

## ***Updated Resources List for Community Helpers to Assist with Ukrainian Immigrants Settlement (June 17, 2022)***

This is by no means an exhaustive list of resources. We hope, though, that it is a helpful start for host families, volunteers, and community stakeholders as we begin to assist our new Ukrainian friends as they get settled in the Sarnia/Lambton area.

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of such an important process!

### ➤ **Websites for connecting with the community:**

- MP Marilyn Gladu FB page:  
[www.mpmarilyngladu.ca/ukrainianaidssurvey](http://www.mpmarilyngladu.ca/ukrainianaidssurvey)  
(not taking donations of any kind)
- Dr. Cassandra Taylor has also created a FB page where folks can go to find information, offer services and goods, view other community resources  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1150159255797647/about>
- [lambtoncounty.ukraine@gmail.com](mailto:lambtoncounty.ukraine@gmail.com)  
This is the **email** connected to the Lambton Country Ukraine Relief Group where you can ask questions, volunteer to help.

### ➤ **Ontario Works Financial Assistance**

[Ontario Works - County of Lambton \(lambtononline.ca\)](http://lambtononline.ca)

Those arriving from the Ukraine and relocating to Lambton, who have the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) designation, and are in need of emergency financial assistance, can contact Ontario Works at **519-344-2062** (press option #6) for support including links to other community resources.

### ➤ **YMCA – Language Skills and Settlement**

<https://www.ymcaswo.ca/programs/education-enrichment/new-canada>

- Needs and assets interviews
- ELS adult classes (on-site licensed childcare available for which refugees can apply for subsidy)
- Settlement services; orientation services; ongoing help with education, employment, and volunteer services (volunteers can apply directly through their website); organization very familiar with virtual service delivery
- One staffer speaks Russian; have a virtual interpretation service; informal language training, social events
- Youth Settlement: YMAP program, settlement workers in both elementary and high schools
- Summer Day Camp subsidy available

### ➤ **Pathways Center for Children** <http://www.pathwayscentre.org>

## ➤ **Employment Needs for Ukrainians**

- Provincial level: have removed barriers for skilled workers – contact Bob Bailey’s office (519-337-0051)
- Discussion re employment possibilities: hosts; boilermakers; other trades employers
- *New Resident Attraction Project for the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership:*  
<https://www.lambtononline.ca/en/resident-services/local-immigration-partnership.aspx> -- matches apprentices with employers; works with Lambton College - programming for short-term studies, micro-credentials; free tuition for Ukrainians
- **The WorkPlace Group** <https://theworkplacegroup.ca/>
  - Increased eligibility for Ukrainians
  - Holistic intake assessments
  - Partners with businesses to match people to jobs
  - Pre-employment support: \$500 start (workbooks, etc); up to \$2500 to employers to help with on-boarding (ie. IEC training)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Career Program – anyone who hasn’t worked in the past 6 months is eligible for up to two years training

### Other Helpful Links

- Toll free # for Ontario jobs for Ukrainian workers: 1-888-562-4769; Ukrainians can speak to a customer representative Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 5pm.
- Government of Canada/Ontario websites for employment for Ukrainians  
<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/findajob/resources/jobsforukraine>
- <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1001963/province-helping-ukrainians-find-jobs-in-ontario>
- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/coming-ontario-ukraine>

## ➤ **Health Care for Ukrainians**

- Can apply for OHIP, drug card, and assistive devices upon arrival; waiting period waived.  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/apply-ohip-and-get-health-card>  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-coverage-prescription-drugs>  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program>

## ➤ **Elementary/High School Education** – Superintendent Helen Lane, LKDSB

- Once registered, service is provided; can do this online at [www.LKDSB.net](http://www.LKDSB.net)
- Resources for special needs children, ESL assessments and teachers, social workers, transportation - if qualified – can check with [www.schoolbusinfor.com](http://www.schoolbusinfor.com)
- Suggestion: have host/volunteer attend first meeting with family
- Documentation: whatever they currently have
- All fees waived
- Public health services upon registration to check for immunizations
- Settlement workers available for both elementary and high school students
- International Education Department has Ukrainian staffer
- Some schools are designated sites for childcare where the fees are being waived for now for a certain amount of time even if the parents are not working (these childcare centers are not run by the schools) <https://cklass.ca/services/child-care/licensed-child-care-programs/>
- Note: JK is not a requirement; could be the childcare center might be more beneficial for children of JK – personal call for parent/s at this time.



- **College Education: Lambton College** [www.lambtoncollege.ca](http://www.lambtoncollege.ca)
  - Reduced tuition: housing supports
  - Programs:
    - <https://www.lambtoncollege.ca/custom/LambtonApps/Programs/ProgramList-International.aspx?filter=Sarnia>
  - Long Term Housing:
    - [https://www.lambtoncollege.ca/Programs/International/Lambton in Sarnia/Housing/#long-term](https://www.lambtoncollege.ca/Programs/International/Lambton%20in%20Sarnia/Housing/#long-term)
  - Short Term Housing
    - [https://www.lambtoncollege.ca/Programs/International/Lambton in Sarnia/Housing/#short-term](https://www.lambtoncollege.ca/Programs/International/Lambton%20in%20Sarnia/Housing/#short-term)

**Regarding donations of material things:** go to the Save Ukraine – Sarnia Lambton FB page and list what you have to donate. Also, watch the FB page for open/free garage sales that churches, other organizations, and people from the community will be hosting. Here is the link to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1150159255797647/about>



An organized group of volunteers who are committed to providing a platform for local organizations and community members to come together to support the settlement of Ukrainian citizens within Lambton County.

**Financial Donations: Please note 'Ukraine' on all donations and include your mailing address for a tax receipt.**

Cheques can be mailed to/dropped off at:

St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church  
1055 Rosedale Ave. Sarnia ON N7S 1Z5

Cheques can be mailed to/dropped off in our locked mailbox:

Trinity Anglican Church  
1194 Murphy Road, Sarnia, ON N7S 2Y2

e-transfer: [trinity@trinitysarnia.org](mailto:trinity@trinitysarnia.org) OR [saveukraine@stgeorgessarnia.ca](mailto:saveukraine@stgeorgessarnia.ca)

Donations can also be made by e-transfer to Dr. Cassandra Taylor at: [saveukrainesarnia@gmail.com](mailto:saveukrainesarnia@gmail.com)  
(No receipts will be issued for these specific donations.)

**One hundred percent of all donations will go directly to supporting Ukrainians enroute to Canada and as they settle in our community.**