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Note: This is not a complete listing of mental health services in Durham Region.
Crisis services

Anyone experiencing a mental health crisis can be assessed at a hospital emergency department.

For immediate help:
• Call 911 or
• Visit your nearest hospital emergency department

Lakeridge Health
1 Hospital Court, Oshawa (Simcoe/Adelaide)
905-576-8711 ext. 4384
lakeridgehealth.on.ca/en/ourservices/Adult-Mental-Health.asp

• Individuals who present to the emergency department experiencing a mental health crisis will first be medically cleared by a physician and then be assessed by the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT).
• The Team is based at Lakeridge Health Oshawa but also provides service at the Bowmanville and Port Perry Hospitals—either at those sites or through phone consultation

• CIT operates 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., 7 days a week

• Outpatient follow up services may be available after crisis intervention

Rouge Valley Health System Ajax Pickering Health Centre
580 Harwood Ave. S., Ajax
(905) 683-2320 ext. 3523
rougevalley.ca/mental-health

Crisis Care:

• A crisis response team is available in the emergency department at the hospital 7 days a week, 16 hours a day
• Individuals arriving at the emergency department experiencing a mental health crisis will first be medically cleared by a physician and then assessed by a crisis worker.

• Treatment and recommendations will be made in consultation with a physician.

• Consultation with a psychiatrist and other outpatient mental health services are also available with a physician referral.
Help Lines
*Note - Due to call volume you may get voice mail when calling these lines but your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Distress Center Durham Crisis Line
905-430-2522 or toll free 1-800-452-0688
distresscentredurham.com

• 24 hours phone support by volunteers trained in crisis intervention and suicide prevention
• Will provide referrals to community agencies

Durham Mental Health Services
dmhs.ca

• Provide many programs and services throughout the Region to support those with mental illness and their families
• Some services include case management, family support, crisis response and housing support
• Short term stay crisis beds in Whitby and Ajax
• Access to all services is through the Crisis Access Linkage Line
Crisis Access Linkage Line (C.A.L.L.)
905-666-0483 or toll free 1-800-742-1890

• 24 hour phone support for people of all ages by trained mental health specialists
• May link with mobile crisis team if person is in immediate crisis
• Also provide follow up support and community linkage

Mobile Crisis Team
Can provide free crisis visits in the community Monday- Friday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Self referrals are accepted

• The team first tries to de-escalate the situation and then assesses if the person should be taken to hospital. Follow up support is provided
Assaulted Women’s Helpline
Toll free: 1-866-863-0511
TTY: 1-866-863-7868
Mobile: #SAFE (#7233)
awhl.org

• Provides free, confidential support and crisis counselling, 24 hours a day, 7-days a week to abused women

• Also provides information and support to family members and service providers involved with victims

• Service available in over 150 languages

Mental Health Support and Counselling

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences
Intake line 1-877-767-9642
ontarioshores.ca
Women’s Consultation Clinic

• Counselling services provided for women who have significant mental health issues related specifically to reproductive and hormonal issues, including those with Postpartum Mood Disorders and Postpartum Psychosis

• The Clinic provides consultation with a team that includes a psychiatrist, nurse practitioner, social worker, nurse

• Service may be offered up to 1 year

• Referral required by health care professional

• Referral form can be downloaded from the website

Prompt Clinic

• Short term counselling (1-3 sessions) provided to those with urgent mental health concerns who are not already connected with a psychiatrist

• Clients are usually seen within 3-5 days of a doctor’s referral
Community Care Durham: COPE (Creating Opportunities for Personal Excellence) Mental Health Program
Whitby: 905-668-6223 x227
Oshawa: 905-666-0689
Clarington: 905-623-4123
Ajax/Pickering: 905-837-0017 ext. 229
Brock: 705-432-3044
Scugog: 905-985-8461 ext. 225
Uxbridge: 905-852-7445
communitycaredurham.on.ca

• Office hours Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

• Supports adults (16 yrs. and over) with emotional or psychiatric concerns

• Offer peer support groups facilitated by staff and trained volunteers

• Various programs provided such as support groups for depression, bipolar, bereavement, stress and anxiety, and social/recreation, wellness, and life skills groups

• Referrals are accepted from all sources, including self, family, doctor, counsellor, etc.
Canadian Mental Health Association - Durham Region Branch
60 Bond Street West, Oshawa
Central Intake and Referral  905-436-8760
Fax: 905-436-1569
durham.cmha.ca

• Monday to Friday, 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm
• Provides a comprehensive range of community-based mental health services and support to help people move forward (life skills, wellness, recovery support, caregiver support, housing support, etc.)
• Offers a single point of entry for prospective clients to all of their programs to match individual needs with available resources
• A Nurse Practitioner Led Primary Care Clinic is offered at the same site
• 905-436-9945 - appointments are required
• The team provides comprehensive, and coordinated health care services to those with chronic diseases who do not have access to a family doctor
Durham Region Health Department
Perinatal Mood Disorders Support Group
To refer call Durham Health Connection Line 905-666-6241 or toll free 1-800-841-2729
durham.ca/PPMD

• Weekly support group in Whitby facilitated by public health nurses

• The focus of the group is to provide peer support to women experiencing anxiety and/or depression during pregnancy or in the first year after the birth of a baby (perinatal mood disorder)

• Peer support can be an important part of treatment but does not replace counselling or therapy.

