



Hamilton Referral Protocol

Get SET (Skills, Education and Training) and Integrated Employment Services

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This referral protocol outlines the referral partnership between Hamilton Get SET programs and Integrated Employment Services. This document should be used by practitioners to guide referrals between programs. A referral is required when a client would benefit from additional services offered by another organization or program. Services may be offered concurrently or consecutively depending on the needs of the client and the capacity of the partner organizations. This protocol is reviewed annually.

Referral Protocol – a formal referral form isn't needed

A formal referral can be any of the following

- a. in-person referral (client visits the program)
- b. intake appointment booked
- c. direct contact by email, phone, text, etc.
- d. targeted outreach presentation

Referring to Get SET (Skills, Education and Training)

Get SET helps people prepare for high school credit/equivalent, apprenticeship, post-secondary, employment and for greater independence.

Refer those that

- are early school leavers – don't have their Grade 12/equivalent (out for more than 1 year)
- have difficulties with reading, writing or math (or don't have the skills for their employment goal)
- have little experience or have difficulty with digital technology
- are unsure of their skills or the program they need
- want options and information to meet their upgrading needs
- have or may have a learning disability or learning challenge

From the Common Assessment Tool (CAT)

Refer clients that identified education as a barrier to their goals - for example

- a. highest level of schooling completed is less than Grade 12
- b. completed schooling many years ago
- c. went to school outside of Canada
- d. finds one or more essential skill challenging – reading, writing, speaking/listening, math, digital technology

Referral Options

1. [Learning Connections Hamilton \(LCH\)](#) – Adult Learning Network
 - a. Pathway planning – information, referral and skills check-ins
 - b. [Refer here](#) or contact info@lchamilton.ca or 905-527-2222
2. **Directly to a Program** – if the client knows the program they want to attend and has the skills to be successful in that program – refer directly to the program. Please note that programs are offering multiple targeted training programs. Please contact LCH for more information if needed.

Contacts

Get SET Program	Referral Contact	Email
Collège Boréal, Academic and Career Entrance (French)	Hajar Ait Taleb Moussa	hajar.aittalebmousa@collegeboreal.ca
Continuing Education (HWDSB) Academic Upgrading / Essential Skills Program for adults with developmental disabilities / Targeted Training	Angela Parkin	aparkin@hwdsb.on.ca
CNIB Deafblind Community Services – Literacy Services	Nicole Bozzo-Fersing	nicole.bozzo-fersing@deafblindservices.ca
Hamilton Literacy Council	Laurel Horning	info@hamiltonreads.ca
Hamilton Regional Indian Centre – Native Learning Program	Ingride Duval	literacy@hric.ca
Deaf Empowerment Program		dep@mohawkcollege.ca
St. Charles Adult & Continuing Education Centres (HWCDsb)	Sarah Silva	silvas@hwcdsb.ca

Referral to Integrated Employment Service Providers

Refer learners to Integrated Employment Services (IES) for

- Resource and Information - career exploration, for interim employment goals, for job posts, printer, etc.
- Funding Streams – for example, Better Jobs Ontario applications
- Workshops and Training – for example, job searching, resume building, WHMIS, etc.
- Assisted Services - assisted job search, on-the-job training, etc.

For more information about these services, visit [LCH's Employment Supports](#) page.

Employment Program	Contact
<u>Amity Goodwill - Goodwill Career Centre</u>	<u>employmentservices@goodwillindustries.ca</u>
<u>Collège Boréal</u>	<u>OptionsEmploi.Hamilton@collegeboreal.ca</u>
<u>Employment Hamilton</u>	<u>info@EmploymentHamilton.com</u>
<u>VPI Inc.</u>	<u>infohamilton@vpi-inc.com</u>
<u>Wesley Employment Services</u>	<u>employment.services@wesley.ca</u>
<u>YMCA Employment Services</u>	<u>yesjobs@ymcahbb.ca</u>
<u>Agilec</u>	<u>hamilton@agilec.ca</u>
<u>Amity Goodwill – ODSP Support Program</u>	<u>employmentservices@goodwillindustries.ca</u>
<u>Community Living Hamilton</u>	<u>info@clham.com</u>
<u>March of Dimes Hamilton</u>	<u>es@marchofdimes.ca</u>
<u>PATH Employment</u>	<u>reception@pathemployment.com</u>
<u>YWCA Employment Services</u> (serves women and non-binary people and people with self-disclosed disabilities)	<u>employmentandtraining@ywcahamilton.org</u>
Other Employment Programs	
<u>The Career Foundation</u> (serves youth and people with disabilities)	Empowering Abilities - <u>EAPHamilton@careerfoundation.org</u>
<u>Immigrants Working Centre</u>	<u>Book an Appointment</u>
<u>NPAAMB</u> Indigenous Youth Employment and Training	<u>ysw_ham2@npaamb.com</u>

Language Upgrading

Participants who need language upgrading (ESL/LINC) should be referred to [YMCA Immigrant Services](#). YMCA offers the Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) assessment and options for ESL/LINC classes. If participants have a current CLB assessment, they can be referred directly to ESL/LINC programs.

More Program Info

[Get SET \(Skills, Education and Training\)](#) helps adults in Ontario to develop and apply communication, numeracy, interpersonal and digital skills to achieve their goals. The Get SET program serves learners who have goals to successfully transition to employment, postsecondary, apprenticeship, secondary school, and increased independence. The program includes learners who may have a range of barriers to learning.

Program Eligibility

- must be an Ontario resident
- literacy and basic skills are assessed at intake as being less than the end of Level 3 of the International Adult Literacy and Skills Survey (IALSS) or the OALCF
- at least 19 years old (some exceptions apply)
- proficient enough in speaking and listening to benefit fully from the language of LBS instruction (English or French).

Integrated Employment Service (IES) offers a range of resources, supports and service components to respond to the career and employment needs of individuals and the skilled labour needs of employers, and can help individuals on a path to higher skill training and employment. The five components of the Employment Service provide a highly flexible tool kit of services that can be customized to a client's particular needs - Client Service Planning and Coordination, Resource and Information, Job Search, Job Matching, Placement and Incentives, Job/Training Retention.

Program Eligibility

- Individuals that are unemployed and not participating in full-time training or education (For the purpose of the Employment Service, an individual who is working less than an average of 20 hours per week is considered to be "unemployed"; an individual is considered to be in full time training or education based on the definition supplied by the institution in which they are enrolled.)

Note – program offerings and program eligibility for non-EO programs may differ.



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