

Getting Ahead Graduates:

Time Line	Employed full or part-time	Education pre-post secondary	Other Activity	Terminated Social Assistance	Returned to Social Assistance	Total
12 MONTHS	6	5	17	16	2	46
18 MONTHS	4	2	5	14	3	28
2 YEARS	3	2	5	8		18

1 YR - 16 OF 46 TERMINATED = 35 %

1 1/2 YRS - 14 OF 28 TERMINATED = 50%

2 YRS - 8 OF 18 TERMINATED = 44 %

This data is very significant as 18 of 46 clients that have met these timeline milestones were in fact our hardest to serve demographic – long term recipients with multiple barriers.

*Note – Lambton County is located in southwestern Ontario, Canada. We are a boarder community with Port Huron Michigan - approximately 1 hour northeast of Detroit. The city of Sarnia has a population of 70,000 with another 70,000 residents in our smaller towns, rural areas. We are home to a large petro-chemical industry and we have a strong agricultural base.

Ontario Works is our Provincial social assistance program for non-disabled people and is delivered at the Municipal Government level. Currently we provide income and employment supports to approximately 1800 families/singles within our County.

Quotes from Getting Ahead Graduates:

Co-Facilitating:

- *Having the opportunity to co-facilitate has increased my confidence level*

Hidden Rules:

- *While learning about hidden rules, I was able to look back at experiences when not being aware of the hidden rules was harmful*
- *Such knowledge can help you plan your route to middle class and help ensure you remain in that class*
- *Reviewing resources has started to change my way of thinking from short-term fix to long-term solutions*

Creating a plan of change:

- *The experience I found challenging and rewarding – seeing a plan on paper, seeing good choices being mapped out*