• With client’s consent, a service provider may refer and women may self refer
General Support and Counselling

Home Help and Homemaking
centraleasthelpline.ca
In home help can be provided for routine household chores by private agencies for a fee.

Catholic Family Services of Durham
905-725-3513 or toll free 1-877-282-8932
cfsdurham.com

• Family and individual counselling and family life education for marriage problems, separation and divorce, personal difficulties, domestic violence.
• Office locations in Oshawa, Ajax and Port Perry
• Non-denominational, no one refused services, fees may apply
Family Services Durham
905-666-6240 or toll free 1-866-840-6697 Ask for Intake durham.ca go to Social Services/Community Counselling

• Family, couple and individual counselling for personal and family difficulties
• Self referrals accepted
• Fee waived for those unable to pay
• Various office locations in Durham Region

Salvation Army Community and Family Services
45 King St. E., 2nd floor, Oshawa (enter on Albert St.) 905-723-7422 x 224

• Referrals accepted from doctors and Employee Assistance Programs
• Offer a variety of therapy styles for individuals and families on many different issues
• Fee for service but subsidy may be available
Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program (HBHC) Durham Region Health Department
Refer by calling Durham Health Connection Line 905-666-6241 or toll free 1-800-841-2729 durham.ca

- The program helps families during pregnancy and with children from birth to school entry age
- Provides screening, assessment and links to services and supports
- May include referral to the ongoing home visiting program which provides free home visits by public health nurses and family visitors to families who need more support
- Self-referral or referral from a health care provider or community agency with client consent
Employee Assistance Programs

• Some workplaces offer Employee Assistance Programs that provide free, confidential support for a wide variety of concerns which may affect an employee and his/her family members. This includes concerns related to mental health.

• Services may include short-term, face to face counselling and 24/7 telephone support.
Pregnancy and Infant Loss (PAIL) Network
Toll free: 1-888-303-7245
pailnetwork.ca

• Bereavement support for families and care providers following a pregnancy loss or the death of an infant
• Support for subsequent and high risk pregnancies following a previous pregnancy/infant loss
• Offers a support helpline, peer led phone and group support, health care support and education
CAREA Community Health Centres  
115 Grassmere Ave., Oshawa  
905-723-0036 ext 3203  
360 Bayly St West Ajax  
905-428-1212  
careachc.ca

Durham Counselling Walk in Clinic (CAREA)  
Whitby Mall 1615 Dundas St East,  
Suite 211 Whitby  
905-723-0036 ext 3203  
careachc.ca

- A Free, confidential, counselling walk-in clinic, providing service for children and youth 3-19 years (up until their 20th birthday)
- Hours of operation Wednesday from 1-8 pm (last walk in session will start at 6:30 pm)
Rose of Durham
707 Simcoe St., South, Oshawa
905-432-3622
roseofdurham.com

• Counselling and other supports for young moms up to age 25 years
• Offer some programs for young fathers
Information/Support Lines

ConnexOntario Helpline
Toll free: 1-866-531-2600
connexontario.ca

• Line is answered live 24/7, confidential and free
• Also have live chat on the web site and email
• Provides information about mental health services in Ontario
• Listen, offer support and provide strategies to help an individual meet their goals
• Provides basic education about mental illness
Durham Health Connection Line
905-666-6241
Toll free: 1-800-841-2729
durham.ca

• Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm
• Telephone information line staffed by Public Health Nurses
• Provides information and support to the community on health related issues such as parenting, nutrition, breastfeeding, teen, adult and senior issues, mental health
• Referral to community resources and health department programs
Telehealth Ontario
Toll free: 1-866-797-0000
TTY: 1-866-797-0007

- Free, confidential telephone service to get health advice or general health information from a Registered Nurse
- Quick, easy access to a qualified health professional
- Assess your symptoms and help you decide your best first step
Information on Perinatal Mood Disorders
durham.ca/PPMD

Support for Fathers
postpartumdadads.org
• for dads whose partners are affected

postpartummen.com
• for men affected

dadcentral.ca
fathersmentalhealth.com