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New Financial Supports Funding Anticipated

Ontario government to announce Passport Funding for individuals with an intellectual disability

Pembroke, Ontario - Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley is anticipating a funding announcement from the government of Ontario that will see additional funding available to individuals with an intellectual disability. The funding is called Passport Program.

Passport is a program that helps adults with a developmental disability to participate in their communities. It also helps caregivers of an adult with a developmental disability take a break from their caregiving responsibilities. Passport can provide supports and services to adults with a developmental disability so they can take part in community classes or recreational programs, develop work, volunteer, and daily life skills and create their own life plans (this is called person-directed planning) and reach their goals.

Passport funding can also be used to hire a support person to help the individual with a developmental disability, in order to give their main caregiver time to look after other personal or household needs.

Through Passport, individuals and families can choose to either receive money directly so they can purchase their own services and supports, and/or get services and supports through community-based agencies.

Who is eligible for Passport?

The Passport program is for people with a developmental disability who are 18-years-old or older and need support to participate in the community while they are still in school, or have left school and are living with family or independently in a supportive living arrangement, such as a group home.

Passport can also help those who care for a person with a developmental disability and sometimes need support themselves. Passport funding can be used to pay others to temporarily support the person with a developmental disability on the caregiver's behalf.

How to get help

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley invites individual to register with them now so that when the funding is officially announced, clients who have registered will be made aware of how they could benefit from the funding. Individuals or family members can register by calling the local office at 613-735-0659 or emailing Carol Ripley at: carolripley@communitylivingupperottawavalley.ca

About Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley assists individual with an intellectual disability. We offer assistance with living arrangements, employment and volunteer opportunities, self-advocacy and a variety of programs and services. Community Living staff provide dependable outcome based services. Staff have training in person-directed planning, network development and also hold training certifications in First Aid, quality assurance, CPR, non-violent crisis intervention and medications and treatments.

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley knows that resources never spread far enough and that true quality of life comes from being an active participant in relationships and community. We can provide assistance with developing and coordinating a plan to help achieve your goals.

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley envisions a society where all rights, both legal and human, are afforded every citizen without discrimination, and, where every person is supported in their efforts to become participating, respected members of society.

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