

TORONTO REGION DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES **TEMPORARY SUPPORTS**

The Ministry of Community and Social Services is providing funding to support adults with a developmental disability and their families or unpaid caregivers in situations that are unexpected, temporary and time-limited in nature.

Purpose:

The funds are intended to address unexpected circumstances such as family emergencies or health-care needs of the adult or his/her family/unpaid caregiver (e.g. during periods of hospitalization, surgery, recuperation or rehabilitation). Individuals receiving residential care from an agency are, therefore, ineligible for this funding, unless they are residing in a SIL (Supported Independent Living) situation. This fund is to address more urgent situations that are not covered through any other existing publicly funded services and supports.

The funds may pay for qualified staffing to replace the caregiver's support of the individual temporarily (i.e. to provide transportation to a program or activity or in home support). The funds cannot be used to pay for an informal caregiver to provide the temporary supports such as a family member, friend or neighbour.

Access:

All requests/referrals must go to Developmental Services Ontario-Toronto Region (DSTO TR) where staff will determine the individual's eligibility for both developmental services and for temporary supports funding. If DSO TR's eligibility criteria are met and they determine it is an appropriate temporary support request, with proper consent, they will forward the referral to Griffin Centre. The referral source (i.e. case manager) or family member will then be contacted by Griffin Centre to determine the most appropriate plan. All approved funding will be allocated to a developmental services agency and not directly to a family or caregiver.



Referrals should be directed to:
DSO Toronto-Surrey Place Centre (DSO TR)
Phone: 1-855-DS-ADULT (1-855-372-3858)
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