

## What is ADAPT?

**ADAPT** is a community based agency funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the United Way to provide a range of services in the Halton Region.

## ADAPT Principles

- Service are accessible
- Service are flexible
- Service are comprehensive and responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities
- Service delivery involves, and is shaped by various community partnerships in an integrated manner
- **ADAPT** is respectful of human dignity and rights
- **ADAPT** is accountable to those it serves

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Placements  
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# Community Service Program



## **What is a Community Service Order?**

A Community Service Order (CSO) is a community-based sentencing option, often a condition of a Probation Order. The person assigned to a Community Service Order does unpaid work in the community.

## **Who is assigned a CSO?**

Judges assign a CSO to individuals who have been convicted of an offence and are considered low risk. The order provides the opportunity for the offender to complete a requirement that is valuable to the community while helping the individual to establish a sense of accomplishment through community service.

## **What type of work gets done?**

Ideally, the individual completing the CSO will be provided a work placement that matches their abilities and interests. Often, these individuals gain new skills and self-respect through the work assigned. Some participants will work in a group (e.g. at a special event) and be supervised by a CSO Coordinator. Others work individually at a placement under the supervision of a designated person at the work site (e.g. long-term care facility that relies on volunteers and unpaid CSO participants).

## **When is the community service work done?**

The work is done by individuals in their free time. The majority of work is undertaken over the weekends and evenings. However, the hours of work can be tailored to meet the placement's needs.

## **Who is eligible to be a placement for a CSO?**

All clubs, societies, non-profit and tax-based organizations who can provide a safe work environment are eligible. We also aim to work alongside existing volunteers to assist organizations in their work.

## **Why participate and offer a placement?**

A CSO involves the community in the justice system which benefits the community and the client. You are supporting individuals who need to make restitution and contribute to their community. You will be providing an opportunity for an individual to take responsibility for their actions while helping them develop job and life skills. Furthermore, your company, agency or event will benefit from the work completed at no cost. The CSO program provides participants a more meaningful use of their leisure time while giving opportunity to raise their self confidence and enhance their work skills.

## **What would my responsibilities be as a CSO placement?**

It's as simple as assigning the work and keeping a record of the participant's attendance and hours worked. A CSO Coordinator will visit the placement site regularly (at least monthly) to support the process. The CSO Coordinators monitor the placements and assist in resolving any issues or concerns. Placement agencies have the right to be aware of the nature of the participant's offence and can refuse any participant if they are not comfortable with the participant's circumstances and the nature of the work involved.

## **CSO Insurance Coverage:**

Insurance coverage is provided by the Ministries which covers all CSO participants throughout their involvement in the program. For added protection, placements often carry their own liability insurance.

## **I'm interested. How do I find out more?**

If you have ongoing work or are considering a project, please contact us through the information on the back panel. You will be supporting individuals in gaining new skills and achieving a sense of accomplishment by contributing volunteer hours to their community.