Access Line:

1 866 550 5205 press 2



Coast Niagara: 1 866 550 5205 press 1



# Distress Line:



Welland/St Catharines/Niagara Falls: 905 688 3711

Pt Colborne/Wainfleet: 905 734 1212

Fort Erie and Area: 905 382 0689

Grimsby/West Lincoln: 905 563 6674

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# The Help Book



Adult Mental Health and Community Resources in Niagara Falls

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For any other information please contact
info@informationniagara.com
or visit us online at: www.informationniagara.com

Call: (905)-682-6611; 905-356-4636; 1-800-263-3695

**Notes** 

### Advocacy

# **Consumer/Survivor Initiative of Niagara**

A peer support group that offers education, advocacy and self-help groups for



consumer/survivors of the mental health system. Self-help groups include depression/anxiety and anger management. These are offered at various times and locations and are free of cost. Please call the office for more information about the group's schedules and general inquires.

Office Phone: 905-732-4498
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm
Address: 60 King St., Unit 103, Welland, ON L3B 6A4
Website: www.iniativeniagara.ca
Email: consumer.survivor@bellnet.ca
Contact: Judy Hoover

# **Gateway Residence of Niagara Inc.**

Services include supportive housing programs, case management, community treatment orders program, the good food box



program, and a recreational & volunteer program. Our housing and support services provide stable and helpful environments for the individual that emphasize personal choice, dignity and respect that allow the capacity of consumers to live independently and meaningfully.

Office Phone: 905-735-4445
Toll Free: 1-877-735-4445
Fax: 905-735-7570
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm
Address: 178 King St, Unit A, Welland, ON L3B 3J5
Website: www.gatewayofniagara.ca
Email: info@gatewayofniagara.ca

#### **Advocacy**

# **Canadian Mental Health Association Niagara Branch**

Committed to improving the quality of life



for individuals experiencing mental and emotional issues who reside in the Niagara Region. Services include information and referral service, crisis intervention, short term counseling, depression support group, separation/divorce support group, public education, advocacy and social action, depression in the workplace presentations, suicide intervention training and mental health court support. Referrals are accepted from anyone.

Office Phone: 905-641-5222

**Hours of Operation**: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm **Address**: 36 Page St, St. Catharines, ON L2A 4A5

**Website:** www.cmhaniagara.ca **Email:** info@cmhaniagara.ca



# **Legal Aid Ontario**

A program which provides financial assistance in the form of a Legal Aid Certificate to eligible applicants who need to retain a lawyer but cannot afford one. Certificates are provided on a pay-back, lien or free basis depending on eligibility. Offers half hour - 2hour legal advice. Does not do family law. Legal aid certificates provides free of charge lawyers. Legal clinic offers certificate.

**Phone Toll free**: 1-800-668-8258

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Website: www.legalaid.on.

### **Utilities**

#### Hydro

Niagara Peninsula Energy	1-877-270-3938
	OR
	905-356-2681

#### **Gas Service**

Enbridge Gas	1-877-362-7434
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#### **Cable Television Service**

COGECO	1-800-267-9000
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#### **Telephone Service Providers**

Bell Canada	1-866-310-2355
Vonage	1-877-272-0528
COGECO	1-800-267-9000

#### **Criminal Pardons**

#### **Pardons Canada**

A Resource and Support Line for over 5,000 Organizations. If you have ever been charged with a criminal offense, whether you were convicted – or it was thrown out of court – **you HAVE a criminal record.** 

Criminal records Removed and U.S. Entry Waivers

Toll Free support line: 1-877-929-6011 Website: uwww.pardons.org



# **Transportation**



### **City Transit**

Niagara Falls Transit Service 905-356-1179

#### **Taxi Service**

Niagara Falls Taxi Ltd. 905-357-4000 5-0 Taxi 905-358-3232 Elite Taxi 905-356-9990 or 1-866-309-8294 (Paratransit service: Are you on ODSP? We have many clients who are. Simply have your caseworker contact us with authorization and we'll bill them directly)

#### **Useful numbers**

905-984-8684
905-732-4498
905-688-3711
911
905-356-1321
905-682-7258
905 682 4584
1-800-268-9017
905-688-4111
1-866-797-0000
905-356-3933
1-800-263-7215
1-866-550-5205

# **Community Mental Health Programs**

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### **Community Mental Health Programs**

# Canadian Mental health Association Niagara Branch –Satellite Office



A community resource centre where

people can obtain information and resources about mental illness and its effects. A range of community resources are accessible for individuals and their families. A Mental Health Counselor is available to assist members of the community in accessing programs and services within CMHA and suggest resources in the broader region.

