

# Helpful Resources & Links

## Finding Help

- Canadian Mental Health Association: [1-833-456-4566](tel:1-833-456-4566)
- Kids Help Phone: [1-800-668-6868](tel:1-800-668-6868)
- Ottawa Crisis Line: [1-613-722-6914](tel:1-613-722-6914)
- Distress Centre of Ottawa and Region (EN): [1-613-238-3311](tel:1-613-238-3311)
- Youth Services Bureau 24/7 Crisis Line (EN/FR): [1-613-260-2360](tel:1-613-260-2360)
- A Friendly Voice for Seniors: [1-613-692-9992](tel:1-613-692-9992)

## Community Organizations

- [South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre](#)**: 1-613-737-5115. Offering a wide range of community and social services, including counselling, online playgroups, primary health care, seniors supports, multicultural services and more.
- [Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization](#)**: 1-613-725-0202. Provides comprehensive settlement and integration services to immigrants and refugees in Ottawa. Virtual or phone services include: Offering a wide range of community and social services, including counselling, online playgroups, primary health services, seniors supports and more.
- [Catholic Centre for Immigrants](#)**: 1-613-232-9634. Helping refugees and immigrants adapt and integrate into Canadian society. CCI offers virtual employment, youth and language programming during COVID-19. Mental health, primary health and other service referrals may be offered by phone.

## Local Food Websites & Resources

- [Ottawa Food Banks](#)**: Find an agency serving you
- [Bag Half Full YOW](#)**: A free grocery delivery service for people who are sick, elderly, self-isolating and immunocompromised with limited ability to go out for groceries. Click the link to register for the service
- [Drive-Thru Emergency Pet Food Bank](#)**: Providing a two-week supply of pet food for dogs and cats of all sizes. Residents can access the service once per month. Appointments required.

## Resource Links and Information:

- [Local Resource List](#)**: Support & Assistance from the City of Ottawa

- Ottawa Public Health**: Provides up-to-date health information around COVID-19 and the City-wide impacts (multilingual resources [here](#))
- Parents for Diversity Communication Tool in Multiple Languages**: Parents for Diversity has developed a communication tool, written in multiple languages, to help parents reach out to teachers and administration to request extra support, in their language of choice.
- Ottawa Public Library**: Offering online films, ebooks, audiobooks, databases, e-magazines, and newspapers for all ages. You must be an Ottawa Public Library cardholder to use the services. Get your card [here](#)

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## Virtual Programs

- YMCA at Home**: The YMCA has launched a free website offering virtual YMCA experiences to help stay healthy during physical distancing measures. No membership required.
- Live Coffee Breaks with Crime Prevention Ottawa**: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:45 – 10 am. These twice-weekly events are a chance to catch up with different service providers, board members, and experts in the community on the interesting work they're doing during this unprecedented time.
- The Good Companions Centre Without Walls**: A free, interactive, telephone-based program connecting seniors 55+ and adults with disabilities 18+.

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## Support Groups and Services

- Counselling Connect**: This service provides free access to a same-day or next-day phone or video counselling session. Sessions are 45 – 90 minutes. There is no waiting list.
- COVID-19 Support Services for Seniors**: A one-stop site for seniors to request support services, including food and pharmacy deliveries, meals on wheels, transportation and more.
- Unsafe at Home Ottawa**: secure text and online chat service for women who may be living through increased violence and abuse at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Virtual Women's Wellness Group**: For women who are going through or have gone through domestic or family violence. Group meets weekly. Click on the link to email/register
- Peer-to-Peer COVID-19 Discussion Forum**: This online peer-to-peer discussion forum is a space where you can offer support, encouragement, and share your experiences with managing your stress and anxiety related to the COVID-19 virus. You can also get tips and suggestions for how best to cope in this difficult time.