



NEW

SINGLE PARENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SPEP)

Childcare for infant and pre-school aged children is provided during this program.

WHAT IS SPEP?

The **Single Parent Employment Program** is a joint initiative between OFE and Taking Charge! which is designed to **transition single parents receiving Employment & Income Assistance (EIA)** into successful, long-term employment.

Are you feeling **overwhelmed** with the idea of **finding employment** and **securing suitable childcare arrangements**?

Are you concerned about how working will affect your **finances, housing, time with your child(ren) and your day-to-day routine**?

Let us walk with you on your journey to successfully making this transition.

IS SPEP A FIT FOR YOU?

- Do you need assistance in finding childcare so you can work?
- Do you need childcare while you attend this programming?
- Are you unsure about what type of work is suitable for you?
- Do you need to upgrade your skills to improve your job options?
- Do you lack recent work experience and references?
- Are you concerned about how working will affect your EIA benefits?
- Do you want to build self-confidence and be a positive role model?

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HOW IT WORKS

STEP 1

6 WEEKS AT TAKING CHARGE!

Participants will enroll at **Taking Charge!** for 6 weeks of personal development and will enroll their children, 5 years and under, in the Taking Charge! Parent and Child Development Centre.

STEP 2

6 WEEKS AT OFF

Participants will continue to use the daycare services while they transition to 6 weeks of employment preparation and job searching at **Opportunities for Employment**.

STEP 3

FINDING COMMUNITY DAYCARE

Taking Charge! staff will assist participants in arranging childcare in the community.

STEP 4

SUCCESSFULLY WORKING

When the participant begins employment, they will have the necessary skills and family supports to succeed in the workplace.

INTERESTED CANDIDATES:

Please contact your **EIA Counsellor** for more details on how to be referred to this program.



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