



HOUSING FORUM

Presentations By:

Developmental Services Ontario &
Region of Waterloo Affordable Housing

 **1 PM & 6 PM**

 **JUNE 20**

 DoubleTree by Hilton
30 Fairway Rd S, Kitchener

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WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN...

YOU'RE AN...



adult with a developmental disability who needs/will be needing supportive and affordable housing or a caregiver of a loved one with a developmental disability.

LOOKING FOR OPTIONS



exploring Affordable Housing & Developmental Service Supports for adults with disabilities in Waterloo Region.

NAVIGATING TWO SYSTEMS

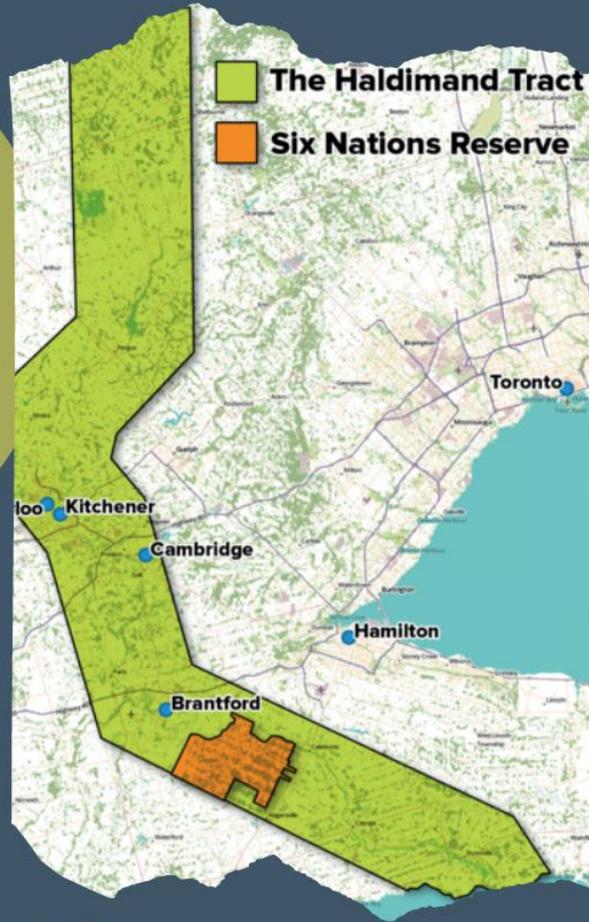


Learn more about the two housing systems available to you: Developmental Services (Ontario) and Affordable Housing (region).

YOU'VE GOT QUESTIONS



There will be a dedicated question period after each presentation and a chance to visit various info booths before and after!



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HOME

OF THE
HAUDENOSAUNE,
ANISHINAABE, &
CHONNONTON PEOPLE

DSOCWR Housing Navigation

Christina Hall – Housing Navigator



Topics we will cover



The role of the DSOCWR Housing Navigator



Client Support
Community Engagement
Housing advocacy

Role of the DSO Housing Navigator

To provide individuals and families with the information and resources needed to create individualized and person-centred housing plans.

