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The Ontario government announced in the 2014 budget that they are making changes to employment-related benefits provided through ODSP and OW. As part of these changes, they are eliminating the \$100 Work-Related Benefit that people on ODSP currently receive if they are working.

The Work-Related Benefit is given to both people with disabilities on ODSP and members of their family. It provides \$100 per month to each person in an ODSP family who has earnings from a job or a training program, or net earnings from self-employment. It is a mandatory benefit that people receive automatically without needing to apply.

As of April 1, 2015, working non-disabled family members of people on ODSP will stop receiving the benefit. People with disabilities on ODSP will stop receiving it as of October 1, 2015. We think this is WRONG:

- Rates are so inadequate. Taking money away from people on ODSP is not acceptable.
- Work doesn't accommodate most people with disabilities, but for those who are working, the Work-Related Benefit is relied upon to make working possible. Cutting it is a punishment for doing what the government wants people to do: work.

We want to hear from people on ODSP who are working and who receive the Work-Related Benefit. Please help us fight this cut by filling in the following questions. We will use this information to lobby the government about the impact of making this cut and to explain why this is the wrong move. We will be taking action in early 2015, after the results of the questionnaire are in. At that time we will again ask for your help in fighting this cut.

Please complete the questionnaire by January 30, 2015.

For more information about the Work-Related Benefit and the changes that are being made to ODSP employment benefits, please see the following resources:

Webinar: <http://yourlegalrights.on.ca/webinar/odsp-employment-benefits> [click here](#)

ODSP Action Coalition position paper:

<http://www.odspaction.ca/page/resources-advocacy> [click here](#)

ISAC issue backgrounder:

<http://www.incomeseurity.org/ODSPEmploymentBenefitsarechangingin2015.htm> [click here](#)

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