

2 April 2020

Community Income Support Programs Grey Bruce\*

COVID-19 Response

Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force/United Way of Bruce Grey

Location	Employment Program	Contact	Hours of Operation	Services
Bruce County	Bruce County Human Services	519-881-0431 <a href="https://brucecounty.on.ca/living/ontario-works">https://brucecounty.on.ca/living/ontario-works</a>	8:30am – 4:30pm Monday - Friday Office is physically closed but staff are available by phone, fax, and e-mail	Overview of Bruce County Human Services COVID-19 Response <a href="https://povertytaskforce.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/bruce-county-human-services-covid-19-response.pdf">https://povertytaskforce.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/bruce-county-human-services-covid-19-response.pdf</a>
Bruce County	Bruce County Economic Development	519-881-1291 <a href="https://brucecounty.on.ca/economic-development-programs">https://brucecounty.on.ca/economic-development-programs</a>	All county office buildings are closed to the public.	Resources for Business <a href="https://brucecounty.on.ca/business/economic-task-force">https://brucecounty.on.ca/business/economic-task-force</a> <a href="https://brucecounty.on.ca/covid19">https://brucecounty.on.ca/covid19</a>
Grey County	Grey County Social Services	519-376-7324 <a href="https://www.grey.ca/social-assistance">https://www.grey.ca/social-assistance</a>	8:30am – 4:30pm Monday - Friday Office is physically closed but staff are available by phone, fax, and e-mail	Overview of Grey County Social Services COVID-19 Response <a href="https://povertytaskforce.files.wordpress.com/2020/04/grey-county-social-services-covid-19-response.pdf">https://povertytaskforce.files.wordpress.com/2020/04/grey-county-social-services-covid-19-response.pdf</a>
Grey County	Grey County Economic Development	519-376-2205 ecdev@grey.ca <a href="https://madeingrey.ca/">https://madeingrey.ca/</a>		COVID-19 Resources for Businesses <a href="https://www.grey.ca/covid-19-resources">https://www.grey.ca/covid-19-resources</a>
Grey Bruce	Ontario Disability Support Program	519-376-1951 TTY 519-376-3307	9:00am-3:00pm (Limited hours) Monday – Friday Office closed to physical visits	Ontario Disability Support Program Income supports for people in financial need who have permanent disabilities or disabilities expected to last longer than one year * employment supports are available and provided by community service providers  *Can use dropbox located at north side of building to submit monthly reports and documents

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Grey	YMCA Employment Services	519-371-9222 <a href="mailto:employment@osgb.ymca.ca">employment@osgb.ymca.ca</a> <a href="https://www.ymcaowensound.on.ca">https://www.ymcaowensound.on.ca</a>  Please call and leave a message; someone will return your call ASAP	8:30am – 4:30pm Hanover and Owen Sound offices are physically closed but staff are working to assist people across Grey County via phone, text, e-mail, social media, and zoom	Job Board available at <a href="https://www.ymcaowensound.on.ca/Job_Board/">https://www.ymcaowensound.on.ca/Job_Board/</a>  <b>Stay connected through our webpage and Facebook as well as to access online training and workshops</b>  <b>Laid Off Workers/ Job Seekers:</b> Employment Advisors' are able to connect with you in the way that best suits your needs. We will help you apply for Employment Insurance – EI, create a resume, provide you with job leads and connect you with local employers currently hiring. If you have questions about the Canada Emergency Response Benefit - CERB or other financial assistance programs we will provide you with information and community resources and make sure you have access to mental health, food, shelter and financial supports during this time.  <b>Employers:</b> We know that your hiring needs for now and in the future continue during this time. Our Job Developers are here to take some of the load off while you focus on your business. We'll help you fill full-time, part-time and temporary positions with suitable and reliable staff. We'll post your job ads on our Job Board, collect resumes and pass along candidates who are ready to work. If you have laid off workers, we can provide information to your employees about what supports are available to them. We'll also keep you informed of relief benefits that will assist you and your business moving forward.  <b>Youth:</b> Youth program staff are available to help youth

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				secure employment, access community supports such as mental health and food and complete job readiness training. We'll coach you on how to safely work in this current situation and ensure you know your rights. If you need help speaking to your employer, preparing for an interview or applying to financial supports, we're here for you.
Saugeen First Nation	Saugeen First Nation	Saugeen First Nation Social Services 519-797-1613	Office is physically closed until April 6 but staff are issuing cheques and new intakes being set up via phone @ 647-206-7796.	Contact Ontario Works office staff for support.
Nawash Unceded First Nation	Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation	519-534-1689 <a href="mailto:cnadministrator@nawash.ca">cnadministrator@nawash.ca</a>		Links to COVID-19 response resources, including for Small Business/Entrepreneur and Income <a href="https://www.nawash.ca/">https://www.nawash.ca/</a>
Grey Bruce	Leads Employment Services	519-387-4200	9:00am – 5:00pm Monday - Friday Owen Sound office is physically closed but staff are working to assist people via phone, text, e-mail and FaceTime	Ontario Disability Support Program – Employment Supports - Employment services for people with disabilities (diagnosed) - Taking referrals for waitlist  Employers: Supporting employers remotely with hiring and maintaining employment of employees with disabilities
Bruce	VPI Solutions	519-881-4900 <a href="https://www.vpi-inc.com/">https://www.vpi-inc.com/</a>	Walkerton 8:30am – 4:30pm Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 8:30am – 8:00pm Wed Office closed to	Employment Services - Speak with a VPI team member about your job search and any challenges or concerns you may have under the present circumstances - Get free, instant access to online job-readiness

