



United Way Chatham-Kent

Thank you, Chatham-Kent!
Together we are improving lives and building community

Focus Areas

From Poverty to Possibility

Healthy People, Strong Communities

All That Kids Can Be

Program and Service names are coded by focus area colour shown above.

Partner Programs

AIDS Support Chatham-Kent *Harm Reduction*



Aims to address and reduce the harms, such as poverty, disease/drug poisoning and overdose fatalities, associated with the misuse of psychoactive drugs in people unable or unwilling to stop their use.
Contact: Steve Pratt 519-352-2121

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Chatham-Kent *Go Girls/Game ON*



Group programs, generally delivered in schools for girls and boys ages 9-14, which focus on teaching the importance of healthy bodies/healthy minds.
Contact: Nan Stuckey 519-351-1582

Canadian Hearing Society *Hearing Care Counselling*



Provides communication and hearing support services to individuals with an acquired hearing loss, to enable them to carry out daily living activities independently and with reduced communication difficulties.
Contact: 1-844-253-7241

Canadian Mental Health Association, L-K Branch *Preventative Education*



Aims to empower youth in Chatham-Kent to develop and maintain good mental health and advocate for and foster a community free from violence and discrimination due to mental illness.
Contact: Megan Walker 519-436-6100 ext. 2237

Chatham-Kent Block Parent Program Inc. *Community Outreach*



A range of prevention based collaborations to increase community's well-being in regards to safety awareness and injury prevention.
Registrar and Volunteer Engagement
Provides police-screened volunteers of easily-recognizable homes and businesses the opportunity to provide immediate assistance to those in distress.
Educational Programming
Seeks to address the need of children in our schools and community to be protected from predators, luring, bullying, exploitation and general distresses.
Contact: Ruth Bossence 519-354-0430 ext. 235

Chatham-Kent Children's Services *Autism Transitional Classroom*



Aims to help educators teach children with Autism Spectrum disorders by providing temporary, but very intensive supports to adapt and apply the special education strategies in the least intrusive environment possible.
Contact: Dr. Tim Baker 519-352-0440

Chatham-Kent Student Nutrition Program *Student Nutrition Program*



Aims to ensure that all children have access to healthy, nutritious food every school day, regardless of socioeconomic background or situation.
Contact: Jenelle Arnew 519-352-7270 ext. 2493

Chatham-Kent Women's Centre Inc. *Shelter Services*



Provides emergency residential shelter and transitional housing for every woman and her children who require it in Chatham-Kent.
Contact: Karen Hunter 519-351-9144 ext.232

CNIB *Adjustment to Vision Loss*



Ensures that individuals who are blind or partially sighted have the Vision Rehabilitation Services, resource information, advocacy support, and emotional support necessary to adjust to their vision loss and engage in appropriate CNIB and community programs.
Contact: Lee-Anne Cross 1-800-563-2642

Dresden Sidestreets Youth Centre *Drop In Program*



A place where youth, aged 7 to 18, can go to feel wanted, encouraged, motivated, and be involved and productive members of their community.
Contact: Lori Ouellette 519-683-2153

Epilepsy Support Centre *Education Outreach*



Helps clients remove the barriers (personal and systemic) that prohibit them from becoming full and valued participants in the community.
Contact: Tabitha Vercillo 519-365-5131

Erie St.Clair VON *Kids Circle*



Provides support for children and teens, in one-on-one and group settings, who are experiencing a life-threatening illness themselves or that of a loved one, as well as other experiences of bereavement.
Contact: Nicole Hunter 519-352-4462

Family Service Kent *Counselling Services*



Provides affordable, professional counselling services for children, youth and adults, where an emotional, relationship or family difficulty is compromising healthy functioning and quality of life.
Contact: Brad Davis 519-354-6221

Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent *Social Skills*



B.E.S.T. Group teaches elementary aged children, who deal with impulsivity, distractibility, inattention and the inability to read and interpret social cues, how to manage situations in their everyday lives through games, role playing and modeling behavior. SOAR is a transition program for students in grades six to nine to promote knowledge and understanding of learning disabilities to enable children to advocate more effectively for themselves in school, post-secondary education and in the workplace.
Tutoring
Provides one-on-one assistance to struggling students.
Contact: Dawn Babkirk 519-352-2024