www.dsontario.ca/find-your-dso



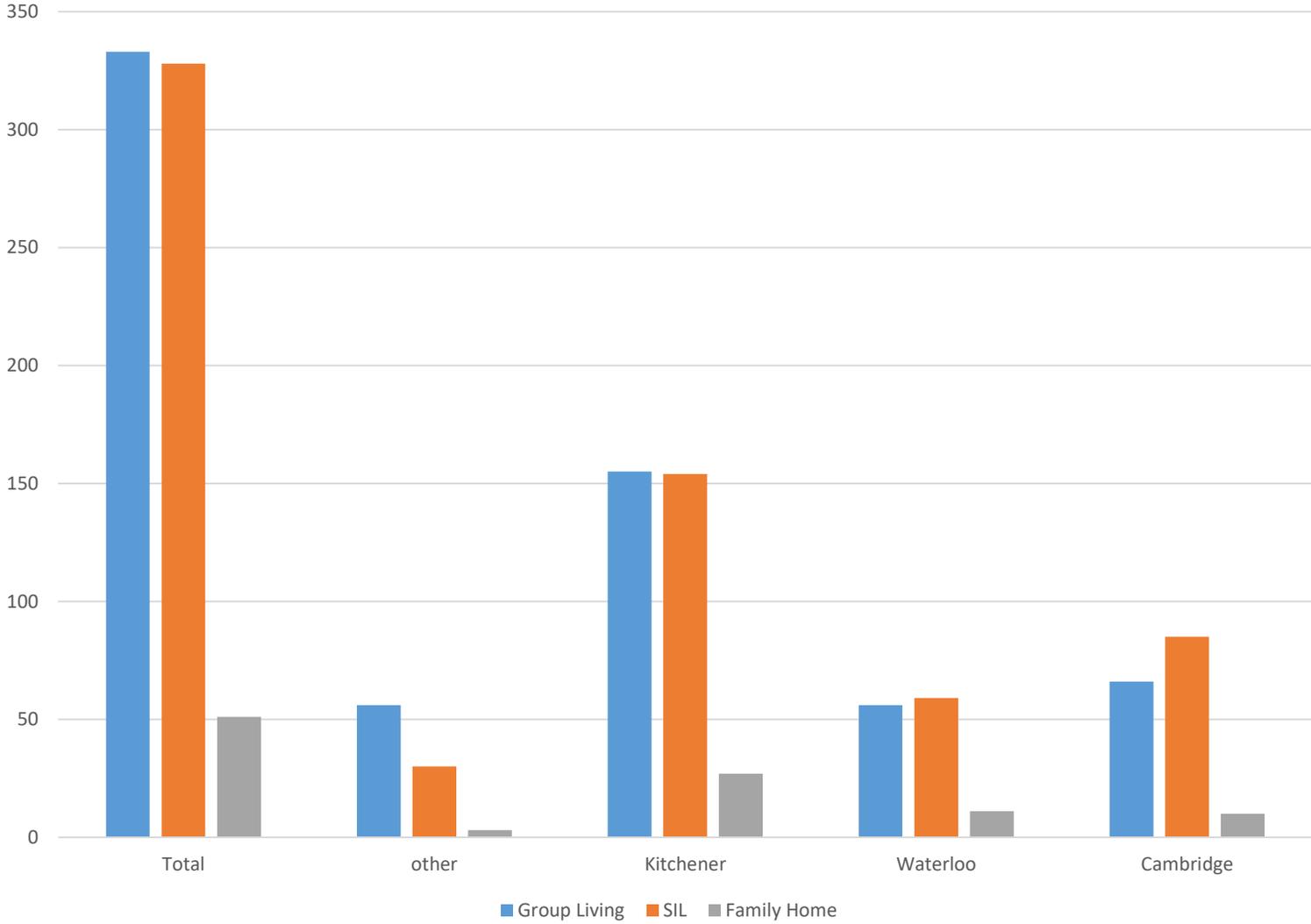


Housing Navigation



Waterloo Ministry Funded Supportive Housing Registry

	Group Living	SIL	Family Home
Total	333	328	51
other	56	30	3
Kitchener	155	154	27
Waterloo	56	59	11
Cambridge	66	85	10



** all number are approximate and taken in May 2023

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICE WORKER & DSO Housing Navigator Expansion Project

Purpose of the Program:

The Ontario government (Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services - MCCSS) is investing in support for individuals with developmental disabilities who wish to live more independently in the community.

Who can Access the Program?

Adults with developmental disabilities who have lower support needs (based on their Supports Intensity Scale, *who are* living with a caregiver(s) (55 years+) *and* on the Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) Supported housing registry *and* want to live more independently in the community

What Kind of Support is Received Through this Program

DSO Housing Navigators:

- Help people with a developmental disability and their families and/or caregivers navigate the DSO housing toolkit
- Provide information about housing options in the community
- Host webinars and a workshop series to support the creation of housing and support plans
- Provide opportunities to meet others (virtually or in person) who are on a similar journey and/or who may be looking for partners
- Provide information and resources about services and programs in the community
- Advocate for the housing needs of people with a developmental disability

An APSW can assist with:

- Looking for housing, but do not provide housing
- Informal budgeting, money management, linking with money management professionals
- Linking with medical and dental services
- Linking with legal services, parenting support, advocacy regarding child protection services
- Linking with mental health professionals and services
- Developing supports with family/ friends and community and supportive counselling
- Finding social, recreational, and skill building activities

Resources we Provide

- A list of services and resources available to people, both ministry and non-ministry funded
- Self-assessments and questionnaires to help people decide their housing goals and preferred housing types
- Success stories from those who have created innovative housing options
- Contact information for family support networks and ways to find housing partners
- Access to the DSO Housing Toolkit



WELCOME TO THE DSO HOUSING TOOLKIT



Step 1

Exploring and understanding housing needs and wants, and creating your housing plan



