

OCTOBER 2020					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Red Text: Special Events; Blue Text: Workshops; Green Text: Other Services; Black Text: Regular Program or Services</p> <p>Ajax Welcome Centre Hours of Operation: The Ajax Welcome Centre is temporarily closed to visitors and walk in clients. The Centre is open to clients with in-person booked appointments only. (Centre safety policy during COVID 19 is strongly enforced. Please, contact 1.877.761.1155 for further information) Staff are still available to support you remotely (phone, email, virtually where possible).</p> <p>Settlement Support Services are available to Newcomers, Immigrants and Refugees Daily</p> <p>**Occasional Childcare is temporarily suspended until further notice.</p>					
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HIGHLIGHTS

Ajax Adult English Language Classes

LINC classes are open to Permanent Residents and Convention Refugees.

ESL classes are open to Permanent Residents, Convention Refugee, Refugee Claimants, Visitors and Canadian Citizens.

English classes are available in two formats for the 2020/2021 school year: In-Person/Hybrid Classes and Online Classes. For more information on classes and registration, please visit:

<https://www.con-ed.ca/en/english-language-classes/ajax.aspx>

ACDR / BACCO

The Aids Committee of Durham Region (ACDR) and The Black African Caribbean Community (BACCO) provide HIV/AIDS related services to African, Caribbean and black community and support services to newcomers coming from where HIV/AIDS is pandemic - prevention, education and information about HIV/AIDS and related services.

*ACDR/BACCO in-person services at the Ajax Welcome Centre is suspended until further notice. For further information on ACDR/BACC, please visit: <http://welcomecentre.ca/flyers/ajax/ACDRFlyer.pdf>

Community Connections Program

The Community Connections Program helps to integrate Newcomers into Canadian lifestyle, providing them with social supports to ease the transition through a variety of group activities. Newcomers can:

- Practice English Conversation
- Learn about their community
- Meet people from around the world
- Share stories and experiences
- Attend an informative workshop
- Participate in social events
- Develop networks and make new friends
- Join a walking group
- Connect with settlement Canadians

*The Community Connections in-person programs are suspended until further notice. For further information, please contact the Ajax Welcome Centre at 1-877-761-1155.

Newcomers Women's Group

A gathering of newcomer women who come together to learn and share life skills and crafts from their home countries. Everything from knitting, crocheting, sewing, mosaics, and much more. While socializing and practicing their English, the women learn about Canadian lifestyle, trends, and share tips from their cultures.

*The Newcomers Women's Group in-person program at the Ajax Welcome Centre is suspended until further notice. For further information, please contact:
Bozena at 1-877-761-1155 or email: bstobinska@cdcd.org

Newcomers Community Kitchen

Newcomers to Canada prepare and cook dishes from around the world, share recipes, learn to make nutritious meals from Canada, and practice their English language skills.

*The Newcomers Community Kitchen in-person program at the Ajax Welcome Centre is suspended until further notice. For further information, please contact:
Maria at 1-877-761-1155 or email: mabogado@cdcd.org

Ajax Public Library

The Ajax Public Library is the gateway to information and resources that improve the quality of life, foster life-long learning, encourage community involvement, and meet the varying educational and social needs of all members of its communities, within available resources.

*The Ajax Public Library in-person program at the Ajax Welcome Centre is suspended until further notice. For further information, please contact:
(905) 683-4000 or www.ajaxlibrary.ca

Durham Region Health Department

A Public Health Nurse from the Durham Region Health Department visits the Ajax Welcome Centre monthly for Health Education Lunch and Learns. Clients are encouraged to bring their own lunch or enjoy light snacks provided. Topics vary monthly and the sessions focus on families with children birth to 6 years.

Durham Region Health Department offers the Flu vaccine as well as Immunizations to those who are overdue for publicly funded vaccines at the annual Ajax Welcome Centre clinic. The clinic also provides an opportunity for Public Health Nurses to answer questions regarding immunization and immunity.

Parenting in a New Land program facilitated by Durham Region Health Department nurses. Newcomer clients who are expecting a baby are given an opportunity to learn about healthy pregnancy, labour and birth, caring for baby and mom, breast feeding, parenting along with a hospital tour. Childcare is also provided by Family and Community Action Program.

* Durham Region Health Department in-person programs at the Ajax Welcome Centre is suspended until further notice. For more information on any of the Durham Region Health Department programs offered at the Ajax Welcome Centre, please contact reception at 1-877-761-1155.

DRIVEN

DRIVEN supports women experiencing abuse and/or any type of violence, including sexual violence by providing coordinated access to a range of specialized services. All services provided at DRIVEN are free of charge and childcare is available (eligibility requirements may be required). Women can connect to DRIVEN over video chat at the Welcome Centre. This collaboration integrates technology and bridge the distance giving women access to the DRIVEN supports via video chat.

*DRIVEN services offered at the Ajax Welcome Centre are suspended until further notice. For more information please contact:
Emma Harvey
eharvey@durhamdriven.com

English Language Assessments

An English Language Assessment is a requirement for a client wanting to register for English classes or the Job Search Workshops (JSW). Clients assessed according to Canadian Language Benchmarks and tested in four skill areas: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. The Assessment is free of charge for eligible Welcome Centre clients. Please note:

- Proof of immigrant status must be presented at the time of assessment
- The assessment can take from 1-4 hours.

- Childcare is available for eligible clients
- Appointments must be booked in advance.

*In-person English Language Assessments at the Ajax Welcome Centre have been suspended. For more information, Please contact the Ajax Welcome Centre Reception at 1-877-761-1155 or email at awc@welcomecentre.ca.

