



Advancing Community Support Services  
across Eastern Ontario.

## Eastern Ontario CSS Providers Update

### Wishing You a Great Start of the New Year 2025!

We're excited to reconnect after our brief hiatus and continue celebrating the incredible work of our CSS providers.

As we dive into the new year, we look forward to sharing updates, resources, and inspiring stories that highlight your dedication and the positive impact you make in our communities.

Warm regards,  
The CSS Shared Resources, Ontario East Team



#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Ontario non-profits** are experiencing delays in obtaining criminal reference checks essential for hiring staff and volunteers in vulnerable roles. While third-party services like **Sterling Backcheck** help speed up general background checks, they don't replace vulnerable sector checks, highlighting the need for ongoing advocacy to improve screening processes.

**The Alzheimer Society of Durham Region** offers a draft template for Vulnerable Sector Checks to streamline



#### NAVIGATION AND REFERRAL

**Build trust in the e-referral process** with AccessCSS by monitoring referral statuses and tracking unread referrals to ensure actions are taken promptly.

Join the "What can Caredove tell me – Caredove Reports" session on February 5, 2025, at 14:00 ET to learn more and register [here](#).

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#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Community Care Peterborough** is hiring casual on-call PSWs.

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**Southern Frontenac Community Services** is seeking part-time Home Help Providers.

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criminal reference processes for staff and volunteers working with vulnerable populations. Access and customize the template to meet your organization's specific screening needs.

[Download it here](#)

**Due to the Canada Post strike**, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has granted an extension for issuing official donation receipts to ensure charitable organizations can meet their fundraising goals despite postal delays.

This extension is vital to support charities in maintaining donor trust and ensuring contributions are properly recognized for tax purposes.

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## TRAININGS AND WEBINARS

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**VON Canada** is seeking a full-time Case Coordinator for the SMILE Program.

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**Community Care Durham** is seeking a full-time Program Associate to support their Community Food Programs.

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**Senior Support Services (CPHC)** is looking for brokered foot care nurses ((RPNs).

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**VHA Home HealthCare** is seeking a Palliative Care - Best Practice Nursing Supervisor to lead and oversee nursing and support teams.

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## COMMUNICATION

**E-referral Training webinars** provided by CSS Shared Resources, East Region, facilitated by Chantal Jolicoeur.

The third & last session on What can Caredove tell me – Caredove Reports.

Date: February 5, 2025, **Registration link** Time 14:00 ET to 16:00 ET.

Target Audience: Caredove Admins and Organizational Leaders Find out how to access valuable information about service requests, referral partners, team performance, and workflow.

Boost your agency's capabilities with Nonprofit Ready's wide range of courses at **[nonprofitready.org/courses](https://nonprofitready.org/courses)** and enhance your Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (EDI) efforts with their free EDI-specific courses available **[here](#)**.

**The Champlain Dementia Network** is hosting three full-day conferences for providers in Ottawa (March 27), Pembroke (April 9), and Cornwall (May 6), offering comprehensive sessions on supporting care partners of individuals living with dementia.

Register through the respective Eventbrite links to access detailed agendas and participate in these valuable events:

- **March 27th in Ottawa**
- **April 9th in Pembroke**
- **May 6th in Cornwall**

**E-signatures** for February are also available via an attached link.

**Download them here**

**CSS Providers Ontario East Meeting** upcoming meeting **[link to join](#)** on Feb 12th, 2025, from 10:00am to 11:30am.

Please find the previous meeting minutes via the link **[providers meeting notes from Dec 11 2024](#)** .



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Apply for the **Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) Program 2025-26** by submitting your budget by February 6, 2025, to receive funding for activities that promote wellness, social interaction, and education for seniors across Ontario.



## CSS PROVIDER HIGHLIGHT

**Hospice Care of Ottawa** is inviting 2SLGBTQIA+ caregivers to join them for a Caregiver Retreat.

The event is free and is taking place on February 21, 2025, from 10:00 to 15:00 ET at May Court Hospice, 114 Cameron



## HEALTH SYSTEM PARTNER UPDATES

**The Ontario Caregiver Association (OCA)** recognizes that caregivers within 2SLGBTQIA+ communities often face stigma and challenges with non-inclusive healthcare systems.

To better support them,

Eligible SALC operators are encouraged to include remote or virtual programming and address priorities such as connecting seniors with community services, serving underserved populations, and enhancing accessibility for all seniors.

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Avenue, Ottawa.

OCO has partnered with 2SLGBTQIA+ caregivers to adapt the "I am a Caregiver Toolkit."

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**Have news to share? We'd love to hear from you! Our newsletter thrives on updates from our community members. Whether it's an upcoming event, a program highlight, or an inspiring story, drop us a line at [info@accesscss.ca](mailto:info@accesscss.ca). Help us keep everyone informed about the great work happening across our network!**

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