

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

In order for you to get financial assistance from Ontario Works, you must agree to participate in employment assistance activities.

These activities will help you to prepare for and find employment. You and your caseworker will complete a Participation Agreement that outlines agreed upon activities that you must complete. This is part of your application process.

You cannot get social assistance unless you sign a Participation Agreement. You should understand what you are agreeing to, because you are expected to participate in what you agreed to.

If the agreed upon activities have not been completed, your social assistance can be cut off or reduced for one month, for the first time, and then for three months, for other times.

ONTARIO WORKS EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

**Helping people find
Employment
&
Stay Employed!**

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Fort William First Nation Social Services

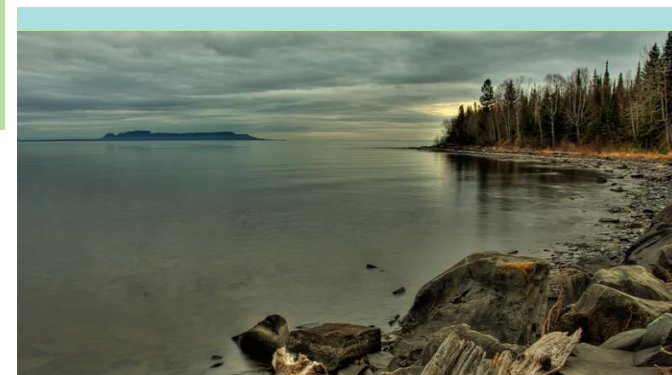
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Fort William First Nation Ontario Works

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The intent of Ontario Works is to help families and individuals, in temporary financial need, find themselves sustainable employment and achieve self-reliance, by providing employment services and financial assistance.



EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Literacy Screening assessment and/or training	Referrals to literacy and screening assessments.
Employment Information Session	Overview of Ontario Works employment assistance activities and supports.
Job Search	Participate in an independent or structured job search.
Community Placement	Gain experience by volunteering, or being placed in a community placement.
Employment Placement	An employment placement can be set up with an employer.
Supports to Self-Employment	Referrals to self-employment agencies for self-employment development.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Referral to Basic Education or Training Programs	Guidance to programs that help individuals complete their secondary school education and/or gain basic workplace skills.
Academic and Career Entrance (ACE)	ACE is a provincially recognized program that serves as an equivalent to grade 12 for the purposes of college entry or apprenticeship. Many employers accept the ACE certificate as equivalent to grade 12.
Job Specific Skills Training	Short training that may lead to employment, may be provided.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

Ontario Works provides mandatory and discretionary benefits, if the First Nation Ontario Works Administrator is satisfied that eligibility criteria have been met. Funds may be provided to cover employment-related expenses that will provide supports to individuals as they progress towards employment.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS	DESCRIPTION
Full-Time Employment Benefit	A benefit to help with expenses associated with beginning full-time employment.
Other Employment and Employment Assistance Activities Benefit	This benefit is provided to help with the costs of beginning or changing employment or an employment assistance activity.
Advanced (Up front) Child Care Payment	Help for persons required to pay in advance for child care, which will allow them to participate in employment assistance activities or employment.
Discretionary Employment Benefits <i>(Employment Related Expenses, Supports to persons with disabilities, and Child Care Assistance)</i>	May help to cover expenses associated with participation in employment assistance activities.