**Office Phone**: 905-641-5222

Address: 6760 Morrison St, Unit 2, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6Z8

#### Oak Centre

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Services include a continuum of employment opportunities including transitional employment (graduated step towards gainful employment), supported employment, and independent employment, career planning, accessing education, training and employment resources in the community and supports on-the-job or in training/academic programs.

Office Phone: 905-788-3010

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm Wed 8am-8pm

Address: 24 Dorothy St, Welland, ON L3B 3V7

**Website:** www.oakcentre.ca **Email:** oakcentre@bellnet.ca

Contact: Ru Tauro

#### **Grocery Stores**

**Big Bee Food Mart** 

Address: 5056 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-358-8389

Niagara Falls Foodland Store

Address: 8251 Dock St, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-356-1182

**Food Basics** 

Address: 6770 McLeod Rd, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-356-1103

Fraser's Grocery

Address: 4803 St. Claire Ave, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-356-6110

Zehr's

Address: 6940 Morrison St, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-358-5544

Sobey's

Address: 3714 Portage Rd, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-371-2270

FreshCo

Address: 5931 Kalar Road, Niagara Falls, ON L2H 0L4 Phone: 905 371-3113

### **Food Banks and Meals**

#### St. Vincent DePaul Society

Contact can be made through any Roman Catholic Church. May provide food and/or clothing in emergency situations.



Office Phone:

905-374-7070

Address:

4693 Victoria Ave, Niagara Falls

Website: www.svdpusa.com

# **Niagara Falls Community Outreach**

Provides nutritious meals free of charge to persons of low income in an atmosphere of acceptance and safety. Also assists in arranging transportation to



shelters for overnight accommodation during the winter months, if requested

**Noon meal Times:** Monday-Friday 12:00pm (noon)-1:00pm; all year **Evening Meal Times**: 4:30pm-8:00pm November 1-Mar 1 **Office Phone**: 905-354-1640

**Address**: Community of Christ, 4865 ST Lawrence Ave, Niagara Falls,

ON L2E 3Y1

# Niagara International Worship Centre



A hot meal is provided the first Tuesday of every month and a food pantry is offered at the worship services. Christmas Eve dinner served, along with a gift.

Office Phone: 905-356-0635
Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm
Address: 6846 Frederica St, Niagara Falls

### **Community Mental Health Programs**

### **Family Counseling Centre**



Provides a range of professional counselling and support programs to individuals, couples, families or groups who are experiencing personal, social or work problems which are contributing to individual, relationship or family difficulties.

Provides General Counselling & Walk-In Counselling Clinic. Programs such as Family Violence Programs for Men, Women and Children, For Me and My Mom, Side by Side, Partner Assault Response Program (PAR), Caring Dads, Adult Protective Services (APSW), Family Group Conferencing, and the Foster and Kinship Support Services. Program fees - Family Group Conferencing; Foster and Kinship Support Services; None - APSW, Family Violence programs, Walk-In Clinic; Caring Dads; Fee assistance available; assistance is provided by Counselling and Therapy services -- on a sliding scale basis (\$25-\$95/session).

**Hours of Operation**: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm;

Summer: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm

**Office Phone**: 905-937-7731

# The Family Mental Health Support Network of Niagara



Provides mental health education and support for Niagara families who have a family member (older teenager or adult) dealing with a serious mental health problem and/or occurring disorder. FSN, in cooperation with the Niagara Health System, conducts 'coping skills' workshops .They are intended for adult family members and significant others. All workshops and follow up sessions are free of cost.

Phone: 905-641-2111

Email: familysn@niagara.com

#### **Crisis Services**

# C.O.A.S.T. (Crisis Outreach and Support Team)



Provides 24/7 crisis line services.