New Beginnings, ABI & Stroke Recovery Association *Exercise Program*



Members are encouraged to participate in a structured exercise program where they can measure and provide proof of their enhancements. They work one-on-one and in group activities with all participants in order to help them regain independence in their daily lives.
Contact: Dylan Turato 519-351-0297

Restorative Justice *Positive Strides*



An intervention/education program for either youth in the Pre-Charge Diversion (Conferencing) Program or at-risk youth.
Contact: Cecily Coppola 519-380-0931

The Solid Rock Café Youth Centre *Drop In Program*



Designed to involve youth in productive activities and interactions that build self-esteem and positive outcomes. Nightly activities minimize the risks of youth getting into trouble or causing havoc as a result of idle hands.
Contact: Ken McCorkle 519-682-0625

YMCAs across Southwestern Ontario *Beyond the Bell*



An academic-based program that takes a holistic approach to the well-being of every child. By emphasizing literacy, numeracy, recreation, homework help and values education the programs helps to close the achievement gap experienced by low-income children, compared to their middle-class classmates.
Contact: Amy Wadsworth 519-360-9622 ext. 103

Direct Services

ChangeTheWorld

A province-wide campaign for youth ages 14 to 18 to volunteer through a wide variety of exciting local initiatives. The goal is to inspire youth to volunteer, develop new skills and broaden their awareness of community service organizations.
Contact: Erica Kitchen 519-354-0430



Chatham-Kent Nonprofit Network

Engages with and advocates for nonprofit organizations that work for the public benefit in Chatham-Kent.
Contact: Kim Broadbent 519-354-0430



Foodbank

The Tilbury Information and HELP Centre's Food Bank distributes food to individuals and families who have difficulty purchasing enough food to avoid hunger as a result of job loss, illness, or other increasing costs.
Contact: Rose-Anne Mayor 519-682-2268

Information and Referral

Information and Referral helps people find resources and supports and to make informed choices when dealing with health and social issues in their lives. Information Chatham-Kent is also the data provider for Ontario 211 for our community.
Contact: Patricia Weiler 519-354-0430



Labour Programs and Services

Labour Community Advocacy Program is offered on an annual basis to Union members who provide social service information to their members in the workplace. Each advocate is trained as a resource for Union members and the Union itself. The Labour staff provides information and referral services to Union leaders and members in the Labour movement.
Contact: Brian Armitage 519-628-5456



Operation BackPacks

This Good Neighbours program provides backpacks filled with grade appropriate school supplies for families and children in need.
Contact: Mary Symons 519-354-0430



Operation Cover-Up

This Good Neighbours program provides warm winter coats for people in need.
Contact: Mary Symons 519-354-0430



Prosperity Roundtable

Stakeholders meet to learn about programs which address poverty, explore best practices and mobilize resources to develop strategies to reduce the impact of poverty.
Contact: Kate do Forno 519-354-0430



"The 425" Centre for Community Innovation

A resource centre that houses United Way and up to eight nonprofit and local government partners. All revenue is reinvested in community building initiatives.
Contact: Veronica Whittall 519-354-0430

Volunteer Chatham-Kent

Matches people with identified talents and skills with non-profit organizations to help them achieve their vital missions. Potential volunteers are interviewed and screened according to the "ten safe steps" and then placed with the appropriate agency /organization.
Contact: Patricia Weiler 519-354-0430



Women's Leadership Council

Provides grants and other supports to improve the lives of women and their families in vulnerable situations.
Contact: Karen Kirkwood-Whyte 519-354-0430



Youth Committee

Assists members to acquire leadership skills and make valuable connections in the community. By providing meaningful and engaging volunteer opportunities youth are able to obtain their 40 hours of volunteer service required to graduate.
Contact: Erica Kitchen 519-354-0430

Youth Engagement Partnership

Inspiring and encouraging youth to engage in Chatham-Kent community life through coordinating and supporting local youth initiatives.
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Together, we are possibility. Please give generously.

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