

Algoma District Housing Resource Guide

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This Resource Guide was created as a housing navigation resource by the Developmental Services Northern Region (DSO NR) Housing Navigators.

This guide is intended to help individuals navigate housing and homelessness resources within the Algoma district.

This guide is not exhaustive and may not include all resources. If you are looking for services not mentioned here, **you can visit:** <https://211ontario.ca/>

Developmental Services Ontario Northern Region (DSONR)

Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) is the access point for adult developmental services and supports funded by the MCCSS. There are nine regional DSO offices across Ontario that help adults with a developmental disability connect with services and supports in their communities.

Developmental Services Ontario Northern Region (DSONR) includes the areas of Sudbury, Manitoulin, Algoma, Dryden, Thunder Bay, Rainy River and Kenora.

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To find your local DSO, you can visit: <https://www.dsontario.ca/find-your-dso>

DSONR Housing Navigation

Are you interested in learning about housing and support services beyond traditional Ministry funded options?

You may wish to connect with your local DSO Housing Navigators:



**Call or email your DSONR Housing Navigator at:
1-855-376-6673 Ext 231 or b.pepe@lccare.ca**

Learn how the DSO housing toolkit can help you create your own housing vision:

www.dsontario.ca/resources/housing



Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) helps adults with developmental disabilities find services and supports in their community.

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Algoma District Services Administration Board



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The [Algoma District Services Administration Board \(ADSAB\)](#) is the Service Manager for the Algoma District.

The [Housing Services Department](#) is responsible for the administration and funding of all the ADSAB social and affordable housing and homelessness programs.

They assist individuals and families by offering affordable housing and rent options and initiatives that aim to address homelessness throughout the district.

Contact Information:

Main Office: 2 Elizabeth Walk,
Elliot Lake ON.

Tel: 705-842-3370 ext. 231

Fax: 705-843-0482

info@adsab.on.ca

Thessalon Office: 1 Collver Rd,
Thessalon ON.

Tel: 705-842-3370

Toll-Free: 1-888-326-3133

Fax: 705-842-3747

Blind River Office: 15 Hanes St.,
Blind River ON.

Tel: 705-356-2263

Toll-Free: 1-800-461-7263

Fax: 705-843-0482

Blind River Office: P.O. Box 420
50 Broadway Ave., Wawa ON.

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Tel: 705-856-2303

Toll-Free: 1-866-847-9953

Fax: 705-846-1644

To find your local Service Manager, you can visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-your-local-service-manager>

The Housing Continuum

The full range of housing options that an individual may access over a lifetime, including temporary emergency shelters, transitional housing, social housing, affordable housing, affordable home ownership, market rental housing and market home ownership.



Homelessness

Homelessness describes the situation of someone who is without stable, permanent and appropriate housing. Local DSSABs, as well as other local organizations operate programs to help residents who are experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of becoming homeless.



Homelessness Assistance

Through the ADSAB, you may be eligible for benefits that will help with rent or housing related bills. Access to the programs listed below is subject to funding availability.

Program	Details	Contact
<p>Algoma Shelter Assistance Program (ASAP)</p>	<p>The Algoma Shelter Assistance Program (ASAP) aims to prevent, address and reduce homelessness by providing financial assistance to eligible low-income applicant(s) within in the Algoma District.</p> <p>Financial assistance may be provided for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency shelter or transportation costs • Rent & Utility deposits/arrears to retain or maintain housing • Replacement of essential furnishing or appliances • Repair/replacement of heating, plumbing or water systems • Minor home repairs • Accessibility items or repairs to your home <p>For more information, visit: https://www.adsab.on.ca/en/social-services/housing-services/</p>	<p>Tel: 705-842-3370 ext. 231</p> <p>Info@adsab.on.ca</p> <p>Link to Application</p>

Emergency Shelters

These facilities are designed to meet the immediate needs of people who are homeless. Such short-term emergency shelters may target specific sub-populations, including women, families, youth or Aboriginal persons, for instance. These shelters typically have minimal eligibility criteria, offer shared sleeping facilities and amenities, and often expect clients to leave in the morning. They may or may not offer food, clothing or other services.



Emergency Shelters

The following are examples of emergency shelters and services that are operated within the Algoma district - this may not be an exhaustive (complete) list.

Program	Details	Contact
CHADWIC Home	A 10-bed emergency shelter service for all self-identified women and her children, within the North Algoma, Chapleau area. Women using CHADWIC Home services will have access to emotional support, information, and referrals. For more information, visit: https://chadwichome.com/services/	Located: Wawa ON. Tel: 705-856-2848 Toll-Free: 705-856-2020
Maplegate	Provides safe emergency shelters for men, women and children in the district. Additional programs include emergency transportation, transitional and outreach support, system navigation support, counselling and more.	Located: Elliot Lake ON. Tel: 705-461-9868 Toll-Free: 1-833-461-4623
Mississauga Women's Shelter	Mississauga Women's Shelter will provide a safe home for all women and their children, in any crisis situation; will educate families on the issues and impacts of the cycle of violence; and will promote healthy lifestyle. Located in Mississauga First Nation.	Located: Blind River ON. Tel: 705-356-7800 Toll-Free: 1-800-461-2232 (24 hour crisis support)

Supportive & Transitional Housing

The following is information about housing models that are on the **Housing Continuum**, but are not currently available within the Algoma District.

- **Supportive Housing** - This model provides **secure affordable housing** combined with individualized, flexible and voluntary support services for people with high needs related to physical or mental health, developmental disabilities or substance use. Supportive Housing is intended to be **permanent or for as long as an individual choses**.
- **Transitional Housing** – This is a **temporary step between emergency services and permanent housing**. These models provide structure, supervision, individualized support, life skills, housing supports, education and training. Transitional Housing is **time-limited**, with the **length of stay ranging from three months to three years**.