Mental health professionals work as a team in partnership with police officers who are specially trained to work with individuals with mental health and addictions issues who are in crisis. Information is collected over the phone by a qualified health professional who can assist the individual in understanding care options that are available. If needed an outreach mobile team will assess the person experiencing the mental health crisis in their community. Ongoing telephone support and/or referral to appropriate follow-u p services may be recommended.

Crisis Line: 1-866-550-5205 (24/7); press 1

# Centre de Santé Communautaire Hamilton/Niagara

A multi-disciplinary agency serving the French speaking population of Niagara. Services include primary health care services, parental and postnatal support, family support programs, anti-violence programs, counseling, distress line for women, nutrition counseling, activities for seniors, settlement and integration services.

 Office Phone:
 905-734-1141

 Francophone Crisis Line:
 1-877-336-2433

**Hours of Operation**: Monday & Wednesday 8:30am-5:00pm; Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am-8:00pm; Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Address: 810 East Main St, Welland

**Website:** www.centredesantecommunitaire.com **Email:** cscn@iaw.on.ca

# **Food Banks and Meals**

### **Salvation Army**

Provides emergency hostel. Dormitory accommodation and meals are provided for adult men. Clothing vouchers and referrals provided for only in-house residents. Life skills program are available to residents. Have 3 male rooms for Supportive Transitional Housing. Meals are open only to shelter residents (Men who are 18 years and older) or individuals who have been issued meal vouchers from the following churches; Knox Presbyterian, Silver Spire United and Queen St Baptist

**Office Phone**: 905-354-2834 **Address**: 5720 Dorchester Rd, Niagara Falls, ON L2G 5S3

Website: www.salvationarmy.ca

#### **Project Share**



Clients will receive enough non-perishable food items to last 3-4 days and the staff

will assist individuals and families on a one-on-one basis with support and referrals to other agencies. All families are given the opportunity to work with staff to improve their individual barriers in overcoming their family difficulties.

Office Phone: 905-357-5121
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9:30am-3:30pm
Address: 4129 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls

# **Clothing**

### **Morrison Street United Church (St. Andrews)**

The church sells clothing and small household items at a very reasonable cost. It serves residents of Niagara Falls.

Office Phone:905-356-1624Address:5645 Morrison St, Niagara FallsHours of Operation:Thursday and Friday 10:00am-1:00pm

(noon)

#### **Goodwill Industries**

**Hours of Operation:** 

A retail store and training centre offering great selection of clothing, house wares, household goods, furniture, appliances and books at a good value.

**Office Phone**: 905-357-9500

Monday-Friday 9:00am-9:00pm; Saturday &

Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm

**Address**: 6777 Morrison St, Niagara Falls

# Value Village

A retail store that sells clothing at reasonable prices.

**Office Phone**: 905-354-6336

**Hours of Operation**: Monday-Saturday 9:00am-9:00pm; Sunday

10:00am-7:00pm

Address: 6278 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls

# **Big Brothers & Big Sister Nearly New Shop**

Office Phone: 905-374-2679
Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm
Address: 4311 Queen St, Niagara Falls

#### **Crisis Services**

#### **Distress Centre**

A 24-hour, free, confidential telephone crisis intervention support service available to anyone in need in the Niagara Region. We provide emotional support, suicide intervention, prevention techniques and communication skills.

Crisis Phone: 905-382-0689
Website: www.distresscentreniagara.com

# **Community Addiction Services of Niagara**

Services include a comprehensive assessment, individualized treatment plan, referrals to appropriate resources, case



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management, outpatient counseling, pretreatment group, day treatment education and skills development group, and aftercare groups. Individual, family, spousal and couples counseling, with support also available for relatives/significant others.

**Hours of Operation**: Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:00pm (noon),

1:00pm-4:30pm

**Phone**: 905-684-1183 (schedule appointments) **Address**: 60 James St, Ste 401, St. Catharines, ON L2R 7E7

# W.A.R.M (Women's Addiction Recovery Mediation)

Service for women experiencing addiction or affected by a loved one's addiction. Provides women with individual and group counseling, education and support. For ages 16 & up, and requires an intake assessment.

