

# *The Chromeshield Voice*

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## **Now is the time to take ACTION!**

Unfortunately with the high jobless rate and the fact that unemployment benefits will only last a specified period of time **NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE ACTION!**

With the manufacturing industry and the down turn in the economy there isn't much available to us with the skills and trades we've developed in our previous place of employment. Without an education in a new trade or just getting your high school diploma there isn't really much available for the manufacturing working class.

So as they say "When one door closes another one opens." But it is up to you to turn the door knob and let yourself in.

Today we have a lot more options to consider. Do I look for another job with the skills I have or do I go back to school and look into something that will have or already has a demanding industry? What type of work do I want to do if I go back to school and lets not mention the fact that some of us including myself, have a fear of the word school or even the thought of going back to school!

It is like we have been thrown back to our adolescent years and we are all trying to figure out what we want to be when we grow up. But there are a couple of big differences between then and now. We have all matured. How many times have you said



"I wish I could do it over and be more serious about my future"? Well now we have that opportunity!

If you don't have your high school diploma and would like to obtain it **NOW IS THE TIME!** Do you know how many credits you need to obtain your high school diploma? To find that out just contact the high school that you attended and request a copy of your transcripts it will cost you \$5.00. If your school is closed, you would call the Board of Education at 519-255-3200 and they will let you know where to go to request them. From here you would have to figure out if you want to obtain your high school diploma or get a GED. This will also depend on what you are looking at taking as a second career in school.

If you have your high school and are looking at going back to school for a second career **NOW IS THE TIME!** The Ontario Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities (MTCU) is the government agency that is responsible for this training strategy and offers two list of demand occupations in Ontario and are available to you through The Labour

*Welcome to the first edition of the Chromeshield Voice. If there is anything you would like to see or have any suggestions please feel free to let us know. We always welcome your feedback and comments.*

Adjustment Centre.

Whichever one you are going to do, high school or second careers or hey, both. Come on down and see us and we can get you started on what ever choice you make.

What better time is there for us to go back to school. Think about it! We have a one time shot to have the government fund our education. Couldn't get that when we were in school before!

So why don't you come on down and see us at the Adjustment Centre at: 1801 Walker Rd Suite 200 or call us at 519-256-6142 ext.226 and we will help you get started. What better time is there to take that walk and go through the door of opportunity. Who knows what awaits you there.

*By Candy Eagen*



## ***New Work Transitions Incentive***

The New Work Transitions Incentive, otherwise referred to as NWTI, is targeted to help individuals remain in the workforce while they make other adjustments required by the economic and labour market changes in our community. This temporary transition support is designed to reduce the financial hardship often associated with significant labour market adjust-

ments situations, and it provides an incentive for individuals to remain in the labour market. It provides additional time for individuals to develop new skills, gain critical experience in a new occupation or sector and/or make other adjustments.

Through this initiative, unemployed workers who secure new employment may be entitled to receive a supplement to their

earnings, up to \$4000.00 for up to 12 months, as an incentive for rapid re-entering the labour market.

The guideline allows you to bridge the gap between 75% of your individual wage. For more information about this program give us a call.



Offers translations service for members who need their school documents and or other documents necessary for employment or retraining received in other countries translated into English. Feel free to contact a peer councilor for more information today.

They are located at 245 Janette Ave., 519-255-1127.

They are open Monday through Thursday 9 to 5 and Friday's 9 -4.

For more information on their services: [www.themcc.com](http://www.themcc.com)



*International Credential Assessment Service of Canada*  
*Service canadien d'évaluation de documents scolaires internationaux*

ICAS is a Canadian company committed to helping individuals achieve their personal and career goals.

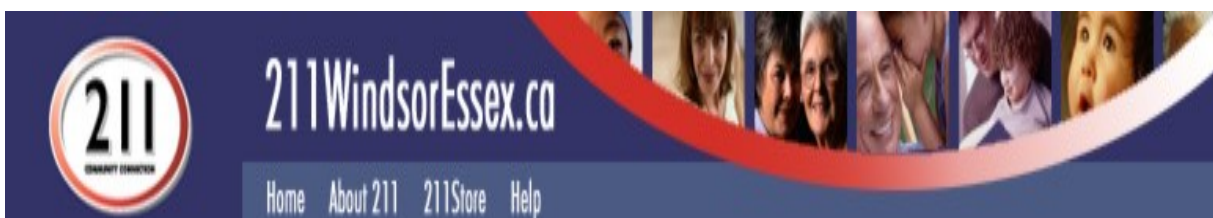
ICAS prepares Assessment Reports that describe the education completed outside Canada and provide the comparable level of education here.

Assessments are prepared for all levels of education – secondary, postsecondary and technical.

For information on the service they offer: [www.icascanada.ca/](http://www.icascanada.ca/)

For further assistance call our office.

