



**Ministry of Community and Social Services**

## **Ontario Improving Living Spaces for People with Developmental Disabilities in Durham**

*Province Expanding Residential Services For Adults with Developmental Disabilities*

### **NEWS**

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Ontario is investing in repairs, renovations and improved living spaces at residential properties across the province that serve adults with developmental disabilities.

In Durham, Community Living Oshawa Clarington is receiving over \$215,000 and Community Living Durham North is receiving over \$100,000 in funding for their projects to increase capacity and improve overall site conditions, which will help adults with developmental disabilities achieve their goals.

This funding, delivered through the Multi-Year Residential Planning Strategy, will help approximately 66 people with developmental disabilities by improving existing living spaces and creating more capacity, helping to reduce waitlists for residential services and supports across the province.

Residential supports for adults with developmental disabilities provide people with an accessible, safe and comfortable home and connect them to health and social services. These supports and services also encourage people to stay active and engaged with family, friends, and their community.

Expanding residential supports for adults with developmental disabilities is part of Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

### **QUOTES**

"Our government's investment in residential supports for adults with developmental disabilities focuses on improving residential settings that serve some of the province's most vulnerable people. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to housing for adults with developmental disabilities and we are eager to continue to work with our partners to person-centred innovative solutions to the developmental services sector in our province."

— Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services

"This investment through the Multi-Year Residential Planning Strategy is bringing meaningful change to the developmental services sector in Durham. I've seen the difference that these local agencies make and I know that this investment will really impact the lives of the people being served. Today's announcement means that we can continue to make strides in supporting people with developmental disabilities with critical residential services."

— Granville Anderson, MPP Durham

## QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is investing \$3 million to conduct repairs and upgrades at the residential properties of developmental service providers across the province through the Multi-Year Residential Planning Strategy.
- In Durham, Community Living Oshawa Clarington is receiving over \$218,500.00
- Community Living Durham North is receiving \$101,400.00
- This funding will increase capacity and improve overall site conditions to support program delivery, which will help adults with developmental disabilities achieve their goals.
- The Multi-Year Residential Planning strategy is being used to deliver part of the province's \$677 million investment over four years in community and developmental services as announced in [Budget 2017](#).
- Through the Multi-Year Residential Planning strategy, a total of \$2 million has been invested since 2016/17.
- Ontario provides funding for [residential supports](#) for more than 18,000 adults with developmental disabilities.
- Ontario is making the largest infrastructure investment in hospitals, schools, public transit, roads and bridges in the province's history. To learn more about what's happening in your community, go to [Ontario.ca/BuildON](#).

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