

DSO FACTS

What is Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)?



Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) is the access point for adult developmental services funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) in Ontario. There are 9 DSO locations across the province.

When you turn 18, your children's developmental services such as Special Services at Home, Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities, and services through the Ontario Autism Program end. This means that you must apply through DSO to see if you are eligible to receive adult MCCSS-funded supports available in your community.

When you connect with your area DSO they 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.

When should I apply?

Apply online, or call your area DSO when you turn 16

When you turn 16, You can submit your application online, or contact your area DSO to see if you are eligible for services. By starting the application process early, you may be able to avoid service delays when you turn 18. DSO will help you determine the supports that are available in your area and that meet your needs when you turn 18.

Finding your area DSO

To apply for supports, you must connect with DSO in your region. The regional listing below will help you find your area DSO.

DSO Central East Region

Serves Durham, Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland, Peterborough, Simcoe, and York.
1-855-277-2121

DSO Hamilton-Niagara Region

Serves Brant, Haldimand-Norfolk, Hamilton, and Niagara.
1-877-376-4674

DSO South East Region

Serves Frontenac, Hastings, Lanark, Leeds & Grenville, Lennox & Addington, and Prince Edward.
1-855-237-6737

DSO Central West Region

Serves Dufferin, Halton, Peel, Waterloo, and Wellington.
1-888-941-1121

DSO North East Region

Serves Cochrane, Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound, and Timiskaming.
1-855-376-6376

DSO South West Region

Serves Bruce, Chatham-Kent, Elgin, Essex, Grey, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, and Perth.
1-855-437-6797

DSO Eastern Region

Serves Ottawa Region, Prescott-Russell, Renfrew, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.
1-855-376-3737

DSO Northern Region

Serves Algoma, Kenora, Manitoulin, Rainy River, Sudbury, and Thunder Bay.
1-855-376-6673

DSO Toronto Region

Serves Etobicoke, North York, Scarborough, and Toronto.
1-855-372-3858

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