Phone: 905-357-9191/ ext. 4022
Address: 6135 Culp St, Niagara Falls, ON L2A 5M6
Website: www.warmniagara.org
Email: warm@ywcaniagararegion.ca

#### **Crisis Services**

#### **Nova House**

Provides shelter and services for women and children experiencing



abuse. Services include: 24-hour crisis/information line, counselling and emotional support for women and children/youth who are being or who have been abused, development of safety plans, transitional and housing support, family court support (including accompaniment to court and legal appointments), public education programs, and referrals. Services are available on an in-shelter or office visit basis.

Office Phone: 905-356-3933 **Crisis Phone**: 905-356-5800 will accept collect calls, 24 hour service **Hours of Operation:** Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm Website: www.womensplacesn.org

#### **Pathstone Services**

**Email:** 

A mobile crisis intervention service providing immediate telephone counseling and, if



arunova@wpsn.ca

necessary, on-site crisis intervention in the home, school, hospital or other community location. Services are available 24/7 for children and youth up to the age of 18 and their families. Counselors have access to psychiatric and psychological consultation. Information will initially be collected over the phone and an on-site intervention will be organized if assessed as appropriate.

Call Toll Free Line (24/7): 1-800-263-4944 Pathstone Mental Health: 905-688-6850

# Clothing

# **Salvation Army Thrift Shop**

Sells used furniture, household items, clothing, shoes, books, linens, brand new mattresses, pillows, and bedframes at affordable prices

**Hours of Operation:** Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-8:00pm; Thursday & Friday 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday 9:00am-7:00pm

Office Phone: 905-354-8538 Address: 4420 Drummond Rd, Niagara Falls Website: www.salvationarmy.ca

### St. Vincent De Paul Society Thrift Shop

Sells used clothing, pots and pans, china, linens, and small appliances at reasonable prices.



**Emergency Line Phone:** 905-374-7070 Address: 4693 Victoria Ave, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 4B8 Website:

www.svdpusa.com

### **Pharmacies**



**Bradfield IDA Pharmacy** 

Address: 8251 Dock St, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-295-3883

**Falls Pharmacy** 

Address: 6635 Drummond Rd, Niagara Falls Phone: 1-866-325-5763

**MacKinnon Guardian Drugs** 

Address: 6680 Drummond Rd, Niagara Falls

Phone: 905-354-1812

Meadow's Pharmacy Ltd.

Address: 3493 Portage Rd, Niagara Falls

Phone: 905-354-3023

OR

Address: 3770 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls

Phone: 905-357-6577

Pharma Plus Drug Mart

Address: 6484 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls

Phone: 905-354-6445

**Queen Street Pharmacy** 

Address: 4421 Queen St, Niagara Falls

Phone: 905-354-5604

#### **Crisis Services**

# **Canadian Mental Health Association Safe Bed Program**

The Safe bed Program provides 24/7 long-term residential crisis support for individuals age 16 or older who are experiencing a mental health crisis. The program offers crisis counseling and a safe therapeutic environment for men and women to stay as an alternative to hospitalization. The staff work with individuals to resolve their crisis and to link them with available supports in the community. Referrals can be made by: therapists, counselors, physicians, crisis workers, advocates or any other professional with a working knowledge of the individual's current situation and relevant history.

**Address**: 15 Wellington St, St Catharines, L2R 5P7 **Phone**: 905-641-5222

Please call for more information or to make a referral

# **Canadian Mental Health Association Mental Health Urgent Support Services**

Urgent mental health and addictions crisis support will be provided for individuals 16 years of age and older in St. Catharines, Welland, and Niagara Falls. Mental health counselors will be available to assists individuals in meeting immediate needs for problem solving, goal setting and linking to appropriate community supports. Individuals may self-refer or be referred by other mental health and addictions partners within the community. follow-up services may include short-term brief solution focused counseling sessions, telephone counseling and support with bridging to longer-term resources.

