

FINANCIAL COUNSELING PROGRAMS

(CAIS) Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program: Agricorp, Guelph 1-877-838-5144

Available Monday to Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. to provide information on financial assistance programs.

Canadian Farm Business Advisory Services: 1-866-452-5558

Eligible producers will have access to a range of services including: (1) the Farm Business Assessment and Action Plan - provides eligible producers five days' worth of consultative services; (2) Specialized Business Planning Services - offers financial assistance to producers in preparing the plans needed for their business; and (3) Planning and Assessment for Value-Added Enterprise Service.

Farm Debt Mediation Service: Guelph 1-866-452-5556

Provides farmers and their creditors with mediation services pursuant to the Federal Farm Debt Mediation Act (FDMA) and Regulations to help them arrive at a mutually satisfactory arrangement. The service is private, confidential and an economic alternative to the often costly, public and drawn-out process of resolving insolvency disputes in the courts.

HEALTH CARE

Telehealth Ontario

Free access to a registered nurse, 24 hours/day, 7 days/week
Call 1-866-797-0000 or visit www.healthyonario.com

West Nile Virus Information

Ministry of Health INFOline. **Call 1-800-268-1154** or visit www.health.gov.on.ca

Windsor-Essex Health Unit. Call 1-800-265-5822 or 519-258-2146

C-K Public Health Services. Call 519-352-7270

FOOD COMPLAINTS

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Food Safety Hotline. Call 1-800-701-2737

C-K Public Health Services. Call 519-352-7270

Food Safety Network Hotline: General Information. Call 1-866-503-7638

FOOD BANKS

Outreach for Hunger

Chatham 351-8381
Wallaceburg 627-3397

Salvation Army Family Services

Chatham 354-1430
Blenheim 676-3886
Ridgetown 674-2472
Wallaceburg 627-8257

Some local service clubs and churches in your area may offer related programs.

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JOB SEARCH / TRAINING/ SOCIAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

Chatham-Kent Service Canada Centre

120 Wellington St. W., Chatham ON N7M 4V9

Employment Resource Center, information and assistance.

Call 519-380-6800 or website: www.servicecanada.gc.ca

STRESS COUNSELING & FAMILY SERVICES

The Farm Line: 1-888-451-2903

This confidential, toll-free anonymous service offers emotional support and referral services for Ontario farmers and their families. Callers can speak to a peer support worker regarding a wide variety of topics including financial difficulties, stress, grief, family problems, serious accidents and traumatic events.

Crisis Intervention Centre/ Mental Health Kent

Provides 16 hour confidential crisis counselling for residents of Chatham-Kent.

Call 519-351-6144

Family Services Kent

Provides support and counselling for individuals, couples and families. Stress, family and credit counseling available. Fee based on income. Evening hours available. **Call 519-354-6221**

Social Services, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

General welfare assistance, one time emergency aid may be available for those who do not qualify for welfare.

Call 519-351-8573 to reach the central intake number.

Tilbury Information and Help Centre

Provide food and clothing, training and information, referral to various government and community organizations.

Call 519-682-2268

Children's Aid Society

Promoting the well being of children and their families.

Call 519-352-0440

Women's Centre

Emergency Shelter for Women, confidential counselling for women and children.

Call 519-354-6360

ANIMAL CARE

Ontario Farm Animal Council - Helpline: 519-837-1326

Accepts calls from farmers who need emergency assistance as well as from anyone who witnesses farm animals kept in unacceptable conditions.

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Information and Resources for Farm Families in Chatham - Kent

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Other Key Contacts:

AGRICORP - Crop Insurance - 1-888-247-4999
AGRICORP - Farm Business Registration Program – 1-866-327-3678
OMAFRA Farmland Property Tax Program – 1-800-469-2285
OMAFRA Publication Order Centre – 1-888-466-2372
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