



MARATHON AREA ACTION CENTRE

Second Career



What is Second Career?

Second Career provides laid-off workers with:

- skills training to help them find jobs in high-demand occupations in Ontario
 - financial support
- Second Career is a cost-sharing grant provided on the basis of need, so you may be asked to contribute what you can to your training or education.

Second Career provides funding for:

- tuition
- books
- other instruction cost such as manuals or workbooks
- transportation
- basic living allowance

Additional support may be available to accommodate the needs of people with disabilities, dependent care, costs of living away from home and academic upgrading.

As of June 8, Employment Ontario made changes to application guidelines which will help more laid-off Ontarians be eligible for Second Career. Modifications have been made to the application guidelines for criteria including length of job search and unemployment, work history and skills.

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities continues to work with their partners to ensure that the programs and service they offer respond to the needs of

Ontarians.

For more information contact Employment Services at 229-3223 or visit:

www.ontario.ca/secondcareer



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Special points of interest:

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Financial Information Session

The Marathon Area Action Centre is hosting a **Financial Planning Workshop** on:

**Thursday, August 5
At 6:30 p.m.**

This session will be held in the DH Food Mall, next to the MAAC.

Topics of discussion:

- ✓ Personal Financial Planning
- ✓ Pros and Cons of Commuting Pensions
- ✓ Tax Free Saving Accounts
- ✓ Retirement



EVERYONE WELCOME!

Office of Literacy and Essential Skills (OLES)

The Office of Literacy and Essential Skills (OLES) is focused on improving the literacy and essential skills of adult Canadians. The OLES provides expertise, funding for innovative and dynamic projects and a wide range of learning tools and other resources. They work through the following activities:

- Programming—grants and contributions;
- Building knowledge and expertise—research, analysis and results;
- Tools—development, adaptation and dissemination; and
- Partnerships—with other government departments, provincial and territorial governments, and non-profit

organizations.

Through these activities, OLES aims to help Canadians have the skills they need to get a job, stay in the job market and contribute to their communities and families.

Understanding Literacy and Essential Skills

Literacy and Essential Skills are the skills needed for work, learning and life. They provide the foundation for learning all other skills and enable people to evolve with their jobs and adapt to workplace change.

Through extensive research, the Government of Canada and other national and international agencies have identified and validated nine

literacy and essential skills. These skills are used in nearly every occupation and throughout daily life in different ways and at different levels of complexity.

The nine literacy and essential skills are:

- Reading text
- Document use
- Numeracy
- Writing
- Oral communication
- Working with others
- Continuous learning
- Thinking skills
- Computer Use

For more information visit:
www.hrsdc.gc.ca

e-Channel Learning



The Sioux Hudson Literacy Council is actively involved in their e-channel learning project entitled “Good Learning Anywhere.” The mandate of the project is to reach adult literacy learners and offer them a variety of literacy and numeracy programs.

In partnership with the Schreiber / Terrace Bay Adult Learning Association (STABALA), we have an e-Channel learning lab that consists of 6 computer laptops.

Good Learning Anywhere has been working towards this goal for years and continues to grow and reach out to more and more learners with each class.

For more information or to view the fall schedule, contact the MAAC at 229-1134 or 229-2051 or better yet come visit us at the Centre!

Best of all....IT'S FREE!

10th Annual Don Banks Memorial Golf Tournament

The Marathon Area Action Centre in conjunction with the United Steelworkers Union Local 548 will be hosting the

10th Annual Don Banks Memorial Golf Tournament

On

Friday, August 20th
At 12:30 p.m.
Peninsula Golf Course

This event is open to everyone and will be a four person scramble format. Four person teams will be made up from available names.

To enter, contact the Peninsula Golf Course at 229-1392. Deadline to enter is Tuesday, August 17th.

Green fees for registered MAAC clients will be paid by the Marathon Social Committee. Prizes and food will be available.



Come out and have some fun and pay tribute to Don Banks



Marathon Area Action Centre News

The Marathon Labour Adjustment Committee (LAC) was formed to assist individuals affected by the indefinite idling of Marathon Pulp Inc. (MPI) to move toward suitable re-employment or other satisfactory options. The Marathon Area Action Centre opened in May 2009 with the main focus of assisting affected workers in the Marathon Area. This past spring, an extension request was submitted and approved for an additional 6 months. Through this MTCU funding initiative, the Centre will be open until the end of October 2010.

As the extension deadline is quickly approaching, the MAAC objective is to

help transition our clients to other Service Providers within the community. As part of this process, staff of the Centre will work out of the NEW office (Northwest Employment Works), formerly Employment Ontario/Job Connect, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the week of August 9th. We look forward to seeing you there.



Weekly Draw



The MAAC will have a draw every Friday for the month of August for 2 swim passes and 2 movie pass

Names will be taken from the daily sign in sheets

GOOD LUCK!

Construction Safety Training System Course



The Terrace Bay—Schreiber Action Centre is hosting the Construction Safety Training System Course (CSTS).

The Construction Safety Training System (CSTS) is a general construction safety awareness program for workers in the construction industry and in Alberta it is a pre-requisite for gate / site access.

This course is designed for the individual worker and is offered through an e-Learning, high media based, computer system.

The training is done individually and takes on average 5—6 hours to complete.

Cost is \$75.00 per person
To book an appointment call
(807) 825-3315 Ext. 240

ACE the Interview

An interview is a way for an employer to see what he or she will get if they hire you. It is crucial that you are well prepared. There are many things that you can do ahead of time to prepare for the interviewing process.

The Marathon Area Action Centre is hosting the Ace the Interview Workshop on:

**Tuesday, August 17
10 a.m. To 1 p.m.**

This workshop will be held in the DH Food Mall, next to the MAAC.

If you are interested in participating in the Ace the Interview Workshop, please contact the MAAC at 229-1134 or 229-2051 for more information.

For an opportunity to participate in future sessions, please call the MAAC at 229-1134 or 229-2051.



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Hours: Monday to Friday
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**Coffee is always on at
the MAAC!**



Information About Your Job Options

If you are searching for a job, Service Canada can help. There are a number of tools available online to help you search job listings, create a resume, choose a career, and assess your skills. Start with a visit to:
www.servicecanada.gc.ca

You can go online from home, use a computer at a nearby Service Canada Centre, or access the Internet from a public location.

Finding a Job

Visit www.servicecanada.gc.ca/job for information on how to access income support, choose a career, get training and upgrade your skills, look for a job, or start a business.

Labour Market Information

Visit www.labourmarketinformation.ca for information on job descriptions, job and skills requirements, training availability, potential employers, and more.

Provincial Programs and Services

To get more information on provincial programs and services that may be available to you, click on "Provinces and Territories" at the bottom, right-hand side of the Service Canada home page at www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Skills Training

As part of Canada's Economic Action Plan, the Government of Canada announced the Career Transition Assistance program for workers with

many years of experience. The program includes two temporary Employment Insurance (EI) initiatives that will help workers renew or upgrade their skills while receiving EI regular benefits.

Visit www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/goc/careertransition.shtml for information on the Career Transition Assistance Program.



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Do you need help filling out your Employment Insurance application or your application for Income Security Benefits?

Are you looking for information on the Government of Canada's programs and services?

Come and meet with a Service Canada Agent

**Where: Marathon Area Action Centre
DH Foods Mall
Wednesday, August 25th
9—11 a.m.**