**Crisis Line**: 905-641-5222

**Hours of Operation**: Monday-Friday 11:30am-7:00pm **Email**: info@cmhaniagara.ca

**Address**: 6760 Morrison St, Unit 2, Niagara Falls,

ON L2E 6Z8

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# **Employment**

#### Oak Centre

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Services include a continuum of employment opportunities including transitional employment (graduated step towards gainful employment), group employment, supported employment, and independent employment, career planning, accessing education, training and employment resources in the community and supports on-the-job or in training/academic programs.

Office Phone: 905-788-3010

Contact:

Hours of Operation:Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pmAddress:24 Dorothy St, Welland, ON L3B 3V7Website:www.oakcentre.caEmail:oakcentre@bellnet.ca

# **Niagara Employment Help Centre**

Comprehensive employment and job search services. Strategies include resume preparation.

Information about careers and occupations, local labour market, employment and training opportunities. On-the-job training, work experience. Help in maintaining employment. Also provides a youth job link, and second career program.

**Address**: 6100 Thorold Stone Rd, Unit 7, Niagara Falls, ON L2J 1A3 **Phone**: 905-358-0021

# **Pharmacies**

#### **Wal-Mart Pharmacy**

Address: 7481 Oakwood Dr, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-371-3335

# **Shoppers Drug Mart**

Address: Battlefield Plaza, 6565 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls

Phone: 905-354-3845

OR

Address: Town & Country Plaza, 5175 Victoria Ave, Niagara Falls

Phone: 905-356-5096

OR

Address: Montrose & Preakness, 5125 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls

Phone: 905-357-1100

# Sauer Drug Ltd.

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Address: 5771 Victoria Ave, Niagara Falls

Phone: 905-358-9832



#### **Walk-In Clinics**

# NFCHC (Niagara Falls Community Health Centre)



A non-profit, community-governed organization that provides primary health care, health promotion and community development services. Multi-disciplinary teams of health providers consisting of Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Counselors, a Dietitian, a Health Promoter and Outreach Workers assess and treat non-life threatening injuries or illnesses, and develop programs to improve the social supports and conditions that affect long-term health. Other services include: caring for my COPD program and smoking cessation support (individual and group support). Currently accepting new patients, call to schedule an appointment. NFCHC priority population has been defined as: Individuals/families without a healthcare provider, people with mental health and/or addiction issues, low income families, isolated seniors, at risk children and youth, street involved/non-insured persons, newcomers to Canada and people with physical disabilities.

Address: 4790 Victoria Ave, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-356-4222

**Fax:** 905-356-5676 **Website:** www.nfchc.ca

**Hours of Operation**: Monday & Friday 8:00am-4:30pm; Tuesday 7:30am-7:30pm; Wednesday 8:00am-4:30pm; Thursday 7:30am-

7:30pm; Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

# **Employment**

# Canadian Mental Health Association Niagara Branch



Provides services to the consumers of the

mental health system who have a desire to return to work, re-think career goals, perform volunteer service, upgrade schooling, and improve life skills. Offers real work, not sheltered, focus on career choices based on interests, work skills evaluation, personal, one to one support and help with the employers training and academic programs.

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Address: 36 Page St, St. Catharines, ON L2R 4A5
Website: www.cmhaniagara.ca
Email: info@cmhaniagara.ca

# **Niagara Centre for Independent Living Work Link**

Offers employment services which may include dissemination of labour market information, employment needs assessment, career planning, employment counselling, job search skills, job placement services, developing an employment action plan, referral to appropriate interventions, assessments for disability-related accommodations and participant case management and follow-up.

 Address:
 122 Queenston St, St. Catharines, ON L2R 2Z3

 Phone:
 905-684-7111

 TTY:
 905-684-0420

 Fax:
 905-684-1199

 Hours of Operation:
 Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm

# **Employment Websites**

ca.indeed.com

Workopolis.com

Monster.ca

https://www.niagarafallstourism.com/jobs

https://niagarafalls.ca/city-hall/human-resources/employment-categories.aspx

falls.com/employment

https://www.niagaraparks.com/corporate/careers/

http://www.niagarafallsbridges.com/index.php/employment

https://www.niagararegion.ca/government/hr/careers/default.as px

http://www.ymcaofniagara.org/programs/employment-services/

https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/home

# Walk-In-Clinics

Morrison Walk-In-Medical Clinic

Address: 6453 Morrison Rd, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-374-3344

