3 (416) 932-8382 Ext. 227
Application Form:  [http://access2card.ca/apply-first-time/](http://access2card.ca/apply-first-time/)

**Accessible Beaches and Trails in Ontario**
A list of wheelchair accessible Ontario beaches, parks, and trails.
[www.ontarioparks.com/parksblog/beach-accessibility-ontario-parks](http://www.ontarioparks.com/parksblog/beach-accessibility-ontario-parks)
[www.alltrails.com/canada/ontario/ada](http://www.alltrails.com/canada/ontario/ada)
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Special Hockey International Grandravine Tornadoes Hockey for the Developmentally Challenged Grandravine Special Program [www.grandravinetornadoes.org](http://www.grandravinetornadoes.org)
A hockey program designed for individuals of all ages and abilities on Saturdays from 9 am. to 2 pm. from October to April. (416) 245-7601

An inclusive ice hockey club for all ages and abilities on Saturdays between 10 am. -1 pm. from October to April. Coaches are on the ice to assist players during games. Games are played at: Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Dr., Newmarket, ON L3Y 9C1 Bob Mackenzie (905) 898-7451

Special Needs and Adapted Programs
Local Community Centre’s across York Region offer a variety of adapted programs such as fitness, sports, swimming, music, art, cooking etc. Contact your local Community Centre and/or Parks and Recreation for more information.

Special Olympics Ontario (SOO) [www.specialolympicsontario.com](http://www.specialolympicsontario.com)
Provides sports training and competition opportunities for individuals with intellectual and/or multiple disabilities. Opportunities are available for competition at the provincial, national and international levels. 65 Overlea Blvd., Suite 200, Toronto, ON M4H 1P1 Michael Chung, Central Ontario (416) 447-8326 or 1-888-333-5515 Ext. 256

An accessible musical theatre program experience enriching the lives of individuals with special needs and all abilities. 10-15 sessions plus a final performance by all participants. 91 Doncaster Ave., Thornhill, ON L3T 1L6 (647) 216-4384

Variety Village [www.varietyvillage.ca](http://www.varietyvillage.ca)
A fitness and life skills facility offering inclusive programs such as adaptive sports, pool, respite and camps. 3701 Danforth Ave., Scarborough, ON M1N 2G2 (416) 699-7167

Wake Robin Farm- Equine Therapy [https://wakerobinfarm.godaddysites.com/equine-therapy-1.html](https://wakerobinfarm.godaddysites.com/equine-therapy-1.html)
Utilizing horses to promote physical, emotional and cognitive growth for individuals 4 years of age and up. Adult riders are welcome. Participate in weekly one hour sessions. Sessions include 30 minutes on-ground interaction with a horse and 30 minutes of riding instruction. 18647 Centre St., Mount Albert, ON L0G 1M0 (416) 526-1298

YSSN Inclusive Recreation Resource Service [www.yssn.ca](http://www.yssn.ca)
Promotes recreation and leisure activities for children, youth and adults.
**For children 21 years old and under:** Contact Children’s Treatment Network Service Navigation Team 1-866-377-0286  
**For adults:** Contact Developmental Services Ontario- Central East Region (905) 953-0796 or 1-855-277-2121

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Summer programs for youth ages 15+ with a disability focusing on transition and independence.
(416) 425-6220 Ext. 6208

**Karma Country Camp** [www.karmacountrycamp.com](http://www.karmacountrycamp.com)
Offers young adults 12+ with ASD and special needs day camp with a ratio of 3:1 support. Focus on areas such as: social skills, relationship building, independence, self-confidence, emotional well-being, anxiety management and employability. 81 Industrial Pky North, Aurora, ON L4G 4C4 (416) 200-6713

**Kayla’s Children Centre Camp** [www.kaylaschildrencentre.org/summer-camp/](http://www.kaylaschildrencentre.org/summer-camp/)
Offers summer camp options both for day and overnight programs up to 15 yrs of age. 36 Atkinson Avenue, Thornhill, ON L4J 8C9 (905) 738 5542

**Nova’s Ark** [www.novasark.ca](http://www.novasark.ca)
Weekend, March break, and summer options available for ages 3+ involving a wide range of gentle therapy animals. 7505 Cedarbrook Trail, Whitby, ON L1M 1L8 (905) 706-1009

