

## HEALTH SERVICES

Telehealth Ontario 1-866-797-0000

### Public Health Units

Durham Region 1-800-841-2729  
Simcoe-Muskoka  
Health Connection Line 1-877-721-7520  
York Region  
Health Connection Line 1-800-361-5653

### Drugs & Alcohol Treatment Info Line (DART)

www.dart.on.ca 1-800-565-8603

### Mental Health Service Information Ontario

(24/7) 1-866-531-2600

www.mhsio.on.ca

Barrie-Simcoe Branch 705-725-5491  
Durham 905-666-0831  
Simcoe-Muskoka  
Mental Health Crisis Line 1-888-893-8333  
York Branch 905-898-7466

Poison Information Centre 1-866-268-9017

### Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB)

Information and assistance, compensation, services & pensions for employees disabled through employment, vocational rehabilitation.  
Ontario 1-800-387-0750  
Ottawa 1-800-267-9601  
Kingston 1-800-267-9461

Farm Safety Association 1-800-361-8855

## ANIMAL CARE

### Ontario Farm Animal Council (OFAC)

Assists farmers in providing adequate or improved care for their animals and/or in following practices that meet industry standards. The Helpline is a farmer helping farmer service of advice and referral. Calls received by the service are given to the appropriate commodity group(s) for follow-up.

Animal Care Helpline: 1-519-837-1326  
www.ofac.org

### Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA)

www.ontariospca.ca/  
Alliston & District 705-458-9038  
Barrie 705-728-7311  
Durham 905-433-2022  
Marion Vernon Animal Clinic 705-734-9883  
Midland & District 705-534-4459  
(after hours emergency) 705-529-6521  
Muskoka 705-645-6225  
Orillia 705-325-1304  
Toronto Humane Society 416-392-2273  
York 905-898-7122 Ext. 306

For additional information, factsheets and resources, contact:

### Agricultural Information Contact Centre:

1-877-424-1300

E-mail: ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca

### Northern Ontario Regional Office:

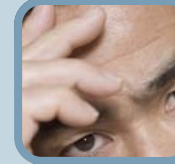
1-800-461-6132

www.ontario.ca/omafra



## FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FAMILIES In...

Simcoe, York, Muskoka, Durham and area



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## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Service Canada (HRDC) 1-800-206-7218

Alliston (Focus Community Services) 705-435-9821  
Angus (Focus Community Services) 705-424-6335  
Barrie (Job Connect) 705-722-1505  
Collingwood (Track Employment) 705-444-1580  
Midland (Job Connect) 705-526-3666  
Newmarket (Job Skills) 905-898-5138  
Orillia (Job Connect) 705-329-3102  
Whitby 1-800-372-1102

### Ontario Works

Muskoka  
Bracebridge 705-645-2412  
Huntsville 705-645-2100

### Simcoe

Midhurst 705-722-3132  
(covering: Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood,  
Midland & Orillia)

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### Growing Forward

Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative, supports the development and implementation of best practices in four key areas: Environment and Climate Change; Food Safety and Traceability; Business Development; and Biosecurity. Participants are encouraged to develop strategies across all areas to meet their business goals through a variety of information sessions and workshops as well as one-on-one training and technical assistance.

Business Development for Farm Businesses  
Growing Forward Business Development for Farm Businesses incorporates self-assessment and action plan development with a range of cost-share advisory services and skills development opportunities to help reach your farm business goals.

Business Development for Farm Businesses offers:

#### Growing Your Farm Profits Workshops

- Learn how to do a self-assessment on your farm business. There is no cost to attend this workshop.

#### Action Plan Review and Sign-off

- Having your action plan reviewed and signed off is the next step towards accessing cost-share opportunities.

#### Farm Financial Assessment

- Cost-share funding is available to access a professional Farm Financial Advisor. The program covers up to \$2400 of eligible costs to hire an Advisor. The participant pays \$100.
- If you are experiencing severe financial difficulties, you may be able to access the Farm Financial Assessment without completing the Growing Your Farm Profits Workshop.

