

## Ontario Works Employment Training Calendar October 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
***FREE WORKSHOPS*** Open to ALL Ontario Works Participants  To Register: Call your caseworker or 766-2111 ext. 4700 or Amber 766-4087	1 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online NEW – on site 1:30-3:30	2 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online	3 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online	Interested in computer courses? – beginner to advanced options available. Contact Amber to register 766-4087
7 Resume, Interview Skills & other job search assistance available: call Amber: 807-766-4087 Or Lesly 807-766-4079	8 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online  NEW – on site 1:30-3:30	9 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online	10 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online YES on site 1:15-3:15	Smart Serve training online anytime. Contact your Caseworker
14 OFFICE CLOSED  Happy Thanksgiving	15 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online  NEW – on site 1:30-3:30	16     ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site     12:30-2:00 online  Good Food Box 10:00- 2:00     Contact Amber for Info     807-766-4087	17 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online	Are you working on upgrading your education with LAEC or ACE? Contact Amber 766-4087 to get extra \$\$
FREE Lunch for Workshop Participants	22 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online  NEW – on site 1:30-3:30	23 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online	24 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online YES on site 1:15-3:15	25 Birth Certificate Application assistance available on site contact your Caseworker for an appt.  Income Statement
In Good Hands online training. Contact Amber 807-766-4087 for a code	ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site   12:30-2:00 online   NEW - on site 1:30-3:30   Cheque mailing date	30 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online  Cheque pick up date	31 ACE 9:30-12:00 on-site 12:30-2:00 online	Review the monthly calendar at:  www.tbdssab.ca  Follow TBDSSAB on Social  Media:  in

## **TBDSSAB Workshop Programs**

**Resume**, **Interview and Job Search Assistance:** OW participants may meet with Employment staff for assistance with their job search, 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 but drops ins are welcome on a first come first serve basis)

## **Volunteering – Participants are provided supports for items they need to volunteer.**

<u>Good Food Box</u> - this monthly 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 (CCA) - duties from sorting and organizing donations. OW participants are eligible for free clothes.

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).

**Learning Curve Workshop Series:** Delivered by Confederation College on Tuesday mornings. This drop in 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. Topics include Self Awareness, Healthy Relationships, Unleashing your Potential, Physical Wellness, Wellbeing, Purpose, and Goal Setting. **Attending 6 workshops earns a Certificate from Confederation College Academic Upgrading.** 

**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. **Staff are available to assist in preparations for the test.** This program increases awareness for responsible alcohol sales, service, and consumption.

**In Good Hands:** Become certified as a safe food handler with this online training. After taking this course you will understand what causes foodborne illness and what steps you can take to prepare food safely. Contact your Caseworker for an online code to complete the course. You have 3 attempts to pass for certification.

**Other courses or training opportunities**: If you require certifications or courses for employment purposes you can request assistance from your Caseworker or a Placement Support Worker.