**Urgent Care Niagara** 

Address: 104-6150 Valley Way, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-371-1881

**Portage Walk-In Clinic** 

Address: 4256 Portage Rd, Unit 303, Niagara Falls Phone: 905-356-6215



#### **Housing**

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Website: www.oakcentre.ca

**Email:** oakcentre@bellnet.ca

Contact: Ru Tauro

# YWCA Niagara region – Emergency Housing



The YW provides three types of emergency homeless shelters. They are shelters for single women or women with children, shelters for families, both two-parent families and single male-led families, and shelters for single men or men with children.

Emergency Homeless Shelter for Men:905-357-9191Emergency Homeless Shelter for Women:905-988-3528Emergency Family Homeless Shelter:289-668-4962Address:6135 Culp St, Niagara Falls, ON L2G 2B6

# **Income Services**

#### **Ontario Works**



Ontario Works helps people who are in financial need. It offers two types of assistance:

**Financial assistance**, including: income support to help with the costs of basic needs, like food, clothing and shelter as well as health benefits for clients and their families

**Employment assistance** to help clients find, prepare for and keep a job. This assistance may include: workshops on resume writing and interviewing, job counseling, job-specific training, access to basic education, so clients can finish high school or improve their language skills

In most cases, a client must agree to participate in employment assistance activities in order to receive financial assistance.

**Emergency assistance** is also available to people who are in a crisis or an emergency situation (e.g. people who have lost their homes, are leaving an abusive relationship and/or are worried about their safety).

**Phone**: 905- 354-3561 **Address**: 5853 Peer St, Niagara Falls, ON L2G 1X4

# Folk Arts Council of St. Catharines-Niagara Falls



A community based non-profit charitable organization whose team of professional staff and volunteers provide vital settlement services to newcomers as they strive to create a rewarding new life in Canada

**Hours of Operation**: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm **Address**: 5853 Peer St, Niagara Falls, ON L2G 1X4

Mailing Address: 85 Church St, St. Catharines, ON L2R 3C7

Phone: 905-358-3452; or 905-685-6589 ext. 221

#### **Income Services**

# Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services



Administers the Ontario Disability

Support Program which is made up of two components: an income support program for people with disabilities who are in financial need and an employment support program that recognizes many people with disabilities can and do want to work. In order to be eligible for ODSP benefits the applicant must live in Ontario, be 18 years of age or older, be in financial need and have assets no greater than limits set for the program.

 Office Phone:
 905-688-3022

 Toll Free:
 1-800-263-5413

 TTY:
 905 688-1140

 Hours of Operation:
 Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

 Website:
 www.cfcs.gov.on.ca

### **Niagara Regional Community Service Department**

Provides financial assistance and a range of employment support and activities, in partnership with community agencies to enable participants and their families to achieve independence through sustainable employment. Community Services also provides assistance to members of the community who are not recipients of Ontario Work benefits. Emergency and discretionary benefits are accessed by the working poor, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) recipients and homeless individuals.

To Apply for Social Assistance
Hours of Operation:
Address:

1-800-263-7215

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
5853 Peer St, Niagara Falls L2G 1X4

Website:

www.regional.niagara.on.ca

#### Housing

# Canadian Mental Health Association Niagara Branch Mental health Homelessness Initiative, Phase II Housing

Canadian Mental Health Association Niagara Mental health for all

The program is designed for individuals

requiring long-term intensive support, who are experiencing serious mental health issues and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The program provides a combination of affordable housing and the ongoing, flexible supports needed to maintain housing. The program supports 86 housing units in the Niagara Region.

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#### Gateway

Operates one residential group home in the city of Welland which can accommodate seven tenants. We also have a total of 110 housing units within our Phase Two program. Gateway owns and operates four buildings in the cities of Welland, St. Catharines, Port Colborne, and most recently we are building a house in Niagara Falls which will be ready for move-in later this year. We also have our Housing First Program that is a recovery-orientated approach to end homelessness.

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