The nearest Supportive and Transitional Housing programs for the Algoma District are located in Sudbury or Sault Ste. Marie. Follow these links for more information: [CMHA Sudbury Housing Programs](#) & [CMHA Algoma Housing Programs](#)



Social Housing

Social Housing refers to government-assisted subsidized housing for people with low to moderate incomes, seniors, or people with special needs who can live with supports in their community. **Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI)** and **Rent Supplement** options are available through local DSSABs to make rent affordable for households. In most cases, the rent for a subsidized unit is 30 per cent of a household's total monthly income. If you receive social assistance the rent is based on the rent benefit set by the Ontario government.



Social Housing

The **ADSAB** offers social housing options to make housing more affordable for individuals with low to moderate incomes, seniors, or people with special needs.

Program	Details
Rent Geared to Income (RGI)	<p>Rent Geared to Income (RGI) or Subsidized Housing is provided by ADSAB. In an RGI housing unit, a household's monthly rent is set at 30% of the adjusted household income. For people receiving financial benefits through the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) or Ontario Works (OW), rent is set based on what is referred to as a "rent scale." RGI subsidies are attached to the unit, if a person/household is evicted or chooses to move, they lose the subsidy and must re-apply.</p> <p>For more information, visit: https://www.adsab.on.ca/en/social-services/housing-services/</p>

Affordable Rental Housing

In affordable rental housing, rent is usually set between 80% -100% of Average Market Rent AMR (as determined by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), based on unit size).

Affordable rental housing can be in privately owned buildings, non-profits or city owned housing.

You can often stay on the Rent-Geared-to-Income waiting list if you accept a unit through the Affordable Rental Housing Program.

2024 Sault Ste. Marie Average Marke Rent (AMR)

Unit Size	Average Market Rent (\$)
1 Bedroom	\$929.00
2 Bedroom	\$1115.00

To access this information, [click here](#)

Please Note: local AMRs are determined by the CMHC or alternative AMRs approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) in service areas where there are no CMHC AMRs. The information in the above chart is provided by the 2024 COHB calculator (not provided) which also utilizes information in the above provided AMR link.



Affordable Rental Housing



The following are examples of **Affordable Rental Housing** options that may be available within the district – this may not be an exhaustive (complete) list.

Program	Details	Contact
Affordable Housing Program	<p>The ADSAB offers The Affordable Housing Program (AHP) offers affordable rental housing for households that are on, or eligible to be on, social housing waitlist. Rents are at or below 80% of CMHC Average Market Rent (AMR). Within the Algoma District there are 10 apartments in Echo Bay, 10 apartments in Dubreuilville, 10 semi-detached homes in Elliot Lake, 10 Apartments in Wawa and 12 apartments in Richard’s Landing.</p>	<p>Tel: 705-842-3370 ext. 231 info@adsab.on.ca</p>
The Algoma Housing Subsidy	<p>The ADSAB offers The Algoma Housing Subsidy (AHS) offers financial assistance in the form of a portable subsidy to eligible low to middle-income households living in Algoma. Households must secure a private, non-subsidized rental unit within ADSAB’s service area and meet AHS eligibility criteria in order receive the subsidy. For more information, visit: https://www.adsab.on.ca/en/social-services/housing-services/</p>	<p>Tel: 705-842-3370 ext. 231 info@adsab.on.ca</p>
Canada Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB)	<p>This portable housing benefit is a monthly subsidy provided to low-income households to assist with housing costs. It is tied to the household and can be used to help pay rent anywhere in Ontario. The ADSAB manages COHB benefits in the Algoma District. To learn more, you can visit: https://www.ontario.ca/page/affordable-housing-ontario</p>	<p>Tel: 705-842-3370 ext. 231 info@adsab.on.ca</p>
Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services	<p>OAHS offers rental opportunities to self-identifying First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people as well as non-Indigenous people. OAHS homes range from rent-geared-to-income, affordable, and market rent units. For more information, visit: https://www.ontarioaboriginalhousing.ca/rental-housing</p>	<p>Housing Services Rep: Toll-Free – 1-866-391-1061 info@oahssc.ca Link to Application</p>

Applying for ADSAB Housing

The ADSAB manages one centralized waitlist for all of their Housing Services programs.

To apply for social housing, you will complete [this application](#) and return to your [local ADSAB office](#) in person or by mail, fax, or email. The Housing team will assess the needs of applicants and place them on the **Centralized Waiting List**. When there is a vacancy, the unit is offered to the next eligible household on the list. If an individual declines an offer for housing, they will be **moved to the bottom of the waiting list**.

To apply for Rent-Geared-to-Income housing, you will need make sure you have the following documents for all household members:

- [Legal status in Canada documentation](#) for all household members
- The Consent and Declaration form for all household members over 16 years of age (provided in the application)
- Income ([Notice of Assessment](#)), including income generated from assets is to be declared in the application
- Information about any money owed to, or re-payment plans with a Social Housing Program (for those who have accessed social housing in the past)

Co-Operative Housing

Housing co-operatives provide not-for-profit housing for their members. Members do not own equity in their housing so if they move, their home is returned to the co-op, to be offered to another individual or family who needs an affordable home. Some co-op households pay a reduced monthly rent (housing charge) geared to their income. Government funds cover the difference between this payment and the co-op's full charge. Other households pay the full monthly charge based on cost. Each member has a vote in decisions about their housing.