Durham Mental Health Services

Durham Mental Health Services (DMHS) has been recognized as a Diversity and Immigration Champion in Durham Region. DMHS provides services and supports to individuals and families who are living with mental health concerns. The organization works in partnership with clients, offering services that are person-centred and sensitive to individual needs.

At the Ajax Welcome Centre, DMHS provides:

- A scheduled on-site community health worker
- Timeless access to the range of mental health support services available through DMHS
- Assisting welcome centre clients and newcomers to navigate and obtain access to other community services that they may need.

*Durham Mental Health in-person services at the Ajax Welcome Centre are suspended until further notice. For more information, please contact DMHS at (905) 666-0831.

Herizon House

A shelter for abused women and their children. They provide free confidential services 24 hours a day and provide a place of safety, support and empowerment for abused women and their children.

At the Ajax Welcome Centre, Herizon House provides transitional support, crisis counseling, information and resources to women who are experiencing domestic violence or are at-risk of experiencing domestic violence. They also provide support to newcomer and immigrant youth through programming suited to enhance their knowledge of life skills, healthy relationships, anti-violence movements, and knowledge of resources in their community and how to access them.

*Herizon House in-person services at the Ajax Welcome Centre are suspended until further notice. For more information, please contact Herizon House at 1-866-437-4066.

Job Search Workshops (JSW) Newcomer Adult Employment Services

JSW assists newcomers in building the job search tools they need to succeed in the Canadian job market. It provides customized action plans, resume and interview preparation, offers access to computers and fax machines. Workshops are free of charge for Permanent Residents, Convention Refugees or Live-in Caregivers.

*Job Search Workshop in-person services at the Ajax Welcome Centre are suspended until further notice. Assessments and workshops are being conducted remotely. For more information, contact 1-877-761-1155 or email jswinfo@unemployedhelp.on.ca.

Kinark

Kinark Child and Family Services is a leading children's mental health organization in Ontario that provides evidence-based services that include individual, family and group counselling for children and youth living with mental health issues. Kinark supports children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families as well as offers institutionally and community-based forensic services. Kinark also operates the Kinark Outdoor Centre in Minden Ontario, providing programming, respite and therapeutic recreation.

*Kinark in-person services at the Ajax Welcome Centre are suspended until further notices. For more information please call:

905-668-2411 Ext. 4356/4340 or email:

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Email: wassay.shefa@kinark.on.ca

Resource Centre

FREE use of computers, internet, printing, scanning, photocopying, faxing, telephone and other resources for job search activities and other training purposes.

*The Resource Centre at the Ajax Welcome Centre is closed until further notice. For further information, please call 1-877-761-1155 or email awc@welcomecentre.ca

Family and Community Action Program (FCAP)

The Family and Community Action Program of Durham, (FCAP) is a federally funded program by Public Health Agency

of Canada (Childhood and Adolescent Branch) for children located throughout Canada and unique to local community needs.

The program provides support to families who have children ages six years of age and under and are at risk of not meeting their full potential. The risk factors are based on the social determinants of health and include mental health, substance abuse, economic factors, environmental issues, educational levels, teen parents and newcomers to Canada.

The Nobody's Perfect Program is a free parenting group for parents/caregivers of children birth to six years of age. The program allows participants to:

- MEET with other parents of young children
- SHARE questions or concerns and ideas about being a parent
- LEARN about child development, safety, health, behavior and resources in the community
- TALK about real-life parenting experiences
- WORK together with the support of a trained facilitator
- DISCOVER ways of positive parenting

*Family and Community Action Program in-person services at the Ajax Welcome Centre are suspended until further notice. For more information, please contact:

Maria Cardone at 905-686-6466 or 1 800 214 7163 or maria.cardone@ymcagta.org

Service Canada

Service Canada provides Canadians with a single point of access to a wide range of government services and benefits. Such as:

- Universal Child Care Benefits
- Education Savings Grants
- Learning Bond
- Canada Child Tax
- Old Age Security Pension
- EI Benefits for Families

*Service Canada in-person programs at the Ajax Welcome Centre are suspended until further notice. For more information, please contact Ajax Welcome Centre reception at 1-877-761-1155.

Settlement/Orientation

Helping Immigrants settle in Canada: FREE confidential and culturally sensitive information and referral services for immigrants in Durham Region. Including:

- Help with housing, banking, health care, education, English classes
- Information and referrals to community programs and services
- Assistance with completing forms, letters of invitation, applications, legal clinic

*Settlement/Orientation in-person services at the Ajax Welcome Centre is suspended until further notice.

Settlement/Orientation services continue to service clients remotely (phone, email, and virtually where possible). To book an appointment, contact the Ajax Welcome Centre at 1-877-761-1155.

TRIEC Mentoring Partnership

TRIEC Mentoring Partnership brings together recent skilled immigrants and established professionals in occupation-specific mentoring relationships. Skilled immigrants entering the program have the education, experience, and language skills to succeed in the labor market. What they need are the local insights and access to professional networks that only a one to one professional connection with a mentor can offer.

For more information, please contact:

*TRIEC Mentoring Partnership in-person services at the Ajax Welcome Centre is suspended until further notice.

Assessments and workshops are being conducted remotely. For more information, contact 1-877-761-1155 or email mentorship@unemployedhelp.on.ca.

Toastmasters – Ajax Outspoken Speakers

Learn to:

- Overcome the nervousness everyone feels when asked to speak before an audience
- Organize and present your ideas logically and convincingly
- Listen carefully to others' ideas
- Offer advice that will help others improve their speaking and leadership skills
- Participate in—and even lead—group discussions or meetings

*Toastmasters in-person programs at the Ajax Welcome Centre is suspended until further notice. For information, please contact Ajax Welcome Centre reception at 1-877-761-1155.