Eight-week summer program that runs throughout July and August from Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Participants must be registered in a school program to attend. Program activities include: arts and crafts, swimming, sports, cooperative games and water play as well as community outings to various local attractions. Tony & Henry Battle Developmental Centre 927 Clark Ave W., Thornhill, ON L4J 8G6 (905) 889-6484

**Shadow Lake Residential Camp Community Living Toronto** [www.shadowlakecentre.ca](http://www.shadowlakecentre.ca)
Provides a co-educational, residential camping program during the summer for individuals of all ages with an intellectual disability. 15041 Ninth Line, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON L4A 3E4 (905) 640-6432

**Steer Friends Summer Camp** [www.steerfriends.org](http://www.steerfriends.org)
Provides up to 7 weeks of summer camp programs with varying weekly themes. 175 Anderson Ave., Markham, ON L6E 1A4 (416) 606-7840

**VITA Camp** [www.vitacls.org/client/dayservices.aspx](http://www.vitacls.org/client/dayservices.aspx)
Individualized programs for individuals 18 years and older with a developmental or intellectual disability. 411 Confederation Parkway, Unit 3, Concord, ON L4K 0A8 (908) 597-6336 Ext. 200

**YMCA Cedar Glen** [https://ymcagta.org/find-a-y/ymca-cedar-glen-outdoor-centre](https://ymcagta.org/find-a-y/ymca-cedar-glen-outdoor-centre)
Day camp for 4-16yrs with special needs supports. Situated on 263 acres offering summer, winter and March break camps. 13300 Concession 11, Schomberg, ON L0G 1T0 (905) 859-9622

**YMCA Various Day Camps** [www.ymcagta.org/camps-and-outdoor-education/day-camps](http://www.ymcagta.org/camps-and-outdoor-education/day-camps)
Various camps located across the GTA with activities such as creative arts and cooking, film making to science programs, swimming lessons, outdoor adventure and more. Integration and Accessibility Program is available for 1:1 support at select locations on a first come, first served basis with an additional fee. General Inquiries and Registration (647) 439-6611

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**Transportation**

**Air Travel**
Discounted rates or free travel is available for attendants accompanying individuals identified with a disability that prevents them from travelling alone safely. Contact the medical assistance department of air flight carriers of your choice for further details. Some airlines include but are not limited to the following:
- **Air Canada & Air Canada Jazz** 1-800-667-4732 (within Canada the attendant flies for free)  
- **West Jet** 1-877-737-7001 (within Canada the attendant flies for free)  
- **Air Transat** 1-877-872-6728 #1 (to and from Canada/U.S. discounted rate for attendant)  
  [www.airtransat.com/en-CA/Travel-information/Special-services/Special-needs-and-Medical-Equipment](http://www.airtransat.com/en-CA/Travel-information/Special-services/Special-needs-and-Medical-Equipment)

**iRide Plus**  [www.irideplus.com](http://www.irideplus.com)
Offers affordable, door-to-door, non-emergency community transportation that enables adults with disabilities to access health care programs and services. 1-844-IRIDE-01 (1-844-474-3301)

**The BTS Network**  [www.thebtsnetwork.com](http://www.thebtsnetwork.com)
Specializing in dedicated taxi sedan, minivan, shuttle van, and wheelchair accessible transportation.  
9024 Keele St., Concord, ON L4K 2N2 1-877-284-7433 or (905) 907-0203

**Routes Connecting Communities**  [www.routescc.org](http://www.routescc.org)
Facilitates transportation for individuals living in Georgina. 20849 Dalton Rd., Sutton, ON L0E 1R0 (905) 722-4616

**Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)**
- **TTC Support Person Assistance Card**: Identifies the cardholder as a person who, because of their disability, needs to be accompanied by a support person. The Support Person Assistance Card permits a support person to travel on TTC with the eligible fare-paying customer (cardholder) for free.  
  [www.ttc.ca/Fares_and_passes/Support_Person_Card/index.jsp](http://www.ttc.ca/Fares_and_passes/Support_Person_Card/index.jsp) (416) 393-3030
- **TTC Wheel-Trans**: Eligibility is based solely on the presence of a disability that impacts a person’s ability to travel on conventional transit. This service is honoured at no additional cost when travelling to destinations within the regions of Peel, York and Durham.  
  [www.ttc.ca/WheelTrans/How_to_apply/index.jsp](http://www.ttc.ca/WheelTrans/How_to_apply/index.jsp) (416) 393-4111