For more information about Co-operative Housing, locating your local co-ops, and learning about the application process, you can visit [Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada](#)



Co-Operative Housing

The following are examples of **Co-Operative Housing** options that may be available in the Elliot Lake area – may not be an exhaustive (complete) list.

Program	Details	Contact
Algoma Residential Housing Co-Operative	Located: 35 Beckett Blvd, Sault Ste. Marie ON.	Tel: 705-461-3599 arc@vienet.ca

Affordable Home Ownership

Affordable home ownership models use a variety of creative approaches (e.g., down-payment assistance, shared equity mortgages, etc.) to help lower-income people and families, who might not otherwise be able to purchase a home and/or afford the monthly cost of carrying a mortgage.





Affordable Home Ownership

The following are examples of **affordable home ownership** programs available within the district – this may not be an exhaustive (complete) list.

Program	Details	Contact
Habitat For Humanity Sault Ste. Marie & Area	Provides a unique "Habitat for Humanity mortgage" that makes home ownership affordable for lower income families. Homes are sold to families at fair market value with no down payment and no interest. Families provide 500 volunteer hours helping build their home and the homes of others. Mortgage payments are calculated annually, so that shelter costs are never more than 25% of household income. For more information, visit: https://habitatsault.ca/	Tel: 705-575-0020 info@habitatsault.ca

Market Rental Housing

Market Rent is residential rent that is not classified as ‘subsidized rent’ or ‘affordable rent’ under any affordable housing program (you pay the amount advertised in the listing or advertisement).



Searching for Rental Housing



Online Search

Use filter options on these sites to search for places that fit preferences. Alerts can be set to notify when new ads are posted.

- [Kijiji](#)
- [RentBoard.ca](#)
- [Craigslist.org](#)
- [Zumper.com](#)
- [Rentcompass.com](#)
- [FreeRentAds.com](#)
- [REALTOR.ca](#)



Social Media

Visit [Facebook Marketplace](#) on your Facebook page, click on the Marketplace icon located at the top of the screen. Then click on the rental icon.

Search options such as city, kms (distance) away, price range, bedrooms, etc.

Set alerts to receive notifications on new rentals ads.

You can also search for Rental Groups on your Facebook page. These are forums where members can post and discuss shared information or rental ads.



Look for Signage

Drive/walk/bike around preferred neighborhoods. Landlords and property managers will often post signs out front where there are units for rent.

Some landlords post signs in places like grocery stores, libraries and/or community centres too.

Things to Consider Before Renting a Unit



FOLLOW DIRECTIONS IN THE AD

Some landlords/property managers prefer calls, some use email or the messaging system through the ad site (such as Kijiji messaging). Many ads also ask very specific questions to assess applicants.



CALLING THE LANDLORD

Prepare your list of questions before you call and keep a pen and paper handy to write down the answers. There are probably others who are interested in the rental, remember to be polite and make a great first impression.



VIEWING THE RENTAL UNIT

Arrive on time and be well-groomed and well prepared. Introduce yourself and try to remain calm and confident. Have your references ready to provide to the landlord/property manager.



PREPARE YOUR DOCUMENTS

To support your rental application, landlords/property manager may ask to see your driver's license or other ID. They may ask where you work, and permission to run a credit check. There are rules about your privacy that must be respected.



APPLYING FOR THE RENTAL

Make sure you understand the application process, ask questions if something isn't clear. Fill in the application form (paper copy/online). Inquire about the deposit fees and next steps.



SIGNING THE LEASE

A successful applicant will be asked to sign a lease. Upon signing you will usually be required to pay last month's rent. Then first month's rent is due on the 1st day of the month you've rented the apartment for (make sure to get receipts).

For more tips, you can visit: https://bit.ly/CMHC_IWantToRent

Landlord Responsibilities

According to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC):



- Landlords are legally obliged to ensure that the rental unit complies with the standards for:
 - Health
 - Safety
 - Housing
 - Maintenance
- Before renting a property, it must meet:
 - Municipal property standards
 - Zoning bylaws
 - Fire safety regulations
 - Local building codes
- Landlords must:
 - Maintain the tenant's home in a good state of repair and fit for habitation and at the landlord's expense
 - Always ensure a reasonable supply of fuel, electricity, hot and cold water and other utility services (cable, Internet)
 - Not seize, without legal process, a tenant's property for rent default or for the breaking of any other obligation of the tenant.
 - Not harass, obstruct, coerce, threaten or interfere with the tenant.

For more information, visit: <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/consumers/renting-a-home/i-am-renting/landlord-tenant-responsibilities>

Tenant Responsibilities

According to [Settlement.Org](https://www.settlement.org), as a tenant it is important to make sure that you:

- Pay rent on time
- Behave well, clean the rental premises, repair damage caused by an accident or deliberate act of the tenant or a person whom the tenant permits on the premises
- Do not harass, obstruct, coerce, threaten or interfere with the landlord
- Contact the landlord as soon as possible when a problem arises involving repairs or services
- Permit entry (with proper notice) for repairs or showing of the home for the next tenant or purchaser
- Follow the terms in your rental agreement or lease



CMHC provides an “I Am Renting” Guide with helpful information for tenants.

