

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: HOLIDAY CLOSURE

All York Region Ontario Works offices (Georgina, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Vaughan) will be closed on:
Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25 for Easter

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The Retail & Grocery Customer Service Training Program

The March of Dimes offers a three-week customer service training program in retail, grocery and/or related sectors.

Training includes:

- Exploring careers in various industries
- Employability and learning customer service skills
- Information about safe food handling
- Job search techniques including resume and interview preparation

To be eligible for this program, you must:

- Have a positive attitude and the motivation to be employed
- Be able to work in Canada
- Be willing to participate in a three-week, full-time program
- Be able to work various shifts
- Be bondable

This program is offered monthly in many York Region locations.

For more information contact:

905-895-7529 ext. 6503

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COSTI Immigrant Services is offering Life Success Strategies Workshops.

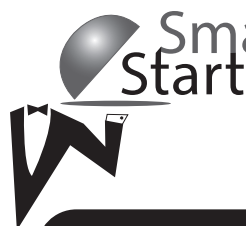
**Are you an Ontario Works recipient?
Exploring career options?
Looking for life success skills?
We can help!**

The free four-week "Life Success Strategies" Life Skills and Career Options Program offers individual coaching and group workshops, including:

- Skills assessment
- Success strategies for the workplace
- Personal and professional communication skills
- Motivation and self-esteem
- Motivational speakers
- Self-marketing techniques
- Goal setting and action planning
- Housing search
- Transportation tips

To register for the program, contact Pam Mitchell at 1-888-256-1112 ext. 2265

Richmond Hill - April 4 to May 3
Vaughan - May 16 to June 13



Want to work in Customer Service or Food Services?

Industry Specific Certification and Training
A Customized *Return-to-Work* Action Plan
A Personal Career Assessment
Job Search Techniques
Personal Success Skills
Work Experience

Smart Start is delivered at various locations throughout York Region

Please call for dates, times and locations

1-866-256-0861

smartstart@jobskills.org jobskills.org/smartstart

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YOUTH REACH II

If you are between the ages of 15 and 30, are you looking for work, and have experienced conflict with the law, we can help!

Choose a time and place that best suits you for:

- One-on-one employment counselling
- Resume writing and job search help
- Connecting to jobs
- Referrals to community resources
- Free access to computers, wireless internet, telephones, newspapers, community info-boards and more

**Call Cerian Segal today!
1-888-256-1112 ext. 2612**

**Making the right connections
can make all the difference!**

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Skills for Change

Maintenance and Electro Mechanic Program

This program is for residents who want to work in their field and are internationally-trained as a Construction and Maintenance Electrician, Industrial Electrician or Industrial Mechanic and Millwright

This program lasts for 18 weeks and includes six weeks each of classroom training, technical hands on training and unpaid work placement

To be eligible for this program you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Resident of York Region only
- Refugee Claimant, Convention Refugee, Landed Immigrant (speaks English as a Second Language) or a Canadian Citizen (born and trained outside Canada)
- Eligible to work in Canada (Must have a valid Work Permit)
- Able to function at Canadian Language Benchmarks level 7
- Familiar with Microsoft Office
- Have five years of work experience from your country of origin in one of the trades listed above
- Willing to commit to attending all 18 weeks of the program

Call Jackie Tersigni at 905-850-3490 ext. 2507 to reserve your seat.

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FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

2011 FREE Summer Camp

For children of York Region residents participating in Ontario Works (OW)



WHO:

Children – six to 13 years old

OTHER:

- Children must bring their own lunch, drinks and snacks for each day of camp.
- Instruction is provided by trained and qualified recreation staff.
- Extended Day Camp may be available.
- 1 to 1 support funding is available for children with special needs.

WHEN:

July until the first week of September

- Depending on your eligibility.

HOW:

OW PARTICIPANTS:

Contact your Social Assistance Case Coordinator for a referral.

Limited funding. First come, first served.

FREE CAMP PACK

Each registered child will receive a **FREE Camp Pack** that includes:

- a knapsack
- a sun hat
- a water bottle
- sunscreen
- a lunch bag

Camp packs will be available for pick-up in June at your OW office.



Census 2011

In Canada, a Census takes place every five years and is completed by everyone who lives in Canada.

On May 2, 2011 all households in Canada will be mailed a yellow Census package made up of 10 questions.

It is mandatory for all households to respond by May 10th. You may either complete the package sent to you or complete the census online at www.census.gc.ca

The answers you provide on the 2011 Census will:

- Be used by Canada, Ontario and York Region to prepare for the future
- Help evaluate, plan and develop municipal programs and services
- Determine how much money is transferred to Ontario for health care, education and other social services
- Help decide how many Members of Parliament are elected in Ottawa

You can get help completing the survey in 44 languages by calling 1-877-777-2011.

Please visit www.census.gc.ca for more information.

Steps Society for Permanent Recovery

is offering an eight-week pre-employment program which includes :

- Life strategies
- Employment planning
- Employability assessments
- Computer training and evaluation
- Job preparation and job search workshops
- Résumé writing and interview skills
- Help in finding job-related activities, further education and training
- Help with job placement

To be eligible for this program, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- A resident of York Region
- In recovery or impacted by drug and/or alcohol addiction
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Willing to participate in an eight-week program

Session Date: Monday, April 25 to Friday, June 17, 2011

Location: Keswick OW office

Call Jackie Tersigni at 905-850-3490 ext. 2507 to reserve your seat.

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NUTRITION

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables at Great Prices

The **Good Food Box** is an affordable box of fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables delivered to your neighbourhood each month. The contents of the box change with each delivery, depending on what is in season.

Place Your Order with the York Region Food Network on or before the **5th day** of the month. You can order a small box for \$10.00 or a large box for \$15.00. Pick up your box on the **3rd Thursday of the month** at York Region Food Network, 510 Penrose Street in Newmarket. Other pick up locations may be available.

Contact the York Region Food Network at 905-967-0428 or 1-866-454-9736 ext. 205 or ext. 203 for more information.