**York Region Transit (YRT)**  [www.yrt.ca](http://www.yrt.ca)
Conventional public transit includes accessible low-floor or kneeling buses which travel on fixed-route public transit routes. The family of services include Viva bus rapid transit, local YRT routes, Community Bus routes, Dial-A-Ride and Travel Training.  
5th Floor, 50 High Tech Rd., Richmond Hill, ON L4B 4N7 (905) 762-2100 or 1-866-668-3978
- **YRT Support Person Assistance Card**: Identifies the cardholder as a person who, because of their disability, needs to be accompanied by a support person. The Support Person Assistance Card permits a
support person to travel on YRT/Viva with the eligible fare-paying customer (cardholder) for free. The card is valid for a maximum period of three years and must be renewed upon expiry.

(905) 762-2112 or 1-866-744-1119 #0

- **York Region Transit Mobility Plus**: Provides door-to-door, shared ride, accessible public transit service for individuals with disabilities. This service is available to registered users who are unable to use regular public transit due to a physical or functional disability.

(905) 762-2112 or 1-866-744-1119

#### Online Community Databases

**211 Ontario**  [www.211ontario.ca](http://www.211ontario.ca)
A helpline and online database of Ontario’s community and social services. Call 211 or 1-877-330-3213

**CivicYork**  [civicyork.ca](http://civicyork.ca/)
Link to York Region online database of community and social services.

**MyCommunityHub**  [www.mycommunityhub.ca](http://www.mycommunityhub.ca)
An online registration of activities, classes, programs, workshops, respite and camps offered by Developmental Service Agencies (DSO) and their partners across Ontario.

**Special Needs Canada**  [www.special-need-child-canada.com/#axzz4joUXwbKX](http://www.special-need-child-canada.com/#axzz4joUXwbKX)
Database for money matters, news, events as well as discounted prices for many GTA and Toronto attractions, camps, recreational services, and respite supports.

**York Info**  [www.yorkinfo.ca](http://www.yorkinfo.ca)
Community information and volunteer database for York Region.

#### Family Support Services

**Community Living York South Family Network**  sshaukat@communitylivingyorksouth.ca
Provides educational workshops that help guide/inform/empower and support parents/family members and people with intellectual disabilities. Monthly meetings are held at CLYS from 7 pm.-9 pm. and offer networking opportunities. 101 Edward Ave., Richmond Hill OR 144 Main St., Markham
For more information: Contact Sadia Shaukat at (905) 884-9110 Ext. 640

**Down Syndrome Association of York Region**  [https://www.dsayr.ca/](http://https://www.dsayr.ca/)
Provides support and information to individuals identified with Down Syndrome and their families.

**Family Support Network (FSN)**  [www.familysupportnetwork.ca](http://www.familysupportnetwork.ca)
A parent/family network created to support families who care for a child or adult with an intellectual disability. Monthly meetings are held at Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District on the second Wednesday of each month. Susan Popper  info@familysupportnetwork.ca
This transition planning resource document is not a complete list of all the agencies and services available to families in York Region. We encourage you to contact YSSN (1-866-257-9776) or DS0 (1-855-277-2121) to access a complete list of programs and resources, appropriate for your child’s needs. All efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of the information as of the latest date of revision. The York Region District School Board does not endorse any one program/service or agency over another. This document is updated annually.
G1 preparation and training course.
Community Living York South, 5694 Hwy 7, Markham, ON L3P 1B4 (905) 294-4971

**SE Health Driver Assessment and Training** [https://drive.sehc.com/](https://drive.sehc.com/)
Provides in car training to drivers with disabilities who have already obtained their G1 license. Specialized assessment with Occupational Therapist to determine needs for support and/or vehicle modifications.
100 Tempo Ave., Suite 330, Toronto, ON M2H 2R9 (416) 398-1035 or 1-877-397-1035