

The L.E.A.P. Program

(Learning, Earning and
Parenting Program)

The **L.E.A.P.** program is for young parents aged 16 to 25 receiving financial aid under Ontario Works. The program is designed to assist them in completing their Grade 12, to build their parenting skills and help them achieve financial self-sufficiency through suitable employment.

Each participant must complete a participation agreement with Ontario Works and sign an individual service plan which will outline the client's participation to **L.E.A.P.**

To find out more about the **L.E.A.P.** Program please contact your Ontario Works case manager.

Program Components

LEARNING

Primary goal is to complete high school education; the participant must be actively participating in an approved educational activity.

EARNING

Must participate in employment preparation activities to increase the participant's professional skills that lead to suitable employment.

PARENTING & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Consists of different options that support healthy development of children and parenting skills. Each participant's choice of activities will be different according to his situation and personal needs.

Support

Participants in the program may receive financial supports for childcare services, transportation and school supplies to help them achieve their goals.

PROGRAM INCENTIVE

L.E.A.P. participants are eligible for a \$500.00 bursary upon completion of the program (graduate from high school and complete the approved parenting activities – min. 35 hrs).

Participants may choose one of the following options:

- \$500.00 bursary to be used for the participant's post secondary education or training ;
- \$500.00 to be held in trust for the education of the participant's children.