You can find this resource here: <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/consumers/renting-a-home/i-am-renting>

Eviction Process

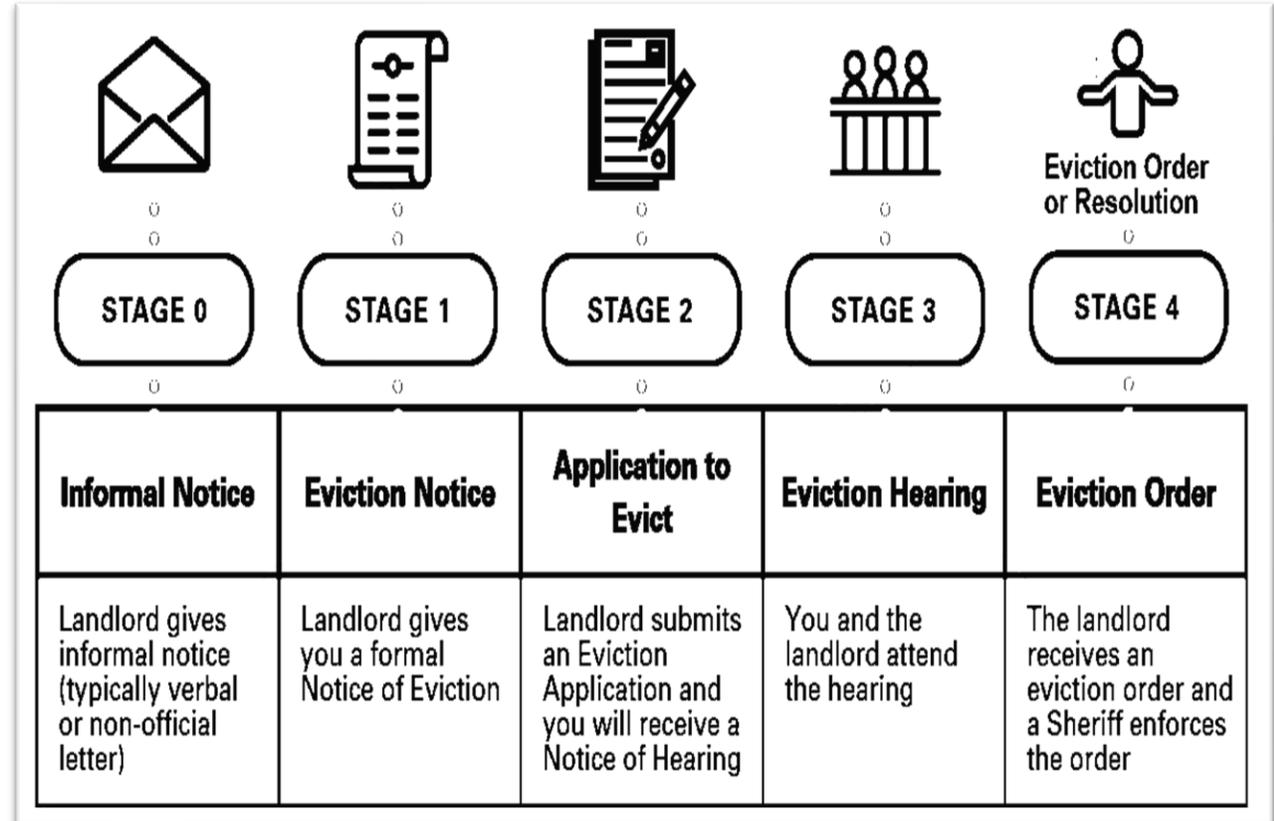
Eviction is the removal of a tenant from a rental property by the landlord.

Reasons for eviction recognized under the Residential Tenancies Act

- Arrears of rent
- Persistent late payment
- Damage
- Substantial interference with reasonable enjoyment of the unit
- Impairing safety
- Overcrowding
- Illegal Act
- Misrepresentation of income (if tenant pays Rent-Geared-to-Income)
- **Landlord's own use**
- **Purchaser's own use**
- **Demolition, renovation or conversion**

*These are the most common reasons set out by the Residential Tenancies Act (RTA)

How Eviction Works



For more information, visit: <https://www.cleo.on.ca/en/publications/eviction>

Facing Eviction - Resources

Some examples of resources that may be helpful if you are facing eviction or if you have questions about the eviction process in Ontario – may not be an exhaustive (complete) list.

If you are facing eviction and are looking for support, you can contact your local [Housing Services Team](#)

Title	Details
Government of Ontario: Renting in Ontario	Provides information about the laws that affect residential tenants and landlords in Ontario. To access, visit: https://www.ontario.ca/page/renting-ontario-your-rights
Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario	Provides answers to FAQs about Ontario Housing Law issues. To access, visit: https://www.acto.ca/for-tenants/your-legal-questions/
Eviction Prevention Handbook	The City of Toronto has created an Eviction Prevention Handbook to help tenants with knowing and understanding their rights and how eviction works in Ontario. The Handbook provides worksheets and templates to support individuals through the eviction process. To access, visit: https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/966f-eviction-prevention-toolkit.pdf

Tenant Rights

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CLEO produces clear, accurate and practical legal information to help people understand and exercise their legal rights.

Visit their website for more details:

<https://www.cleo.on.ca/en>



The Canadian Centre for Housing Rights (CCHR) provides free, individualized services to renters in Ontario who are facing challenges in their housing. They offer [“The Ontario Renter’s Guide”](#) for information and tips for renting in Ontario.

Visit their website for more details:

<https://housingrightscanada.com/>

Legal Aid



The following provide free legal services in the Algoma district and across Ontario – may not be an exhaustive (complete) list.

