

## Organizations partner up to help low income residents

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**Local News** - The City of Kawartha Lakes Health and Social Services Department and Community Living Kawartha Lakes' Job Quest have teamed up to help those living on low incomes in the area.

The organizations will coordinate and streamline services to provide employment supports to those in the Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, according to a city press release.

Job Quest is an employment program targeted to meet the needs of people with high barriers that prohibit people from obtaining and/or maintaining employment.

There are a wide range of barriers that many people that cannot overcome solely with financial assistance, including:

Challenges reading and writing

Difficulty following instructions or completing tasks

Stress, anxiety, depression

Chronic pain

Visual, hearing or other physical impairments

Difficulty with problem solving or multi-tasking

Requiring extra time to perform work

Social Services provides Employment and Income Support services to eligible residents with a goal to provide effective supports to assist our clients in achieving successful employment outcomes.

The vision of social assistance is to offer a simplified, streamlined social assistance system that treats our most vulnerable with fairness and dignity, and provides effective, integrated employment supports to help them prepare for, find and keep jobs.

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