211 can help you find resources around money, housing, food, childcare, personal needs and many other issues.

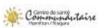
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# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES GUIDE

Where to go in Niagara for help with: housing, legal status and immigration, money, learning, and personal needs

## HOUSING

Niagara Region Hostels and Homelessness Prevention

## www.niagararegion.ca

Search: housing help

Learn about a list of organizations offering services and programs to help with housing needs

### **Niagara Regional Housing**

www.nrh.ca

905-682-9201

Offers affordable, accessible, and quality housing for Niagara residents who have difficulties affording housing

# LEGAL STATUS/ IMMIGRATION

Newcomers to Niagara

### www.niagaraimmigration.ca

Provides information on programs and services for recent immigrants or those who are looking to settle in Niagara

# Legal Aid Ontario

www.legalaid.on.ca

1-800-668-8258

Legal aid services for low income individuals

## **MONEY**

Niagara Region – Social Assistance and Employment

# www.niagararegion.ca

**Search: social assistance** 

905-641-9230

Connects people to income and employment programs offered through Ontario Works

### **Service Canada**

www.servicecanada.gc.ca

1-800-622-6232

Federal programs for all citizens, for every major life event, Employment Insurance (EI), Canada Learning Bond (CLB), applying for Goods & Services Tax (GST) credit and Canada Child Tax Benefit

### Ontario Trillium Benefit

www.fin.gov.on.ca

Search: trillium benefit

1-866-668-8297

Provides relief to low income individuals

### **Canada Benefits**

www.canadabenefits.gc.ca

1 800 O-Canada (1-800-622-6232) Federal benefits such as Employment

Insurance (EI), education and training, housing, health, business and links to program websites and application forms

# Ontario Drug Benefit Program

www.health.gov.on.ca

Search: drug benefit program

1-866-532-3161

Assistance to people unable to afford medications

### **Community Volunteer Income Tax** Program (CVITP)

www.cra-arc.gc.ca/volunteer/

1-800-959-8281

**or 204-989-1912** (Feb. - May)

Free assistance with tax returns for those with low income

# **LEARNING**

**Ontario Early Years Centres** 

www.children.gov.on.ca

**Search: early years centres** 

1-866-821-7770

Programs and activities for children under six and their parents

## **Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region**

www.ldaniagara.org

Go to: programs

905-641-1021 List of programs to support children, youth and adults with learning disabilities

#### **Jumpstart**

http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/ 1-877-616-6600

Helps cover costs for financially disadvantaged children in organized sport or recreation

### ProKids

www.niagararegion.ca

Search: ProKids

905-984-3750 or 1-800-263-7215 ext. 3797

Financial assistance for the participation of eligible children and youth in sport, recreational or cultural activity

# **PERSONAL NEEDS**

Niagara Region – Child Care and Assistance

www.niagararegion.ca

Search: child care

### 905-984-3750 or 1-800-263-7215

- Assistance finding Licensed child care centres, home care programs, full day learning
- Financial assistance Child care, recreation/ sports, children with special needs, dental

# Niagara Region – Parent Talk Line

www.niagararegion.ca Search: parent talk line

905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7555

Telephone information line that gives parents the chance to speak to a public health nurse about any parenting issues. Also a referral resource for physicians.

## Niagara Region – Programs for Seniors

www.niagararegion.ca Search: seniors

905-984-2621 or 1-877-212-3922

- Long-Term Care Homes Homes for people
- who need nursing and/or personal care Seniors Programs include adult day service, supportive housing, elder abuse prevention, exercise programs

## **Niagara Nutrition Partners**

www.niagaranutritionpartners.ca

Provides information on coordinated nutrition programs in elementary and secondary schools