



Hello,

1. Funding for Professional Development from the Province of Ontario
2. Provincial Skills Training for Social Workers & Social Service Workers
3. Benefits Message from the OCDSB
4. Check your pay Stub. If you are doing some extra TERM work, are you getting paid at the same rate? Please let Lea Ann Ouimet or Courtney Fleming know immediately.



The Province is funding Professional Development (up to \$1500/year) through the Allied Health Professional Development Fund. Check out the link for more information <https://www.ahpdf.ca/en/home>
This includes Speech and Language Pathologists.

Ontario is renewing the Social Workers and Social Service Workers Professional Development Fund, to help social workers and social service workers update and upgrade their skills.



[https://www.oasw.org/Public/Social Workers and Social Service Workers Professional Development Fund/SWSSWPDF.aspx](https://www.oasw.org/Public/Social_Workers_and_Social_Service_Workers_Professional_Development_Fund/SWSSWPDF.aspx)



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Benefits Message

This message is intended for **new employees and current employees who are eligible* for benefits with OSSTF Benefits (OTIP) and have experienced a change** in work status or to their personal information such as address, dependents, etc.

Please be advised that OTIP has advised the OCDSB that they are currently not accepting any transfer of information from the OCDSB. As a result new employees and employees whose information has changed will experience a delay in enrolling or changing benefits coverage to reflect the new status. If

you have not had any changes in your employment status or your personal information, you will not be impacted.

OTIP is continuing to work with the OCDSB's payroll software system provider and both parties have advised that they are hopeful the problem will be resolved shortly.

Please note that since responsibility for managing unionized employee benefits has been transferred to a provincial benefits trust, the OCDSB's Human Resources office is unable to provide any information regarding your benefits coverage with OTIP.

You are encouraged to monitor your OCDSB email for updates from OTIP as well as regularly check your OTIP benefit portal.

Please be assured that the OCDSB and OTIP continue to work collaboratively to ensure the information required for benefit enrolment is updated so you will not experience interruption in your benefit coverage.

If you have questions about your benefits and premium costs please contact OTIP directly at 1-800-267-6847.

*** Who is Eligible for OSSTF Benefits?** All Regular (permanent employees) receive benefits through the OSSTF Benefits Trust.

***Who is Eligible for OCDSB Benefits?** All TERM (not permanent/regular employees), that are eligible for benefits*, receive benefits through the OCDSB. All questions or changes in information are handled by the Human Resources Department.

If you were enrolled last year in the OSSTF Benefits and have had NO CHANGES to your status - congratulations. You are not affected.

If you changed status (increased time, became permanent, took on some Term work in addition to your Regular FTE, then the changes may not have gone through.

If you had major life changes (married, had a baby, separated) and it affects your benefits, these changes may not have gone through.

What to do if you have changes?

1. Check your information on-line through the OTIP site if they were posted.
2. Call the OTIP phone number as suggested by the OCDSB.
3. IF you have serious issues resulting from this delay in processing the changes (meds not covered, member of family not included, financial issues) then please contact Lea Ann Ouimet, President.