

# Supports for job seekers

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital offers experience-based life skills programs to help youth get an early start with the world of work. Please see our flyer **Start working or volunteering – employment programs at Holland Bloorview**.

We also want you to also know about organizations in Toronto that connect and support employers and job seekers with disabilities.

## How are employment supports funded?

Some employment programs are operated on a fee-for-service basis. Many are publicly funded through: Employment Ontario, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Employment Supports [http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/odsp/employment\\_support/](http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/odsp/employment_support/), Developmental Services Ontario [www.dsontario.ca](http://www.dsontario.ca) and/or Service Canada.

## How do I find an employment support organization?

Some organizations can help you connect to an appropriate employment program but don't provide any employment services themselves.

- Ready, Willing, Able [www.readywillingable.ca](http://www.readywillingable.ca) (for job seekers with developmental disabilities and/or autism)
- Job Opportunity Information Network <http://joininfo.ca/service-providers/list-of-service-providers/>

## Examples of employment programs/services

Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work (CCRW)	<a href="http://www.ccrw.org">www.ccrw.org</a>	800-664-0925	
CCRW's Workplace Essential Skills Partnership (WESP)	<a href="https://www.ccrw.org/programs-and-services/workplace-essential-skills-partnership/">https://www.ccrw.org/programs-and-services/workplace-essential-skills-partnership/</a>	416-260-3060 x232	For individuals with professional competency in their field and/or post-secondary education
CareerEdge	<a href="http://www.careeredge.ca">www.careeredge.ca</a>	416-977-3343	Paid internships for new grads
Ontario March of Dimes	<a href="http://www.marchofdimes.ca/Employment">www.marchofdimes.ca/Employment</a>	416-467-2002	
SCI Employment Services	<a href="http://www.sciontario.org/service/employment/employee">http://www.sciontario.org/service/employment/employee</a>	416-422-5644 x245	

Some agencies provide services specifically for individuals with developmental disabilities or autism:

Reena	<a href="http://www.reena.org/programs-and-services/supported-employment/supported-employment-programs/">http://www.reena.org/programs-and-services/supported-employment/supported-employment-programs/</a>	905-889-2690 x2201	
JVS Toronto Al Green Centre	<a href="https://www.jvstoronto.org/find-a-job/disability-employment-services">https://www.jvstoronto.org/find-a-job/disability-employment-services</a>	416-782-3976	
Project Work	<a href="http://www.projectwork.ca/frameset.html">http://www.projectwork.ca/frameset.html</a>	416-481-2211	
Specialisterne	<a href="http://www.specialisterne.ca">www.specialisterne.ca</a>		For people on the autism spectrum

We recommend you contact several organizations and ask questions to make sure their services are the best fit for you. Here are some questions you could ask:

- How specifically can you help me find and keep a job?
- What is your success rate in helping job seekers find jobs?
- What are some examples of jobs placements you have made recently?
- Is there a waitlist for your services?
- When I start a job, how and for how long can you provide job maintenance supports?

### What other employment resources are available?

For videos and webinars about *Work, Roles and Contributions* (and more!) check out <http://www.planningnetwork.ca/en-ca>. P4P is a family-formed and directed non-profit organization providing resources and inspiration to families and their relatives with disabilities.

Join us on Magnet [hollandbloorview.magnet.today](http://hollandbloorview.magnet.today) to:

1. **Search for jobs:** Magnet is a collaborative network powered by a job-matching technology platform that quickly and accurately connects job seekers to the right opportunities based on their skills and qualifications.

Magnet allows you to privately and securely self-identify as a member of any employment equity group.

Employers use Magnet to recruit from diverse talent pools. When you self-identify as an individual with a disability (and/or other employment equity group), you may be connected with employment opportunities that are not advertised anywhere else.

2. **Be part of a growing online community to address issues such as youth employment:** Learn about employment-related resources and events through the Magnet platform. Magnet's network currently includes many Ontario universities and colleges, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) representing 60,000 employers and over two million jobs, and a quickly growing list of labour and opportunity-based organizations.