ICAS Windsor Office:  
 St. Clair College  
 Office of the Registrar  
 2000 Talbot Road West  
 Windsor ON N9A 6S4  
 Telephone: 519 972-2727 Ext 4635



# Community Resources

## Spring and Summer Activities for you and your family



First Aid/CPR - no date yet

April 18 Microsoft Level 1

April 22 Canada Pension/  
Financial Fitness and CHMA  
Seminar (Retirees)

April 24th Lift truck

April 25th Dad's Matter Confer-  
ence 9 - 2 no cost registered  
required 252-9696

April 29th Apprentice Informa-  
tion

April 30th CAW Buriers Dead-  
line

May 2 OSSD and GED



## Organization



### Food Banks

UHC - 6955 Cantelon Drive-  
Mon to Fri 8:30 to 11:30 and  
12:30 to 3:30 excluding holi-  
days

Drouillard Place - within boun-  
daries Mon., Tues, Wed. and  
Friday 1:30 to 4

Goodfellows - of Windsor at  
401 Park St. W. call 519 252-  
2739 for hours of operation

Salvation Army - 355 Church  
St. call 519 253-7473 for more  
information

### Spring Has Sprung!

The warmer weather will be upon us soon and with that in mind we want to offer you some interesting activities for you and your families.

Ojibway Park and Recreation is open to the public all year round. Picnics, BBQ grills, wildlife and nature trails.

Don't forget a family orientated walk, ride or run along the Ganatchio Trail.

Jack Miner's Bird Sanctuary is open all year round.



Free family activities in the Windsor Area for Members and their families. Spring and Summer season.

211WindsorEssex.ca



### Our NEW Office hours effective March 30

Monday 9 -4

Tuesday 9 -4

**Wednesday 8 -3**

Thursday 9 -4

Friday 9 -4

## Chromeshield Adjustment Committee

### Your Committee

Tammy Anger  
Candy Eagen  
John Bencak  
Leslie Farough

### Peer Helpers

Kelly Nicholls

### How to find us

1801 Walker Rd  
Suite 200  
519-256-6142  
Ext 226

E-mail: chromeshieldlabouradjustment@hotmail.com

This Adjustment Committee is made possible through funding from the Province of Ontario

### We are on the Web

[www.labouradjustment.com](http://www.labouradjustment.com)

## Community Resources



### Remove Your Criminal Record

There are many Canadians who have been unable to move on with their lives in our society due to their criminal records.

Many Canadians are unaware of a service such as the one Pardon Granted provides.

If you are interested you may pick up an application form at our office: Community Labour Adjustment Services 1801 Walker Road, Suite 200 Windsor, ON N8W 3P3

Or apply online: [www.PardonGranted.ca](http://www.PardonGranted.ca) Telephone: 1-800-507-8043 Mon to Fri – 9am to 6pm.

### C.I.N.O.T

#### Children in Need of Treatment

#### Expansion for the Children In Need of Treatment Program included in Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy

Ontario is moving forward with its Poverty Reduction Strategy by providing urgent and essential dental care free-of-charge to children in low-income families.

The Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) program currently provides emergency dental care to low-income children from birth to age 13.

As of Jan 1, 2009, the program will be expanded to reach children up to age 18. It will also provide out-of-hospital anesthetic coverage for children age five to 17.

The government is also working with Public Health Units, Community Health Centres, Dentists and Dental Hygienists to build community capacity and expand prevention and treatment services for low-income Ontarians, especially children.

Services will be rolling out across the province over the next two years.

The government's total investment in low-income dental services will be \$45 million annually when fully implemented.

Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy is designed to build a stronger economy by creating more opportunity for all low-income families and children. The strategy sets a goal of reducing child poverty by 25 per cent in 5 years – lifting 90,000 children out of poverty.

If you know a baby, child or teen age 17, and under that may require urgent dental care, please contact your local Public Health Unit for more information.

#### Chatham-Kent Health Unit

P.O. Box 1136  
435 Grand Avenue West  
Chatham, ON N7M 5L8  
Tel : 519-352-7270  
Fax : 519-352-2166

Website : [www.chatham-kent.ca](http://www.chatham-kent.ca)

#### Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

1005 Ouellette Avenue  
Windsor, ON N9A 4J8  
Tel : 519-258-2146  
Fax : 519-258-6003

Website : [www.wechealthunit.org](http://www.wechealthunit.org)

## Education Opportunities & News

### Congratulations

To your members that were accepted to the facility Maintenance Workers Course

**Mario Savoia**  
**James Sammut**  
**Mike Garrod**  
**John Bencak**  
**Dave Ferranti**



### NetSuccess

For those of us who are actively seeking employment and would like assistance being able to do so using the computer—do not forget we have the NetSuccess course available. This course is designed to help you make the most of InternetWorking. As you know we are in a day and age where more and more we are relying on technology for everything in our day to day lives. Contact us for more information on the next session.