#### Agriculture Skills Development

- Identifying a specific need for farm-related training and skills development in your action plan enables you to access cost-share funding up to 50 per cent to a maximum of \$3000.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES cont'd

### Advanced Business Planning

- Eligible farm businesses will receive cost-share funding to work with an Advanced Planning Consultant for up to 50 per cent to a maximum of \$8000.

### Business Plan Implementation

- To help you implement elements of your Advanced Business Plan, eligible farm businesses can receive cost-share funding for up to 50 per cent to a maximum of \$3000 for one-time non-capital costs.

### For more information:

To learn more about other Growing Forward Programs like environment and climate change, food safety and traceability, and biosecurity, please contact the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs by:

Phone: 1-888-479-3931

Website: [www.ontario.ca/growingforward](http://www.ontario.ca/growingforward)

Email: [growingforward@ontario.ca](mailto:growingforward@ontario.ca)

***Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative***

### Farm Credit Canada

Provides business and financial solutions for farm families and agri-business — [www.fcc-sca.ca](http://www.fcc-sca.ca)

Head office/Regina **1-888-332-3301**

### Farm Debt Mediation

The Farm Debt Mediation Service provides farmers and their creditors with mediation services pursuant to the Federal [Farm Debt Mediation Act](#) (FDMA) to help them arrive at a mutually satisfactory arrangement. The service is private and confidential.  
[www.agr.gc.ca/fdms](http://www.agr.gc.ca/fdms) **1-866-452-5556**

### Local Credit Counselling Resources

Barrie 705-726-2705

## EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND REFERRAL

### The Farm Line

The Farm Line is a confidential emotional support, information and counseling telephone service that is available across Ontario for farmers and their families. Trained peer counselors talk to the caller, identify resources in the caller's area and help the caller determine the steps to follow to address the caller's needs.

**1-888-451-2903**

[www.thefarmline.ca](http://www.thefarmline.ca)

Email: [thefarmline@thefarmline.ca](mailto:thefarmline@thefarmline.ca)

### Local Distress Centres

Women & Children Shelter(24 hr)	1-800-461-1716
My Sister's Place	1-800-461-5419
Newpath Family Counseling	705-726-2833
Partner Abuse Program	705-726-2925
Rosewood Shelter (Alliston)	705-526-4211
Telecare Barrie (24 hr)	705-726-7922
Barrie Distress Centre	705-726-6587
Alliston Distress Centre	705-435-4348
Durham Region	1-800-452-0688

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Barrie	705-725-8682
Toronto Intergroup	416-487-5591
Lakeshore Intergroup (24-hr)	905-728-1020

**Addiction Help Line 1-800-272-1937**

**Gambling Help Line 1-888-230-3505**

**Kids Help Line — to 21 yrs 1-800-668-6868**

### Children's Aid Society

Durham Region	905-433-1551
Muskoka	1-800-680-4426
Simcoe County	1-800-461-4236
York Region	1-800-718-3850

### Children with Severe Disabilities (South East)

**1-800-646-3209**

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES cont'd

### Ontario Disability Support Program :

Alliston	705-737-1311
Barrie	705-737-1311
Collingwood	1-800-461-7551
Orillia	705-325-7408
Midland	1-800-565-5963

### Local Food Banks

Alliston (Good Shepherd)	705-435-3255
Barrie	705-725-1818
Barrie (Elizabeth Fry Society)	705-725-0613
Collingwood (Trinity United Church)	705-445-3901
Collingwood (Society of St. Vincent de Paul)	705-444-0999
Collingwood (Salvation Army)	705-445-9222
Midland (Society of St. Vincent de Paul)	705-526-6313
Midland (Salvation Army)	705-526-2751
Orillia Sharing Place	705-327-4273
Orillia (Society of St. Vincent de Paul)	705-326-2849 Ext 32

**National Hunger Hotline 1-866-3-Hungry**

### Salvation Army - Community & Family Services Simcoe County

Barrie (Bayfield St.)	705-728-6508
Barrie (Essa Rd.)	705-728-3794
Collingwood	705-445-4962
Orillia	705-526-7312

### Muskoka

Bracebridge	705-645-5961
Huntsville	705-789-8125
Gravenhurst	705-687-6711

### Durham Region

Oshawa	905-728-1743
Whitby	905-666-0868