**PURPOSE**

LEAP assists young parents receiving Ontario Works with personal support and financial incentives. Participants are supported in obtaining their high school diploma and improving their parenting skills.

Individual service plans will be developed based on individual needs and circumstances that address the LEAP components:

- Learning  
- Earning  
- Parenting

High school completion and improved parenting skills promote self-sufficiency among young parents.

The LEAP programme:

- Believes in the potential of young parents
- Gives young parents the resources and tools for success
- Creates opportunities to address and overcome barriers

**ELIGIBILITY**

The LEAP Programme is available to parents up to the age of 25 in receipt of Ontario Works that have not completed high school.

LEAP participants will work closely with a specialized caseworker to develop a plan for success.

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Summer Hours  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**CONTACT**

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WHAT IS LEAP?

LEAP focuses on parents under the age of 25 and their children.

LEAP encourages young parents to complete high school.

LEAP has the potential to enhance existing parenting skills.

LEAP will provide opportunities to build on a child’s growth and development.

LEAP represents a route to independence by providing a foundation for stable employment in the future.

LEAP SUPPORTS

Flexible Child Care

• Centre-based and private home child care
• Priority intake with County of Wellington Child Care Services.

Transportation Expenses

• Bus pass or mileage for school, parenting and employment activities.

Programme Expenses

• School supplies, uniforms, course fees.

$500 Bursary

• For post secondary education or held in trust for the child’s education.

Employment Start Up

• Supports available for starting a job.

LEARNING

The learning components of LEAP promote high school graduation by assisting participants through traditional or alternative education programmes.

EARNING

The earning component of LEAP provides participants with access to Ontario Works employment supports as well as opportunities to develop employment skills.

PARENTING

The parenting component of LEAP promotes the healthy growth and development of children by supporting young parents in programmes and activities to improve their parenting skills.