



# Ontario Works Employment & Training Calendar November 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p><b>**FREE WORKSHOPS**</b> Open to ALL Ontario Works Participants To Register: Call your caseworker or 766-4700 or Workshop Coach: Kristi 766-4079 ***Financial incentives are available for Participants***</p>	<p><b>1</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online  NEW – Employment Advisor Call your Caseworker for appt</p>	<p><b>2</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online</p>	<p><b>3</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online</p>	<p><b>4</b> Resume and Interview Prep assistance available. Contact Kristi 766-4079</p>
<p><b>7</b> Are you working on upgrading your education with LAEC or ACE? Contact Amber 766-4087 to get \$\$</p>	<p><b>8</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online  NEW – Employment Advisor Call your Caseworker for appt</p>	<p><b>9</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online</p>	<p><b>10</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online  Limbrick Community Kitchen 10:00-1:00</p>	<p><b>11</b>  REMEMBRANCE DAY</p>
<p><b>14</b> Need a laptop to participate? Call your Caseworker to apply for one</p>	<p><b>15</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online  Personality Dimensions With Origin 9:00-4:00  NEW – Employment Advisor Call your Caseworker for appt</p>	<p><b>16</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online Good Food Box 10:00-2:00 Origin Heavy Equipment Simulator Training 9:00-4:00  Income Statement WEEK</p>	<p><b>17</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online  Origin Heavy Equipment Simulator Training 9:00-4:00  Income Statement WEEK</p>	<p><b>18</b> Are you volunteering? You may qualify for some extra \$\$. Contact Amber 766-4087  Income Statement WEEK</p>
<p><b>21</b> Smart Serve training online anytime. Contact Kristi 766-4079  Income Statement WEEK</p>	<p><b>22</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online NEW – Employment Advisor Call your Caseworker for appt Interview Skills 9:30-11:30  Income Statement WEEK</p>	<p><b>23</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online  Income Statement WEEK</p>	<p><b>24</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online  YES on site 1:15-3:15  OKC Food Cupboard Windsor 1:00-4:00  Income Statement WEEK</p>	<p><b>25</b>  Income Statement WEEK</p>
<p><b>28</b> CCM Volunteering 10:00-1:00 Contact Amber 766-4087  Cheques Mailed</p>	<p><b>29</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online  NEW – Employment Advisor Call your Caseworker for appt  Cheque Pick Up</p>	<p><b>30</b> ACE program 9:30-12:00 12:30-2:00 Online</p>	<p>Review the monthly calendar at: <a href="http://www.tbdsab.ca">www.tbdsab.ca</a>  Follow TBDSSAB on Social Media:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">     </div>	

## TBDSSAB Workshop Programs

### Smart Serve:

Online course. Participants complete a written test and must obtain a mark of 80% to pass. Participants who do not pass are given one opportunity to re-write the test. This program increases awareness for responsible alcohol sales, service and consumption.

### Service Excellence-Customer Service Training.

1 day workshop that challenges the participant to develop the necessary attitude to deliver exceptional customer service and to encourage the participants to take that attitude and translate it into action on a daily basis. Completion earns a certificate.

**Resume Drop In** - OW participants may meet with Employment staff to develop a resume, work on interview skills and prepare for job interviews.

**YES and NEW On site** - Drop in to meet with an Employment Counsellor to learn about the services available at YES and NEW, and view current job postings in the community. (NEW currently requires an appt. to be made through your Caseworker)

**Origin Heavy Equipment Simulator** – prerequisite is a one-day Personality Dimensions workshop, and the participants will be scheduled for 2 hrs on the simulators. There will be an opportunity to try 3 different pieces of equipment. A great opportunity to explore this path and decide if it's something participants want to pursue further. Opportunities for further Heavy Equipment training may be available for qualifying candidates.

### Volunteering

- Good Food Box monthly. This program relies on volunteers to sort and pack monthly fruit and vegetables boxes. Volunteers are eligible for subsidies to purchase their own box at a discount. Meet us at the Moose Hall on Fort William Rd.
  - Community Clothing Assistance - duties from sorting and organizing donations. OW participants are eligible for free clothes.
- Anyone who volunteers 4X in a month with any agency and submits their attendance form will be eligible for a \$50 incentive.

**Academic and Career Entrance (ACE)** – ACE is a provincially recognized program and serves as an equivalency to grade 12 for the purposes of college entry or apprenticeship. Many employers accept the ACE certificate as equivalent to grade 12. ACE courses meet the admission requirements to all Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology and are accepted by Lakehead University. The Thunder Bay DSSAB in partnership with Confederation College, offers a satellite classroom at the Thunder Bay DSSAB main office on 231 S May St. This classroom is for Ontario Works participants interested in pursuing their ACE certificate. This classroom offers ongoing supports to enhance the participant's potential for success. (Currently on site mornings and online in the afternoons – students are welcome to stay on site and work in the training room for the afternoon)

**Interview Skills** – in person workshop to prepare job seekers for interviews with potential employers.

**Financial Empowerment** – An informative session delivered by Thunder Bay Counselling to provide training on maximizing income (benefits wayfinder online tool), importance of filing taxes, creating a simple budget and some other things like using credit wisely and watching out for scams and frauds. The program consists of a group discussion followed by a one-on-one session. Once the client has completed the program pay directs may be removed and a \$100 financial incentive is issued.

**Essential Skills** – A 6-week life skills/employment readiness program to help people gain the skills, abilities, and attitudes to succeed in training or employment.

- Build your skills for the job of your choice
- Learn about employer expectations to help you get and keep a job
- Boost your confidence and improve your ability to “market” yourself

**PCD (Personal Career and Development)**- The program is designed to help you set realistic personal and education/career goals, learn effective job search techniques and find the career you'll love. This program will: Build your academic skills – the skills employers are looking for, guide you through education and career planning and encourage self-development as a step to achieving personal success.