Step 2

Reviewing housing options and locations



Step 3

Financing the plan



Step 4

Managing housing supports



Step 5

Building a plan that will support change



Step 6

Learning from others

My housing and support plan



Community Engagement

- Virtual workshops/webinars (Creating Your Individualized Housing and Support Plan, DSO Technology to Support Independence, Affordable Housing, Understanding Microboards, Tiny Homes, Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Tenant, and so much more.
- Meeting with clients
- Presentations (to the public, school boards, city officials)
- Attending events to represent the DSOCWR housing navigator role
- Connecting with family networks, landlord associations, the cities throughout the region, agencies, etc.
- Research alternative options for clients, and possible people to network with



Provincial webinars

- Creating Your Individualized Housing and Support Plan
- DSO Technology to Support Independence
- Affordable Housing and Why You Should Apply
- Understanding Microboards
- Tiny Homes
- Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Tenant
- And more....



Your Rights and Responsibilities As a Tenant

Join DSO Housing Navigators as we welcome guest speakers Faiza Malik, Caseworker and Housing Rights Educator, CERA – Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation and John Done, Executive Director, Kingston Community Legal Clinic

Renting a place to live is a big step toward independent living. To ensure your tenancy is successful it's important to know your rights and responsibilities as a tenant.

Our presenters will discuss the difference between a tenant and an occupant, renting a room vs. renting an apartment, what to do if you receive an eviction notice and understanding your rights in accommodation.



To register for this webinar please visit:

September 14, 2021 – 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm EST

[Register Here](#)

Questions about this event can be sent to:

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A portable housing benefit





KW Urban Native Wigwam
To provide culturally safe and affordable
housing for the Indigenous (FNMI)
community in Waterloo Region.

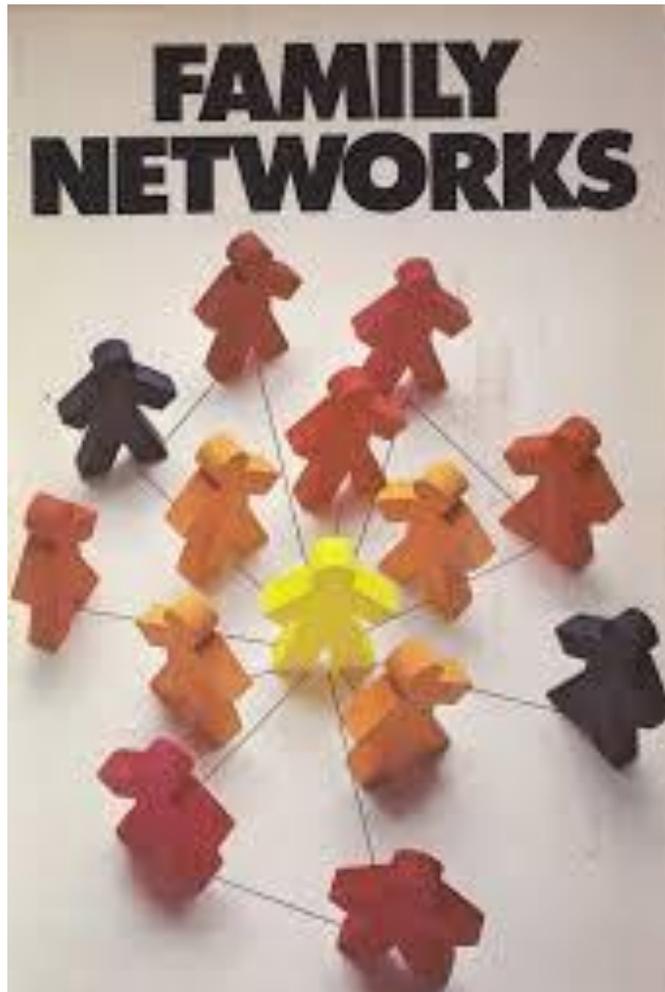


**Ontario
Aboriginal**
Housing Services

**Indigenous Home
Ownership and
Renovation Funds**

Habitat for Humanity





Connect and
Collaborate with
other Families



Advocacy within the Housing Sector

When should you contact a Housing Navigator?



To learn more about what Housing Navigators do.



To help you navigate the DSO Housing Toolkit and online resources.



To provide and connect you with resources and information that support planning for housing.



To learn about upcoming webinars that could be of interest to you and the people you support.



To look at partnership opportunities.

Housing Navigation

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