

The way it is ...

If you're a 16 or 17 year old parent receiving social assistance through Ontario Works, you must participate in the LEAP program.

If you are an 18 to 21 year old parent receiving social assistance through Ontario Works, you too have the opportunity to participate in LEAP.

To learn more about LEAP, call Karen Wakely at 905-372-6846 or 1-800-354-5071, ext. 2456.

This is about the rest of your life. Make it count and call today!



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A high school diploma is your ticket to a brighter future.

It's great to be a new parent. Your child loves you and depends on you.

Your future together depends on your ability to earn a living. To earn a living, you need a education.

The truth is simple — to more education you have, the more you earn.

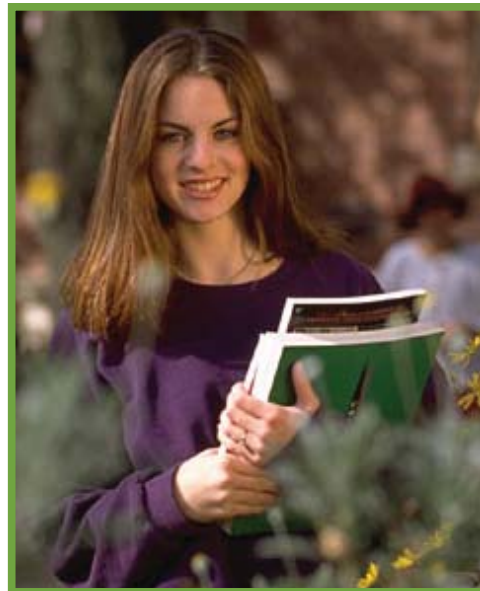
A high school diploma opens the door to your future.

We can help you get your diploma through **LEAP** -- Learning, Earning and Parenting.

LEAP is Ontario Works social assistance program to help young parents from 16 to 21 gain their high school diploma.

LEAP will assist you with ...

- Free child care while you're in school
- Money for school supplies, clothes and class trips
- Transportation expenses to and from child care and school
- Pre-employment supports
- Parenting and child development information and activities



All young mothers and fathers can learn more about:

- Child development issues
- How to handle crying babies
- What to do about temper tantrums
- How to get pre-schoolers to bed
- And many more parenting issues

LEAP connects you to places where you can talk.

- One-to-one counselling, for when you want down-to-earth, real-life advice.
- Support groups where you can discuss how other young parents are dealing with their day-to-day challenges.
- Presentations from guest speakers from a variety of community agencies.