

# **September 2019 Workshop Schedule-Ajax**

The Regional Municipality of Durham
Social Services Department Income and Employment Supports Division
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Office Closed		Program Information-General 9:30 a.m12:00 p.m.		
		Life Management Meet and Greet Two Sessions: 9:30 a.m10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m12:00 p.m.		
9	10	11	12	13
<b>Life Management Series</b> starts 9:30 a.m2:30 p.m.		Program Information-General 9:30 a.m12:00 p.m.		
Resume Writing Workshop 1:30 p.m3:00 p.m.				
16	17	18	19	20
	Program Information for Parents 9:30 a.m11:30 a.m.	Program Information-General 9:30 a.m12:00 p.m.	Interview Skills Preparation and Practice 9:30 a.m2:30 p.m.	
23	24	25	26	27
Resume Writing Workshop 1:30 p.m3:00 p.m.	Program Information-Reach 9:30 a.m12:00 p.m.	Program Information-General 9:30 a.m12:00 p.m.	How to Cope with Stress 9:30 a.m2:30 p.m.	
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If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 extension 2805.

# **Ontario Works Programs**

Listed below is eight of the Ontario Works Programs offered.

# **Program Information**

General: Learn about Ontario Works programs in this all in one session and how to register for them. We will talk about the programs below in detail.

Reach: Learn about programs and services specifically focused on young adults.

**Parent:** Two-hour session for parents, who may be interested to learn about various programs, services and benefits including child care options.

## **Employment Services**

Resource Centre, workshops, employment-related expenses, full-time employment benefits, employment start up benefits and Supports to Employment Program (STEP).

# **Employment Placement (EP)**

You have good skills and are ready to use them. The Employment Placement team will research employers and market your skills to help you find paid employment. We can also connect you with volunteer placements to gain valuable skills and experience.

# **Learning, Earning and Parenting Program (LEAP)**

Leap Counsellors work one to one with custodial parents between 16-25 of age, who are interested in obtaining their high school diploma and developing their parenting and employability skills. Participants may be eligible for transportation and childcare subsidy. A \$500 incentive will be provided to successful graduates of the program.

# **Self-Employment (SE)**

Interested in running a business? Work with us to make it happen.

# **Reach Program**

Are you between the ages of 18 and 24? Work with a counselor who meets your specific needs and helps connect you to community resources for young adults.

# Locations

All workshops are held at 200 John Street, West Oshawa unless otherwise indicated on the calendar.

Ajax is at 140 Commercial Drive, Ajax

#### Visit our website

For more resources visit the Region of Durham Social Services website at www.durham.ca.

Welcome to Durham Region, What are you looking for? Type in Employment Support. Click on Employment Support scroll down to view the calendars

# **Workshop Descriptions**

## **One-day Programs**

No prior registration is needed for these six workshops listed below.

#### **Resume Writing Workshop**

This workshop will assist in writing a resume for the first time or changing your resume to focus on a different field of work. Once you have completed this workshop you can make an appointment for a personalized consultation. Appointments for individual assistance can be booked after the workshop is completed.

## **Interview Skills Preparation and Practice**

Your resume describes your skills and now the employer needs to see that you're the perfect match for the job. How? By preparing yourself and your interview answers in advance. This workshop examines frequently asked interview questions and gives you an opportunity to put your interview skills into practice. You will be able to do a mock interview and get helpful feedback at the end.

#### **Employment Health and Safety Standards**

Basic introduction to WHMIS 2015, Workplace Health and Safety Awareness, and Employment Standards Act knowledge.

## **How to Cope with Stress**

Learn to identify when you are experiencing stress and what might be causing it. Highlights on different ways to deal with stress.

#### **Self Esteem and Confidence**

This workshop helps you to explore your self-esteem and increase self-confidence

#### **Intensive Programs**

Prior registration is needed to attend these six Intensive Programs

#### **Anxiety 101**

This is an eight-day, two-hour sessions for a confidential and safe place to normalize share and learn about coping with anxiety.

## **The Computer Series**

A two-week program with no prior computer experience required! You will become familiar with the computer and many of its uses, such as file management, keyboarding, internet, and email. Practice keyboarding skills, update your resume, research employers and jobs on the internet, and learn how to send your resume electronically

#### **Life Management Series**

This fifteen-day intensive coaching series to help you gain the knowledge, attitude, and skills that will help you manage your life. Must attend Life Management Meet & Greet prior to starting the series.

#### **Workability Coaching Series**

This fifteen-day intensive coaching series examines the job search process from both the employee and employer point of view. Over 70 per cent of past participants have had positive outcomes! Must attend the Workability Meet and Greet Session prior to starting the series.

#### **Career Horizons Series**

In this seven-day session, you will explore different career directions that best suit your skills, abilities and interests. You will also complete a career portfolio to illustrate your talents, preferences, accomplishments and work values.

## **Reach Coaching Series**

In this fifteen-day program for young adults aged 18-24, you will make a personalized plan towards your employment and educational goals.