

## DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AGENCIES

### SERVING ADULTS IN TORONTO

Addus	416-544-8847
Bob Rumball Centre for Deaf	416-449-9651 or 416-449-2728 TTY
Christian Horizons	416-630-3646
Community Living Toronto	647-426-3219 or 3220
CORE	416-340-7929
Common Ground Cooperative	416-421-7117
COTA Health	416-785-9230
Family Service Toronto	416-971-6326
Geneva Centre for Autism	416-322-7877
Griffin Centre	416-222-1153
Harmony Place Services	416-510-3114
JVS Toronto	416- 787-1151
Kerry's Place Autism Services	416-534-1644
L'Arche Toronto	416-406-2869
Mary Centre	416-630-5533
Meta Centre	416-736-0199
Montage Support Services	416-780-9630
Muki Baum Treatment Centres	416-630-2222
New Leaf	1-888-742-3391
New Visions Toronto	416-868-1493
Operation Springboard	416-913-1301
Participation House Toronto	416-439-3226
Pegasus	416-691-5651
Reena	905-889-6484
Safehaven	416-535-8525
St. Vincent de Paul	416-265-2605
Salvation Army Broadview Village	416-425-1052
Surex	416-469-4109
Surrey Place Centre	416-925-5141
Vita	416-749-6234
Woodgreen Community Services	416-469-5211
York Community Services	416-653-5400

*Passport is an initiative funded by the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services*

*The Passport Initiative provides people who have a developmental disability with exposure to a wide range of activities such as work, volunteer, leisure and recreation opportunities.*

Individual brochures on mentoring, planning and funding are also available.



*Better Futures Through Partnerships*



## *An Overview of the Passport Initiative*

- *Passport mentoring*
- *Person-directed planning*
- *Passport funding*

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## Passport Initiative

### An introduction to...

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#### PASSPORT MENTORING

##### What is it?

The Mentoring Initiative is an opportunity for students to consider options for their futures. This school-based partnership invites high school students, who have a developmental disability, to explore the realm of what's possible once they have graduated. Students are introduced to adult mentors of diverse abilities and vast experiences. Mentors share their experiences and students indicate that this helps them feel better equipped to make decisions about their futures.

Mentor Coordinators support the student/mentor match and work in collaboration with schools, families, Self-Advocacy groups and the broader community.

##### Who can be involved?

Students (14-21 years old) who are in high school and who have a developmental disability.

##### Who can I contact for more information?

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#### PERSON-DIRECTED PLANNING

##### What is it?

When people are applying for supports and services, it is important to think about what they want those supports and services to do. As well, if they receive funding to purchase supports and services, planning can assist them with mapping out where they want to go, what they have and need, and how they will get there. It is much like planning for a trip and requires the same preparation to be enjoyable and successful.

Having a plan helps people determine where to start so they can decide how to best use their money or supports. This plan can support school-based transition planning that may already be happening. It is helpful for people to talk to family and friends about what is important to them, what their interests are, what types of activities they want to explore and participate in, and what they need to be able to do this. Trained Planners are available to assist individuals, families and friends with planning.

##### Who can be involved?

Anyone who has a developmental disability and wants to put together a plan for their future.

Family and support members can also access planning.

##### Who can I contact for more information?

Contact any one of the 32 Developmental Services agencies in Toronto listed on the back of this brochure or at [www.dsto.com](http://www.dsto.com)

#### PASSPORT FUNDING

##### What is it?

Passport to Community Living is funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services to support adults who have a developmental disability, who have left school, and require supports to participate in community activities.

Through this initiative the participants who are approved for funding can purchase services and supports that will facilitate their community participation according to their interests and strengths.

Participants can choose to make their own arrangements to purchase supports and/or to access services through community based agencies.

##### Who can be involved?

Adults who have a developmental disability and have left school and require supports to participate in their communities.

##### Who can I contact for more information?

Contact any one of the 32 Developmental Services agencies in Toronto or call Family Service Toronto, Designated Agency for the Passport Program in Toronto, at 416-780-1106

Application forms and guidelines are available at: [www.dsto.com](http://www.dsto.com)

[http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcsc/english/pillars/developmental/programs/young\\_leave\\_school.htm](http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcsc/english/pillars/developmental/programs/young_leave_school.htm)

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