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			<p>physical visits; Fully supporting current and new clients and employers virtually</p> <p>Other locations by appt only: Kincardine, Lion's Head, Port Elgin, Southampton, Tobermory, Wiarton</p>	<p>workshops through the <a href="#">Learning Centre</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sign up for online tutorials and courses to help you improve your skills through LinkedIn Learning (available free for VPI program participants)</li> <li>- A new session of the Youth Job Connection program begins in early April with all workshops online and services offered remotely (FREE program gives youth 15-29 the chance to learn workplace skills while being paid).</li> </ul> <p>*Employers are still hiring and preparing for seasonal work; VPI is supporting employers and job seekers virtually.</p> <p><a href="#">VPI Job Board</a></p> <p>Key gov. links related to COVID-19 including additional support available for people facing unemployment or who are unable to work, students and recent grads, families, seniors, and more: <a href="https://www.vpi-inc.com/online-resources/#COVID19">https://www.vpi-inc.com/online-resources/#COVID19</a></p> <p>Employment Insurance (EI) and Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) application support for current and new clients</p>
Grey Bruce	The Agency	519-376-HELP (4357) <a href="mailto:info@theagencyhelps.com">info@theagencyhelps.com</a> <a href="http://www.theagencyhelps.com">www.theagencyhelps.com</a>	8:00am – 5:00pm Owen Sound physically closed but staff are working remotely	Staffing, jobs, payroll
South-East Grey	South-East Grey Support	519-378-5514 <a href="mailto:lifedirections@segss.com">lifedirections@segss.com</a>	9:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday	Employment Supports for people with disabilities (self-disclosed) and newcomers with disabilities and barriers

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	Services – Life Directions Employment Supports	<a href="http://www.lifedirections.ca">www.lifedirections.ca</a>	Physical space closed but connecting through phone, text, e-mail, zoom, FaceTime, and other methods	to employment including pre-employment activities and job placements  Are doing intakes through Opportunities Fund program and can accept any job seeker who self-discloses employment barriers such as self-disclosed or diagnosed disabilities, low levels of education or literacy, limited work experience, poverty, mental health, addictions, criminal background, and newcomers to Canada.  Employment Insurance (EI) and Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) application support for current and new clients with disabilities (self-disclosed)
Grey Bruce	Service Canada Centre	1-800-622-6232 Canada Pension Plan – 1-800-277-9914 Employment Insurance – 1-800-206-7218	8:30am – 4:30pm In person Service Canada Centres are closed	Due to higher than normal call volume, Service Canada encouraged you to use <a href="#">self-serve options</a>
	Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development – Apprenticeship Office	519-376-5790 Owen Sound <a href="mailto:owensound.apprenticeship@ontario.ca">owensound.apprenticeship@ontario.ca</a> <a href="http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/trainin">www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/trainin</a> <a href="#">g/</a>	8:30am – 5:00pm Monday-Friday	
Bruce and Owen Sound	Bruce Community Futures Development Corporation	519-396-8141 Kincardine 519-386-9933 Barb Fisher	9:00am-5:00pm Office closed to the general public but staff still working remotely	Small Business Loans Working with current clients and new clients to access small to medium sized business supports
Grey	Saugeen	519-799-5750	9:00am-5:00pm	Small Business Loans

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(except Owen Sound) Parts of Bruce and Wellington	Economic Development Corporation	Neustadt	Monday - Friday Office closed to the general public but staff still working remotely	Working with current clients and new clients to access small to medium sized business supports
Grey Bruce	Employment Ontario	1-416-326-5656 Toll-free 1-800-387-5656 TTY 1-866-533-6339 contactEO@ontario.ca		*Contact YMCA (Grey County) and VPI (Bruce County) for employment support. Online application can be completed <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario">https://www.ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario</a>
Grey Bruce	Chamber of Commerce – Owen Sound and District	519-376-6261 diane@oschamber.com	8:30am-4:00pm Monday-Thursday Office is closed to in-person visits	Small business supports.
	Bruce Peninsula Association for Community Living	519-534-0553 Warton	8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday	Ontario Disability Support Program – Employment Supports
Grey	Community Living – Owen Sound and District	519-371-9251 Owen Sound	8:30am-4:30pm Monday – Friday Office closed to public but community Support Workers are still providing daily living support to their clients	Ontario Disability Support Program – Employment Supports; Partner with Bruce Peninsula Association for Community Living
Grey Bruce	Grey Bruce Community Legal Clinic	1-877-832-1435 519-370-2200	9:00am-11:00am Owen Sound Office by appt only Satellite offices are fully closed to public	Resource for how COVID-19 will impact various topics <a href="https://stepstojustice.ca/legal-topic/covid-19">https://stepstojustice.ca/legal-topic/covid-19</a>

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Resources for Businesses

<https://owensoundhub.org/city-hall/9105-owen-sound-business-resources.html>

<https://www.investmentexecutive.com/news/industry-news/new-services-assist-small-businesses-individuals-in-wake-of-covid-19/>

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