

Ontario Works (OW)

Please note that Ontario Works was formerly known as “Welfare”.

If you are in temporary financial need, Ontario Works can:

- provide you with money, and
- help you find a job.

To be eligible to receive help from Ontario Works, you must:

- live in Ontario
- need money right away to help pay for food and housing costs, and
- be willing to take part in activities that will help you find a job.

When you apply to Ontario Works, you will need to give information about your:

- family size
- income
- assets, and
- housing costs.

How Ontario Works can help you

If you qualify, Ontario Works can provide you with:

- Financial assistance to help you cover the costs of your basic needs (e.g. food) and housing costs, and
- Employment assistance to help you prepare for and find a job.

You may also receive health benefits for yourself and your family, including drug and dental coverage. Additional benefits may also be available to you.

To get a better understanding of how the Ontario Works program may be able to help you, please contact your local Ontario Works office .

Listing of Local Ontario Works Offices (by postal code) is available