



Technology as a Tool to Support Autonomy and Choice

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- Community Living Essex County is the largest developmental services provider in the West region of Ontario supporting 700 Children, Youth and Adults in Essex County
- Supports and Services Provided Include:
 - Accommodation Supports (24 hour supports, Supported Independent Living, Host Family)
 - Employment Supports
 - Community Participation Supports In-person & Virtual
 - In and Out of Home Respite Options for Children & Adults
 - Enhanced Specialized Services















Enabling Technology

- Enabling Technology/Assistive Technology is a general term for any technology that can be used to improve the quality of life of a person, help them function in the best possible way and maintain their independence.
- The agency has embraced technology implementing it into the supports provided and to further expand supports.
- Technology can be the tool to further engage natural support networks, whether near or far.
- Technology can improve accessibility by using more passive technology that doesn't require end user abilities.
- Focus on support when needed; just in time supports rather than just in case or all of the time.















Smart Support – The Beginning























Ethical Use of Technology

Simply because something is technically possible doesn't mean it will be considered or implemented.

The use of technology to complement supports is a personal choice.

















Instead of Limiting Options, Ask...

















Comprehensive Planning Process





















Technology Systems















Technology In Use



































































































App Resource List

















Internet Safety

















Tech Tuesdays & Tech Talks

















eVantage



eVantage implements comprehensive IT solutions into employment service delivery to:

- Build capacity
- Improve effectiveness in the workplace
- Enable job coaching in a virtual setting
- Implement task retention
- Assess workplace performance















The Shift to Virtual Supports





















THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH



Morning Stretches

April 20th | 11:00am - 11:30am

Wake up and start your morning off on the right foot. Join us for a short session of stretches to help you get ready for the day.

REGISTER HERE



Painting with Brianne

April 20th | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Follow along with Brianne in painting your very own masterpiece! We look forward to seeing your finished artwork!

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Baseball Movie Night

April 20th | 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Pop the popcorn and celebrate the start of Baseball season with screening of your favourite baseball movie. Vote for the movie you want to watch below. Can't decide? Click here to watch the trailers.

REGISTER HERE

What movie do you want to watch?















Enhanced Family Connections

Enhanced Choice

Enhanced Skill
Through Lifelong
Learning

Increased Friendships

















- Further engaging with technology across the agency
- Annual fundraising efforts to cover the costs of support technology
- Committed to implementing technology through the planning process
- Joining Community of Practice with other agencies engaged in projects around the implementation of support technology
- Facilitating Tech Talks through REAL Xchange to highlight organizations using technology as well as tech providers

















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