Program	Details	Contact
Elliot Lake & North Shore Community Legal Clinic	Provides free legal services for low income residents in the Algoma district. Legal services include providing legal advice, referral and representation in the areas of housing, health and disability, wills and POAs, and more. Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm. For more information, visit: https://www.northshorelegal.ca/	Located: 31 Nova Scotia Walk, Suite 300 Elliot Lake ON. Tel: 705-461-3935 Toll-Free: 800-465-2479 bondyc@lao.on.ca
Ontario Legal Information Centre	Offers a free 30 minute phone meeting with a lawyer and is available to anyone in Ontario. Lawyers can provide general legal information to help you understand your legal situation and learn about your options and can refer you to local organizations or resources that may be helpful. For more information, visit: https://legalinfocentre.ca/	Tel: 1-613-842-7262 Toll-Free: 1-844-343-7462
Pro Bono Ontario – Free Legal Advice Hotline	Offers 30 minutes of free legal advice and assistance to those who cannot afford a lawyer. The Hotline can help tenants with legal issues surrounding housing and tenant rights. For more information, visit: https://www.probonoontario.org/housing/	Toll-Free: 1-855-255-7256
The Law Society of Ontario – Referral Service	Connects individuals looking for legal assistance with a lawyer in Ontario and provides a free 30 minute consultation to discuss your concerns and ask questions. For more information, visit: Law Society Referral Service	Link to Application

Market Home Ownership

Market Home Ownership is housing that is for sale in the open housing market and the cost of the housing is not subsidized (reduced) in any way.



Financial Assistance for Homeowners

Financial Assistance	Details	Website
<p>Other Financial Help to Pay Utility Bills</p>	<p>High utility bills put low-income homeowners and tenants at risk. The programs listed below may be able to provide financial help. For more details on eligibility and applying contact the program directly.</p>	<p>Ontario Electricity Support Program</p> <p>LEAP Program</p> <p>saveONenergy Home Assistance Program</p> <p>Rogers 'Connected for Success'</p>
<p>Money For Energy Conservation Renovations</p>	<p>People on Ontario Works or ODSP may receive a one-time payment of up to \$50 to reimburse the cost of items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ caulking ▪ sealing or weather-stripping for doors and windows ▪ insulation for hot water pipes and hot water tanks, and flow restrictors for shower heads 	<p>https://bit.ly/OWEnergyWaterConservation</p> <p>https://bit.ly/ODSPEnergyConservation</p>
<p>Money to Buy Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors</p>	<p>Homeowners receiving Ontario Works Assistance may receive a one-time payment to buy smoke alarms or carbon monoxide detectors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ up to \$25 per family for a smoke alarm/smoke detector ▪ up to \$50 per family for a carbon monoxide detector 	<p>https://bit.ly/3xZIEXV</p>

Indigenous Resources

The following pages highlight resources and programs that provide cultural and holistic programs and services for Indigenous people within the community.

[The National Association of Friendship Centres](#) has created a list of Indigenous Health and Mental Health resources available across Ontario. To access this resource, click [here](#).



Sault Ste. Marie Indigenous Friendship Centre

Friendship Centres are not-for-profit and charity corporations that are mandated to serve the needs of Urban Indigenous People by providing culturally appropriate services in Urban communities.

The local Indigenous Friendship Centre for the Algoma District is in Sault Ste. Marie. They offer supportive programs and services that are needed in their community. Programs and services are provided in the areas of housing and legal support as well as culturally based health and wellness programs.

Contact Information:

- Located:** 122 East St., Sault Ste. Marie ON.
- Tel:** 705-256-5634
- Email:** recept@ssmifc.ca
- Website:** SSM Indian Friendship Centre



Indigenous Mental Health/Crisis Resources

The following are examples of Indigenous mental health and crisis services available - may not be an exhaustive list.
 See following link for more: [National Association of Friendship Centres Indigenous Mental Health](#)

Program	Details	Contact
Nogdawindamin – Adult Mental Health Program	Provides voluntary, confidential and comprehensive mental wellness supports for members of the seven first nations along the north shore, on and off reserve. For information on programs and services, visit: https://www.nog.ca/services/adult-mental-health	Located: 473B Highway 17 West, Cutler ON. Toll-Free: 705-844-2021
Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services	Provides quality primary and therapeutic health care to all individuals in its member communities as well as the urban aboriginal population residing in the City of Sault Ste. Marie. For information on programs and services, visit: http://maamwesying.ca/index.php/about-us/	Located: 123 March St., Sault Ste. Marie ON. Toll-Free: 705-945-4677
Noojimo Health	Noojimo Health is an Indigenous-owned company that offers culturally safe and timely virtual mental health services for Indigenous people by an Indigenous care provider. Counselling services currently offered in Ontario, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. For more information: https://noojimohealth.ca/index.php	Tel: 1-833-277-5678 Contact Link
Hope for Wellness Helpline	A helpline service available to all Indigenous people across Canada. 24/7 Access to talk with experienced and culturally competent counsellors. Both telephone and online services are available, telephone services are available in Cree, Ojibway and Inukitut. For more information, visit: https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/about-us/	Toll-Free: 1-855-242-3310
Talk4Healing	A 24/7 confidential helpline for Indigenous women available in 14 Indigenous languages, English, and French across Ontario. The helpline provides culturally sensitive and non-judgmental crisis counselling, advice, support, and referrals.	Toll-Free: 1-855-554-HEAL

Indigenous Legal Resources

Program	Details	Contact
<p>The Human Right Legal Support Centre – Indigenous Services</p>	<p>The HRLSC established an Indigenous Services and Outreach Committee and has implemented culturally appropriate service guidelines in order to increase usage of the human rights system by Indigenous peoples. The HRLSC is committed to providing Indigenous people with an accessible legal service. Services are provided in 140 languages including Cree, Oji-Cree, Mohawk, and Ojibway.</p> <p>For more information: https://hrlsc.on.ca/indigenous-services/ or Indigenous Services Brochure</p>	<p>Toll Free: 1-866-625-5179 TTY Toll Free: 1-866 612-8627</p>
<p>Steps to Justice: Your Guide to Law in Ontario</p>	<p>This resource provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding the rights as an Indigenous person in contact with the criminal justice system. At the bottom of the page, you will find additional tools and resources to help Indigenous people navigate supports and services.</p> <p>Find the resource here: https://stepstojustice.ca/?s=indigenous</p>	

Indigenous Housing Resources

Program	Details	Contact
<p>Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services</p>	<p>OAHS offers rental opportunities to self-identifying First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people as well as non-Indigenous people. OAHS homes range from rent-geared-to-income, affordable, and market rent units.</p> <p>For more information, visit: https://www.ontarioaboriginalhousing.ca/rental-housing</p>	<p>Housing Services Rep: Toll-Free – 1-866-391-1061 info@oahssc.ca Link to Application</p>

The Métis Nation of Ontario

The **Métis Nation of Ontario** provides housing services programs to eligible individuals through its Infinity Property Services division as well as housing stabilization supports to Métis citizens.

