

Dear Participants, Families and Care Providers,

Have you heard about Passport Funding? I want to highlight the relevance and significance that **Passport Funding** could mean to you or someone you care for. The fundamental vision of the **PASSPORT** program is to support the **FULL INCLUSION** of Ontarians with developmental disabilities in all aspects of society.

**KEY GOALS:**

- Foster independence by building on individuals' abilities and developing community participation, social and daily living skills
- Increase opportunities for participation in the community
- Promote social inclusion and broaden social relationships
- Help young people make the transition from school to life as an adult
- Support families and caregivers of and adult with a developmental disability

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Adults, 18 years of age and older, eligible for developmental services and supports funded through Developmental Services Ontario.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?**

- **PASSPORT** is a reimbursement program assisting individuals to purchase community services and supports.
- Funds can be managed independently or directed to an agency to be managed on your behalf.
- Existing funded programs and supports can be enhanced through this funding.
- If you haven't already done so, or are unsure, contact Developmental Services Ontario at 519-741-1121 or [www.dsontario.ca](http://www.dsontario.ca) Tell them you would like to inquire about **PASSPORT** funding.
- Contact DSO anytime there are changes to your status or contact information.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?**

Passport Opportunities Waterloo Region (POWR) is a collaboration of your local Developmental Service Organizations. POWR is working together to expand, create and develop fee-for-service opportunities in Waterloo Region. We aim to make our services work for you.

If you have questions or require further information, please email [passports@kwhab.ca](mailto:passports@kwhab.ca) or call Wil Candlish at 519-744-6307 ext. 1213.

Sincerely,  
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"A community where everyone belongs and participates"