

THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD

Ontario Works Employment Training Calendar May 2023

231 May St S Thunder Bay ON P7E 1B5

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 ***FREE WORKSHOPS*** Open to ALL Ontario Works Participants FREE Lunch for Workshop Participants	2 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30 Learning Curve 1:30-4:00	3 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30 Learning Curve 9:30-12:00	4 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30	5 Review the monthly calendar at: <u>www.tbdssab.ca</u> Follow TBDSSAB on Social Media:
8 Interested in computer courses? Beginner to advanced options available. Contact Amber to register - 766-4087	9 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30 Learning Curve 1:30-4:00 NEW – on site - contact your Caseworker for an appt	10 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30 Learning Curve 9:30-12:00 Income Tax Assistance @ Windsor 9:30-12:00	11 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30	12 Smart Serve training online anytime. Contact Jessica 766-4630 YES Employment Advisor available on site 1:30-3:30
15 Birth Certificate Application assistance available – contact your Caseworker for an appt.	16 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30 Learning Curve 1:30-4:00 Income Tax Assistance @ Trillium 9:30-12:00 NEW on site call CW for an appt	17 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30 Learning Curve 9:30-12:00 Income statement week	18 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30 Income statement week	19 Going to Work Program Ask your Caseworker for a referral. Income statement week
22 Closed Victoria Day Are you working on upgrading your education with LAEC or ACE? Contact Amber 766-4087 to get extra \$\$ Income statement week	23 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30 Learning Curve 1:30-4:00 NEW – on site - contact your Caseworker for an appt Income statement week	24 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30 Learning Curve 9:30-12:00 Income Tax Assistance @ Spence Court 11:00-2:00 Income statement week	25 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30 Food Cupboard at OKC Windsor 1:00-4:00 Income statement week	26 Are you volunteering? You may qualify for some extra \$\$. Contact Amber 766-4087
29 Volunteering at Community Clothing Assistance 10:00- 1:00 Contact Amber 766-4087 Income Tax Assistance on site 1:00-4:00 Cheque mailing Date	30 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30 Learning Curve 1:30-4:00 Income Tax Assistance on site 9:00-12:00 NEW on site call CW for an appt Cheque pick up date	31 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30	ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online Employment Readiness 9:15-3:30	Need a laptop to participate? Call your Caseworker to apply

TBDSSAB Workshop Programs

Drop-in Resume Support: Employment staff are available to assist OW participants to develop a cover letter, resume and prepare for job interviews.

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 a hybrid model in class in the mornings and online in the afternoons.

Volunteering - Good Food Box: 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. Community Clothing Assistance (CCA): duties from sorting and organizing donations. OW participants are eligible for free clothes.

Other Opportunities – if you're volunteering let your Caseworker know – you may qualify for some extra funds.

YES and NEW - 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. Appointments with NEW available through your Caseworker.

Smart Serve: Currently only available online – Contact your Caseworker to request funds to pay for the course.

1 day course. Facilitated session along with video presentation and workbook 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. Anyone who serves or handles alcohol in a licenced establishment in Ontario must be certified by Smart Serve including grocery stores that sell alcohol.

Going To Work Program – participants who are employment ready with a current resume can be connected with employers who are hiring. Ask your Caseworker for a referral.

Income Tax Assistance: Thunder Bay Counselling will be available to assist clients complete their taxes and will be on site at 231 May St. S. as well as at the Housing Hubs – Spence Court, Trillium, Windsor and Limbrick.

Learning Curve Workshop Series: Delivered by Confederation College on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. This skills workshop series was developed to increase participants abilities, self-confidence and resources for self-development. These workshops will assist participants in gaining foundational skills to begin exploring career development pathways. Participants who complete at least 6 workshops will receive a Certificate from Confederation College Academic Upgrading.

Employment Readiness – Delivered by Lakehead Adult Education Centre. Learn skills to prepare you for a work placement that can be used for credits towards your gr. 12 diploma. Don't need credits? Gain some experience in a work placement. Create a resume, cover letter and participate in training for WHMIS, Health and Safety as well as other opportunities.