Program	Details	Contact
Home Buyers Contribution Program	<p>MNO contributes to the down payment of eligible first-time home buyers who are MNO citizens with complete citizenship files. This contribution is a no-payment loan registered on title as a shared equity mortgage behind the first mortgage.</p> <p>For more information, visit: Home Buyers Contribution Program</p>	<p>Housing Programs Team: Tel: 705-722-5022 Ext. 302 housingprograms@metisnation.org</p>
Emergency Repair Program (ERP)	<p>Provides low-to-moderate income Métis citizen homeowners with a one-time forgivable loan to complete necessary emergency health and safety repairs to their homes and improve accessibility for persons with disabilities up to maximum of \$10,000.</p> <p>For more information, visit: Emergency Repair Program (ERP)</p>	<p>Housing Programs Team: Tel: 705-722-5022 Ext. 302 ERP@metisnation.org</p>
Métis Housing Stabilization Program	<p>Addresses homelessness and housing instability by providing housing loss prevention and housing stabilization services and supports individuals and families who are homeless, at immediate risk of becoming homelessness, or in an unstable housing situation. Services include: housing crisis intervention, eviction prevention support, support with housing applications, resource and information support, and much more.</p> <p>For more information, visit: Housing Stabilization Program</p>	<p>Housing Stabilization Team: Toll-Free: 1-800-263-4889 Ext. 350 housingstabilization@metisnation.org</p>

Algoma Community Resources

Developmental Services Ontario does not promote nor endorse any of these private services. Please note that this is not intended to serve as an exhaustive list of all services offered in the district and surrounding areas, but rather as a resource prepared with information sourced by the DSO Housing Navigators for the Northern Region.

If you are looking for services not found in this section, you can visit: <https://211ontario.ca/> or call 2-1-1



Post-Secondary Education Resources

The following are available to support individuals wanting to participate in post-secondary education. May not be an exhaustive (complete) list.

Program	Details	Contact
<p>Ontario Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSDW)</p> <p>Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment – Students with Disabilities (CSG-DSE)</p>	<p>Eligible individuals may receive funding to help pay for disability-related educational services and/ or equipment needed to participate in postsecondary studies. Eligible individuals can receive up to \$2,000 from the BSDW or up to \$20,000 from the CSG-DSE. In order to be eligible, individuals must have a permanent disability or a persistent or prolonged disability and must be have applied and be eligible for funding through OSAP or an institution-based bursary.</p> <p>For more information, visit https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/POCONT1_067672</p>	<p>Application Form</p>
<p>Doreen Kronick Scholarship</p>	<p>Available to post-secondary students with learning disabilities who are enrolled in full-time or part-time study programs. The amount of this award is \$1,000. The Doreen Kronick Scholarship (DKS) may be awarded to a person who is pursuing a program of graduate study in a university that will assist learning disabled students. Applications are reviewed according to the following criteria: the student’s future educational program leading towards assisting persons with learning disabilities; the submission of a satisfactory academic record; the student’s contribution to his or her community and to campus life.</p> <p>For more information, visit: https://www.ldac-acta.ca/scholarships/</p>	<p>Tel: 613-238-5721 info@ldac-acta.ca</p>
<p>Transition Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities</p>	<p>This guide is a comprehensive tool to help students with disabilities arm themselves with the knowledge they need to access resources at all colleges and universities in Ontario and make a successful transition to post-secondary education. It is aimed to support students as they make the transition by providing information on supports and services available at post-secondary institutions and steps on how to prepare for the transition to post-secondary education.</p>	<p>Transition Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities</p>
<p>Toronto Metropolitan University - Tuition Waiver for Youth in Extended Care</p>	<p>If interested in attending Toronto Metropolitan University, they offer tuition waivers for students who grew up in extended society care (previously known as Crown Wards) in Canada, and are currently enrolled in an OSAP-eligible program at the institution. The tuition waiver will cover full tuition and ancillary costs.</p> <p>Students must be in an OSAP-approved program to be considered for the tuition waiver.</p> <p>For more information, visit: Tuition Waiver for Youth in Extended Care</p>	<p>awards@torontomu.ca</p>

Employment Support

The following are examples of **employment support** programs – this may not be an exhaustive (complete) list

To search Employment Services in Ontario, you can visit: <https://feat.findhelp.ca/>

Program	Support	Contact
Community Living Algoma	<p>Teaches marketable employment skills and provide on-the-job training so individuals can obtain competitive employment in their community. The program empowers individuals to overcome their employment challenges, enabling them to secure a competitive job of their choosing.</p> <p>For more information, visit: CLA Employment Services</p>	<p>Tel: 705-255-8716 Rocco_martone@cla-Algoma.org</p>
Employment Options	<p>Employment Options staff offers individual assistance to help clients achieve their employment goals by providing a variety of activities or interventions. Employment Services and programs can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation of job search tools, including résumé, cover letter and job applications.• Job search strategies and ongoing coaching during job search process.• Strategies for a successful interview, Provide assistance with other employability related issues such as housing, transportation, daycare and settlement services.• Refer clients to other community services and programs, including Literacy and Basic Skills, language training, and more. <p>For more information, visit: https://employmentoptions.ca/</p>	<p>Located: 40 Prince Edward Walk, Elliot Lake ON. Tel: 705-848-5119 louise.charbonneau@collegeboreal.ca</p>

Home & Community Supports



The following are examples of **home and community supports** available in the area – this may not be an exhaustive (complete) list.

