

Understanding the DSO & individual housing options

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What is the DSO?



Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) helps adults with developmental disabilities find ministry funded services and supports in their community. There are nine offices located across the province.



The DSO will help you:

- **understand and complete** the application process.
- **determine** the kind of services and supports you need.
- **get access** to MCCSS funded services and supports that you need when a spot is available.
- find **information** in your community.



How do I contact the DSO?

Call 2-1-1 or visit [dsonthario.ca](https://www.dsonthario.ca)



Call the DSO office in your area to start the application process—you can apply as early as age 16!



Helping you understand individual housing options

Whether you already have a vision for where you'd like to live, or need assistance putting it together, a housing navigator can help.



The role of the housing navigator

We seek to provide families with the information and resources needed to create a unique and person-centered housing model.



What we do

- Point you to resources and organizations that can help you create a plan
- Provide a tool kit of resources
- Connect you with family support networks to share information
- Work with housing organizations to find local options and opportunities
- Share success stories of people on a similar journey as you



Resources we provide

- A list of services and resources available to families, both ministry and non-ministry funded
- Self-assessments and questionnaires to help people decide their housing goals and preferred housing types
- Success stories from those who have created innovative housing options
- Contact information for family support networks



Finding partnerships

In addition to family support networks, partnerships may include:

- Families / people looking for roommates in your area
- Families / people with a housing model in mind
- People looking to pool resources



Regional housing resources

- Social housing application process
- Ontario Renovates applications
- List of municipal housing initiatives
- List of local housing with affordable rents



Service Areas

Currently one full time housing navigator serves the northern and the north east region of Ontario.

This catchment area includes:

- Bracebridge
- Dryden (including the far North)
- Huntsville
- Kirkland Lake
- Manitoulin Island
- North Bay
- Parry Sound
- Sioux Lookout
- Sudbury
- Sault St. Marie
- Thunder Bay
- Timmins

And all of the areas in between



Success stories



Lynn's homemade plan



Peter's story – forever home



What's next?

Questions & Comments



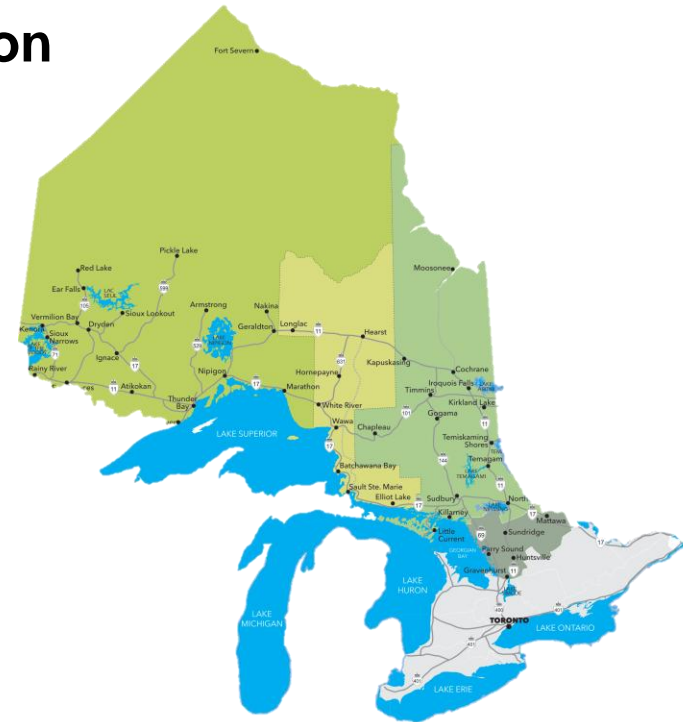
Your local DSO

Please send any feedback or connection requests through your local DSO.

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