

# Returning to Work in Chatham Kent



Serving Erie St. Clair and South West LHINs

SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH STROKE  
PREPARING TO RE-ENTER THE WORKFORCE.

**You've been through a lot** – a trip to the emergency department, a hospital stay, rehabilitation and a return to your home, your family and your community. Recovery from stroke is a journey. For some people, that journey includes a return to the workplace – either to their previous role, a modified position or something entirely new. The following services are available to stroke survivors in Huron Perth who are exploring a return to work.



## BRAINWORKS

79 Ridout Street South, London | Ph: 519-657-1180  
[www.brainworksrehab.com](http://www.brainworksrehab.com)

IN HOME/COMMUNITY  
 FEE FOR SERVICE

You may self-refer to Brainworks, or be referred by a community or government agency. This is a fee-for-service program that may be covered by insurance or other third parties. Brainworks team members create back to work plans tailored specifically for you. Services include: job searches, labour market research, cover letter and resume development, reference preparation, interview techniques, career exploration exercises and more. The community-based vocational placements offered are non-paid, temporary placements with a community host employer. They allow for assessment of your abilities to manage demands in a real work environment. Staff, including social workers, psychologists and rehab therapists, have experience supporting persons with stroke. Learn more online.

## CHATHAM KENT EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTRES

120 Wellington Street W., Chatham, Ontario N7M 4V9  
(Federal Post Office Building, 1st Floor) | Ph: 519-380-8878

IN OFFICE  NO COST 

786 Dufferin Avenue, Wallaceburg, Ontario N8A 2V3  
(Municipal Centre, 2nd Floor) | Ph: 519-627-6986

[www.chatham-kent.ca/erc](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/erc)

Our friendly staff can help you find the information you need to succeed in your job search. We offer job search resources, information on area employers, free use of computers with high-speed internet, printers, copiers, scanners, and fax machines. Help with resumes, cover letters, online applications and interview strategies are available, and we will assist in finding employment, networking and education programs.

## COMMUNITY LIVING CHATHAM-KENT: JOBWORX

101 Stewart Street, Chatham, ON | Ph: 519-351-0460

IN OFFICE  NO COST 

[www.clc-k.ca](http://www.clc-k.ca)

Community Living Chatham-Kent JOBWORX provides employment services and more for adults and youth with disabilities across Chatham-Kent. Through planning, pre-employment training, job search and coaching, people are assisted to secure employment. Individuals' skills are matched with the needs of businesses in the community. Our staff have over 25 years of experience connecting people with qualified job seekers.

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## GOODWILL CAREER CENTRE

1249 London Road, Sarnia, Ontario N7S 4T3 | Ph: 519-332-4333  
300 Lacroix Street, Chatham, ON N7M 6M6 | Ph: 519-354-4400  
[www.goodwillekl.com](http://www.goodwillekl.com)

IN OFFICE  NO COST 

The Goodwill Career Centres in Chatham and Sarnia offer the following free services to job seekers: Assessment and Case Management, Job Search Preparation, Job Placement/Coaching/Retention services, Information and/or referral to government funded skills training programs, Resource and Information Centre.

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## LEADS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

171 Queens Avenue, Suite 410, London | Ph: 1-866-955-3237  
51 Front Street East, Strathroy | Ph: 1-866-955-3237  
32 Erie Street, Stratford | Ph: 1-866-955-3237  
380 9th Street E., Owen Sound | Ph: 1-866-955-3237  
300 S Edgeware Road, St. Thomas | Ph: 519-633-7597  
[www.leadsservices.com](http://www.leadsservices.com)

IN COMMUNITY/OFFICE   
 FEE FOR SERVICE  
 NO COST

Over 52 Employment Specialists with diverse backgrounds, credentials and specializations provide one to one support in customized services: developing skills to prepare for and retain employment, identifying employment opportunities that fit abilities and experience, job coaching and mentoring to build strong relationships with employers and coworkers, facilitating follow up reviews and problem resolution to help achieve success. Leads offers services to those who are eligible for government funding at no cost, or through WSIB or third party fee-for service in London, Middlesex, Elgin, Oxford, Huron, Perth, Lambton, Bruce and Grey counties. Individuals & advocates can contact or apply in person at Leads or online at [www.leadsservices.com](http://www.leadsservices.com).

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## MARCH OF DIMES CANADA

920 Commissioners Rd. East London | Ph: 519-642-3999 ext. 235  
[www.marchofdimes.ca](http://www.marchofdimes.ca)

NO COST IF ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES   
 FEE FOR SERVICE FOR PRIVATE INSURERS

You may self refer to March of Dimes Canada Employment Services Program or be referred by a community or government agency. March of Dimes Employment Services programs work with several different contracts including: Veterans Affairs Canada (CANVET Services), Ontario Disability Employment Supports Program (OSDP), Community Co-ordinator Project (Opportunities Fund) through Service Canada, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), Ontario Works, and Private Insurers. March of Dimes provides a variety of Placement, Assessment and Case Management services that assist individuals with a variety of disabilities to return to work. Such services include development of Return to Work Employment Plans, Employer Based Work Placements both in paid and unpaid settings, Job Search Training Programs, and a variety of Vocational and Functional Assessments. March of Dimes will assist individuals to reach their employment goals and achieve their independence in today's competitive labour market.

## PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS VOCATIONAL SERVICES

30 Adelaide Street North, Unit 101 | Ph: 226-316-0359  
www.practicalsolutions.ca

- ✓ IN HOME/COMMUNITY 
- ✓ FEE FOR SERVICE
- ✓ WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

Available by self-referral. Services include Gradual Return to Work programs working with the client, employer and medical professionals to determine suitable positions, accommodations and transitional work programs so individuals can stay at work or return to productive and safe employment as soon as physically possible after a stroke. As well, there is a Vocational Reconditioning Program designed to assess and enhance a client's functional and employment skills in preparation to transition into an alternate career or return to the client's own employer at full capacity.

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## PURSUIT HEALTH MANAGEMENT

1 – 121 Oxford Street E., London | Ph: 519-672-1048  
www.pursuithealth.ca

- ✓ IN OFFICE/COMMUNITY 
- ✓ FEE FOR SERVICE

While individuals from across Southwestern Ontario may self-refer to Pursuit Health Management, referrals are most often made by physicians, hospitals, WSIB, employers, insurance companies or solicitors. Physio and massage therapy can be self funded. Other services, such as occupational therapy, case management and vocational rehabilitation services are usually funded through insurance or other sources. Pursuit supports pre-vocational skills such as daily living and community access skills. Other services include labour market research, resume and cover letter development, career exploration, reference preparation and interview techniques. Therapists on staff have experience with persons with stroke in both hospital and community based settings.

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## ST. CLAIR COLLEGE EMPLOYMENT CENTRE

Unit 11-60 McNaughton Drive, Wallaceburg ON | Ph: 519-628-5269  
Unit 1500-400 Sandwich Street South, Amherstburg, ON N9V 3L4 | Ph: 519-736-2827  
Roundhouse Centre, 3015 Howard Avenue, Windsor, ON N8X 3Y9 | Ph: 519-253-4461

- ✓ IN OFFICE ✓ NO COST 

www.stclairemploymentcentre.com

Access resources and information, help with Second Career assessment and applications, wage subsidy supports for new hires, and assistance with Ontario Self Employment Benefit and Job Creation Partnership applications. You can also access employment consulting and assistance with job searching.