For a detailed list of personal support services available in the area, you can visit: [Caregiver Exchange](#)

Program	Details	Contact
Community Living Algoma	Offers a full range of community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities including specialized supports, inclusive education, resource referral, employment services, community participation supports, and housing supports. For more information, visit: https://communitylivingalgoma.org/	Elliot Lake: Tel: 705-848-2475 Toll-Free: 1-800-385-7235 Blind River: Tel: 705-356-0464 Wawa: Tel: 705-856-2423
Ontario Health at Home – North East	Provides access and referrals to other community services, and manage Ontario’s long-term care home placement process in the North East region. For more information, visit: https://healthcareathome.ca/region/north-east/	Toll-Free: 800-461-2912
Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Adult Day Program	Adult Day Programs (ADPs) provide social, recreational and therapeutic activities for seniors and individuals with a disability, in a safe and supervised environment. Adult Day Programs offer caregivers the opportunity for daytime respite. The daily fee includes a hot lunch, snacks and refreshments. Contact your local VON site to inquire about eligibility, costs and transportation options. For more information, visit: https://von.ca/en/service-categories/health-home	Algoma Office: Tel: 705-942-8200 Toll-Free: 1-800-561-6551



Mental Health and Crisis Services

Algoma Public Health offers a [Quick Reference Guide](#) for accessing **Mental Health and Addictions support services** in the Algoma district.

If you are experiencing a crisis and need assistance, please call 911 or go to the nearest hospital or Emergency Room

Program	Details	Contact
East Algoma Counselling Centre	<p>The Counselling Centre of East Algoma provides client-centered programs and services that recognize that mental health care falls on a continuum. Community Intervention programs are available in Elliot Lake and Blind River. Programs and services include: Community Intervention, Community Support Workers, Addictions & Family Violence, Mobile Crisis Rapid Response & Transitional Case Management, and Counselling.</p> <p>For more information, visit: https://www.counsellingcentre.org/cceaprograms</p>	<p>Located: 9 Oakland Blvd., Elliot Lake ON. Tel: 705-848-25-85 Toll-Free: 1-866-285-2642 info@counsellingcentre.org</p>
Canadian Mental Health Association Algoma	<p>CMHA-A provides services to individuals within the Algoma districts. Promotes healthy people and communities through advocacy and the provision of safe, inclusive and accessible mental health and addictions services.</p> <p>For more information, visit: https://ssm-algoma.cmha.ca/</p>	<p>Located: Sault Ste. Marie ON. Tel: 705-759-0458 Toll-Free: 1-866-285-2642 information@cmassm.com</p>
Algoma Family Services	<p>Algoma Family Services is a provider of specialized services for children, youth, adults and families in the Algoma District. Our services are evidence-based, client-centered, family-focused and delivered by a team of skilled professionals.</p> <p>For more information, visit: https://algomafamilyservices.ca/about-us/</p>	<p>Toll-Free: 1-866-856-9276 (WARM)</p>
Sault Area Hospital Crisis Line	<p>The crisis intervention team offers safe, trauma-informed, and culturally sensitive care to individuals during a crisis. Services are available to those across the Algoma district.</p>	<p>Tel: 705-759-3398 Toll-Free: 1-800-721-0077 (24 Hour Crisis Line)</p>

Food Banks

Program	Details	Contact
Elliot Lake Emergency Food Bank	<p>Located: 29 Columbia Walk, Elliot Lake ON. Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10:00am – 3:00pm For more information, visit: https://www.elliottlakefoodbank.com/</p>	<p>Tel: (705) 461-3663 elefb@eastlink.ca</p>
Blind River Food Bank	<p>Located: 65 Youngfox Rd., Blind River ON. Hours: Thursday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm</p>	<p>Tel: 705-575-2077 blindriverfoodbank@gmail.com</p>
Wawa Community Food Bank	<p>Located: 96 Broadway Ave., Wawa ON. Hours: Wednesday, 2:00pm – 4:00pm</p>	<p>Tel: 705-852-1414 foodbankofwawa@gmail.com</p>
Bruce Mines and Area Food Bank	<p>Located: 18 Williams St., Bruce Mines ON. Hours: Wednesday, 9:30am – 11:30am</p>	<p>Tel: 705-785-3511</p>
Thessalon Food Bank	<p>Located: 257 Main St., Thessalon ON. Hours: Wednesday, 1:00pm – 2:00pm</p>	<p>Tel: 705-989-9683</p>

Free Community Meals

Program	Details	Contact
Counselling Centre of East Algoma	<p>Provides free hot meals to individuals in the community. Meals are available for pickup. Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 2:00pm – 4:00pm Located: The Beehive, 118 Ontario Avenue, Elliot Lake ON</p>	<p>Tel: 705-848-2585</p>



Meal Services

Meals on Wheels delivers affordable, nutritious and delicious meals to members of the community who are unable to prepare their own food. These are examples of services offered in the district – this may not be an exhaustive (complete) list.

