

Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Housing with Related Supports

Overview

The CHPI program: Supporting those who are homeless or on the brink of homelessness by assisting people to secure and maintain their housing. The CHPI program and a parallel rent subsidy program are unique in that they are funded by the Regional Municipality of Durham as opposed to the Ministry of Community and Social Services which funds our other services.

The purpose of the CHPI program is to prevent, address and reduce homelessness in North Durham. The CHPI program assists people on an individual basis. Supports are focused on assisting tenants to secure new housing and/or maintain their current housing by improving the landlord-tenant relationship.

C.H.P.I Outreach Workers also:

- Refer to agency partners to develop a support network that reduces the risk of future homelessness
- Explore and apply for subsidized housing benefits
- Provide advocacy with landlords or the Landlord Tenant Board
- Informal counseling for clients in financial or housing crisis
- Locate and secure affordable housing
- Provide access to stability funds for rent arrears, utility arrears and last month's rent
- Support individuals to access government funded programs
- Connect individuals to shelters
- Emergency assistance by providing food and gas cards
- Develop working relationships with landlords and many agencies and facilitate open communication to lead to success

Applications for Service and Eligibility Considerations

To be eligible for this regionally funded program, participants must have a low income (income below the Household Income Limits as set out by the Region of Durham), have legal status in Canada and have assets less than \$50,000 (single person) and \$75,000 (couples and families). These supports are available throughout Durham but the Region expects that CLDN will focus its efforts on residents of north Durham (the townships of Scugog, Brock and Uxbridge) regardless of whether or not they have an intellectual disability.

The DSO that manages the Developmental Services wait list is not a factor in determining eligibility for this regionally-funded program.

Our Locations and Hours of Operation

Our CHPI Outreach Workers travel throughout north Durham to provide supports and services as required.

Community Living Durham North's head office is located at:

60 Vanedward
Unit 2
Port Perry, ON
905-985-8511

We haven't achieved full accessibility at any of these buildings, yet, but all of them can be accessed and utilized by people who use wheelchairs.

CHPI Outreach Workers are available Monday thru Friday and the occasional Saturday, although appointments are required as they are mobile for most of their working hours.

Contact Information

Our website www.cldn.ca

Jessica Robinson, 905-985-8511 x 231 is the Manager of our CHPI program.

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Our entire senior management team is also at this number (905-985-8511) and our receptionist or automatic directory will help to direct your call.