



Overview of DSO HNR

Orientation to the Advisory Committee for Persons with
Disabilities

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YOUR ACCESS POINT FOR Adult Developmental Services



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What is the DSO?

Developmental Services Ontario (DSO):

- Helps adults with developmental disabilities find services and supports in their community
- There are nine DSOs located across Ontario
- Your local DSO is **DSO Hamilton - Niagara Region**

***Hamilton, Niagara, Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation and, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation**

DSO Key Functions

- Information provision
- Eligibility confirmation using provincially consistent criteria (age 16+)
- Administer, update and re-administer the standardized Provincial Application Package (age 16+)
- Make service recommendations (Ministry funded and other)
- Service Navigation activities
 - Referrals to MCCSS funded services (age 18+)
 - Matching to declared MCCSS funded resources (age 18+)
 - Recommending and linking to other community based services and supports
- Linkage and support through the Urgent Response process (age 18+)

The DS Adult Application Package...

- One application for adult developmental services
- Can be updated as often as required; reapplication can be completed if needs change significantly
- Applicant is engaged and supported to be as involved as possible
- Informs service recommendations and referrals
- Informs priority for services when they become available
- Supports fair and equitable access to services as they become available

After the Application (ADSS/SIS-A)

- Person's needs are identified on the service registry
- Person determines consent for referrals
- Referrals are made to the following services as required: clinical services, behaviour services, case management services
 - There is often a waiting period for these services
 - Those in greatest need are considered first where able
- For residential, day support and respite services, person is considered for declared resources when
 - Resource becomes available AND
 - Person is a match AND
 - Person is prioritized for that service

Ministry Funded Residential Services

- Intensive supportive living
 - Group living
 - Supported independent living
 - Associate living
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- Level and intensity of support vary between types and within types

DSO Housing Navigation

<https://www.dsontario.ca/resources/housing/welcome-to-the-dso-housing-toolkit>

- Toolkit provides resources to help adults with developmental disabilities, and their caregivers create a housing plan
- Local Housing Inventories provide local resources and contacts
- DSOs connect people with family support networks
- We encourage families to start planning early and share successes

The City Of Hamilton and the DSO HNR

- Thank you for including us in your “Guide to Finding Housing for People with Disabilities”!!!!
- We want to work in partnership with the City of Hamilton to
 - Ensure you have the information you need about people with developmental disabilities in Hamilton so that you can consider them in your planning and forecasting
 - Ensure you know how to refer people who have or you think have a suspected developmental disability to our DSO
 - Promote the Provincial Housing Tool Kit
 - Ensure we have the most updated information about local housing resources so that we can promote these to individual and their families

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Phone 1-877-376-4674

Ask to speak with a member of the DSO HNR team

Email housing@dsohnr.ca

Websites dsohnr.ca and dsontario.ca