Program	Details	Contact
Huron Lodge Community Services	Hot meal which consists of milk, soup, salad, main plate and dessert. Meal Delivery: Monday to Friday Price: \$7.00/meal	Located: Elliot Lake ON. Tel: 705-848-2019 helene.godbout@huronlodge.ca
Northern Shores Health Network	Hot meal which consists of milk, soup, salad, main plate and dessert. Frozen meals are available to order in advance and in bulk. Meal Delivery: Monday, Wednesday & Friday Price: \$8.00/meal *individuals may be eligible for a subsidy rate For more information, visit: https://www.nshn.care/meals-on-wheels	Located: Blind River ON. Tel: 705-356-2265 ext. 2455
Canadian Red Cross – Wawa Community Health & Wellness	Hot meal which consists of milk, soup, salad, main plate and dessert. Frozen meals are available to order in advance and in bulk. Meal Delivery: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 11:30am – 12:45pm Price: \$6.00/meal	Located: Wawa ON. Tel: 705-856-1964 Vangie.Fournier@redcross.ca
PHARA Thessalon	Hot meal which consists of milk, soup, salad, main plate and dessert. Frozen meals are available to order in advance and in bulk. Meal Delivery: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 11:30am – 12:30pm Price: \$6.50/meal	Located: Thessalon ON. Tel: 705-842-2070 aboudah@phara.org

Clothing & Household Items

The following are examples of where you may find free and/or affordable clothing and household items locally, as well as grants that may be available to provide financial assistance with purchasing these items – this may not be an exhaustive (complete) list.

Program	Details	Contact
Salvation Army Thrift Store	Located: 6 Charles Walk, Elliot Lake ON. Hours: Tuesday – Saturday , 10:00am – 4:00pm	Tel: 705-848-5316
St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store	Located: 29 Elizabeth Square, Elliot Lake ON. Hours: Tuesday – Friday , 10:00am – 4:00pm	Tel: 705-461-1355
Dayforce Cares	Dayforce Cares offers grants to individuals in need of financial assistance to cover the costs for the following types of needs: Clothing & Footwear, Food & household Needs (ex. blankets, mattresses, cookware & dishes, small appliances, personal hygiene items, etc.), eligible medical costs and recreational programs. For more information, visit: https://www.dayforcecares.com/ca	Link to Application

Resources for Transitional Aged Youth

The following section provides information about the resources, programs and services that are available to youth aged 16-24 as they transition into adult services. The Developmental Services Ontario does not promote nor endorse any of these private services.

If you are looking for services not found in this section, you can visit: <https://211ontario.ca/> or call 2-1-1



Youth Employment Programs

Program	Details	Contact
Employment Options – Youth Job Connection	The Youth Job Connection program serves youth aged 15 to 29 who experience multiple and/or complex barriers to employment by providing more intensive supports beyond traditional job search and placement opportunities. Youth who are a good fit for the program face barriers to employment such as income or homelessness, limited work experience, and low levels of literacy or education. Indigenous youth and youth living with disabilities may also benefit from this employment program.	Louise Charbonneau Employment Consultant Tel: 705-848-5119 ext. 7806 Louise.charbonneau@collegeboreal.ca
Employment Options – Skills Link Program	The Skills Link program helps youth overcome barriers to employment; develop a broad range of skills and knowledge in order to participate in the current and future labour market and to promote education and skills as being key to labour market participation. These barriers include, but are not limited to, challenges faced by recent immigrant youth, youth with disabilities, single parent youth, youth who have not completed high school, Indigenous youth, and youth living in rural or remote areas.	Louise Charbonneau Employment Consultant Tel: 705-848-5119 ext. 7806 Louise.charbonneau@collegeboreal.ca
Apatisiwin – Youth Employment Counsellor	Provides employment and training services to Urban Indigenous Youth ages 15-30 including Employment Counselling, Resume/Cover Letters, Application Processing, Training Plan Development, Referrals, Employment Supports, Apprenticeships, Targeted Wage Subsidies, Skills Enhancement, Training Purchase, and Mobility Assistance.	Crystal Derochie, Youth Employment Counsellor Tel: ext. 2145 youthec@ssmifc.ca

Youth Legal Supports

Program	Details	Contact
Justice for Children & Youth	Offers Free confidential legal advice for youth under 18 and homeless youth under 25 in Ontario. For more information, see: https://jfcy.org/en/	Toll Free: 1-866-999-5329

Resources for LGBTQ2S+ Youth

Program	Details	Contact
LGBT Youth Line	<p>The Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line exists to provide service for youth, by youth that affirms the experiences and aspirations of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, 2-spirited, queer and questioning youth in Ontario. Working within an anti-oppression and anti-racist framework, they provide leadership opportunities, outreach, confidential peer support and referrals by telephone, texting and online. Youth Line is a toll-free Ontario-wide peer-support (for youth by youth) service. Youth Line’s number will not show up on a phone bill.</p> <p>For more information: https://www.youthline.ca/</p>	<p>Tel: 1-800-268-9688 Text: 647-694-4275 Live Chat</p>
Trans Life Line	<p>Trans Lifeline is a non-profit dedicated to the well-being of transgender people. The toll-free hotline is staffed by trans people for trans people. Trans Lifeline volunteers are ready to respond to whatever support needs members of the trans community might have.</p> <p>For more information: https://www.translifeline.org/</p>	<p>Tel: 1-877-330-6366</p>

Financial Assistance for Youth

Program	Details	Contact
Telus Mobility for Good	<p>Mobility for Good® helps youth aging out of care achieve independence by providing them with a free phone and a \$0 plan. This enables them to stay in touch with friends and vital support networks, search for somewhere to live, find education and job opportunities, and build credit.</p> <p>For more information, see: Telus Youth Program</p>	<p>Telus Mobility for Good</p>