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## 2024 POLICY CONFERENCE DECEMBER 4 - 5 PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

OMSSA is pleased to welcome attendees to the 2024 Policy Conference.

The 2024 Policy Conference, held from December 4 to 5, is OMSSA's annual forum for discussion and debate focused on the present and future of human services policy in Ontario.

This event brings human services leaders and policy experts, together with provincial leaders, stakeholder organizations, and other subject matter experts. This year's conference promises to be packed with relevant content for all OMSSA Members and beyond!

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## THANK YOU TO OUR CONFERENCE PARTNERS

OMSSA would like to thank our partners for their generous support of the 2024 Policy Conference.





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## DECEMBER 3 - WELCOME RECEPTION 5:00PM to 8:00PM | ROOM: TBD

OMSSA is pleased to invite our 2024 Policy Conference attendees to our Welcome Reception on December 3rd from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. OMSSA would like to thank our presenter Feed Ontario for sharing their expertise with attendees. We look forward to seeing you at the Welcome Reception. Hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments will be served alongside a cash bar. As always, members looking to register ahead of the start of the conference on December 4th can visit the registration desk in the Mississauga Ballroom Foyer (Main Level) to pick up their badges.

### Agenda

5:00PM: Doors Open

5:00-5:20PM: Networking

5:20-6:10PM: Opening Remarks and Feed Ontario Presentation

6:10-8:00PM: Networking



## Unravelling at the Seams: Hunger Report 2024

Feed Ontario's annual Hunger Report reveals that our province has hit a devastating milestone of one million people visiting a food bank last year. Ashley Quan and Amanda King from Feed Ontario will be discussing what this says about the economic and social health of our province, how food banks are coping with this continual increase in demand, and the potential downstream impacts. They'll also dive into the narratives around those in poverty, and the responsibilities we have towards shaping them.

### Presenters:

- Ashley Quan, Senior Manager of Research & Government Relations, Feed Ontario
- Amanda King, Senior Director, Network Services, Feed Ontario



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## DAY 1: DECEMBER 4 8:00AM to 4:10PM

- 8:00AM to 8:45AM**    **Breakfast and Registration**  
*Mississauga Ballroom Foyer*
- 8:45AM to 9:00AM**    **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
*Mississauga Ballroom*
- 9:00AM to 10:30AM**    **PLENARY: Weathering the Storm: Social Services and the Economy in 2025** | *Mississauga Ballroom*
- 10:30AM to 10:50AM**    **BREAK** | *Mississauga Ballroom*
- 10:50AM to 11:50AM**    **PLENARY: Reconciliation with Indigenous Women: The Role of Municipalities in Improving Indigenous Women's Safety and Responding to the National Crisis of MMIWG**  
*Mississauga Ballroom*
- 11:50AM to 12:00PM**    **OMSSA-AMO MoU Signing** | *Mississauga Ballroom*
- 12:00PM to 1:15PM**    **LUNCH** | *Mississauga Ballroom Foyer*
- 1:15PM to 2:35PM**    **Breakout Sessions**
- A. Bridging Divides: Voices & Visions About Homelessness in Mid-Sized Cities** | *Vista Salon (Main Level)*
  - B. Transforming the Future of Aging in Place Through Innovative Solutions** | *Ontario Room (2nd Floor)*
  - C. Solving CWELCC Expansion: Building Capacity for Not-for-Profit Child Care** | *Dundas Room (2nd Floor)*
  - D. Lessons & Discussion from the Field: Public Sector-led Employment Service Transformation** | *York Ballroom (Lower Level)*
  - E. Sponsor Presentation: Measuring the Impact of Municipal Social Services** | *Presented by York University* | *Mavis Room (Lower Level)*



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**BREAK** | *Mississauga Ballroom Foyer*

**2:50PM to 4:10PM**

## **Breakout Sessions**

**F. Ending Homelessness in Greater Sudbury: Alignment of Homelessness Planning, Land Use Policy, Strategies and Incentives & More than a Checkbox: Studying Youth and Lived Expert Prioritization and Participation in Community Homelessness Planning in Ontario** | *Ontario Room (2nd Floor)*

**G. Supporting Your (Social Services) Staff as Client Complexity Increases** | *Vista Salon (Main Level)*

**H. From Research to Action, from Values to Practice: Centering Equity to Transform the EarlyON System** | *Dundas Room (2nd Floor)*

**I. More Than Circling the Parking Lot: How Service Navigation Changes the Employment Landscape & Pathway to Enhanced Health Services - A Public Health Partnership Pilot** | *York Ballroom (Lower Level)*

**J. Sponsor Presentation: Tangible Approaches to Community Engagement to Build Trust and Drive Better Outcomes** | *Presented by Davis Pier | Mavis Room (Lower Level)*



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## DAY 2: DECEMBER 5 8:00AM to 2:40PM

- 8:00AM to 8:45AM**    **Breakfast and Registration**  
*Mississauga Ballroom Foyer*
- 8:45AM to 9:00AM**    **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
*Mississauga Ballroom*
- 9:00AM to 10:20AM**    **PLENARY: Roundtable with the ADMs**  
*Mississauga Ballroom*
- 10:20AM to 10:35AM**    **2024 Awards Presentation | Mississauga Ballroom**  
*Champion of Human Services Award*  
*Patti Moore Human Services Integration*
- 10:35AM to 10:55AM**    **BREAK | Mississauga Ballroom**
- 10:55AM to 12:15PM**    **Breakout Sessions**
- K. Recuperative Care: When Homelessness and Health Meet & Thunder Bay DSSAB Home for Good Initiative Update | York Ballroom**  
*(Lower Level)*
- L. Shifting from Scattered Site Supportive Housing to a Focus on Whole Community | Vista Salon (Main Level)**
- M. Working Towards More Equitable Access to Child Care: A Review of the Subsidy Access Pilot and the Crisis Spaces Pilot | Dundas Room**  
*(2nd Floor)*
- N. Strategies for Building a Person-Centric System of Supports | Mississauga Ballroom (Main Level)**
- O. Sponsor Presentation: From Streets to Stability: The Role of Supportive Housing in Sustainable Solutions | Presented by KPMG | Mavis Room**
- 12:15PM to 1:15PM**    **Lunch | Mississauga Ballroom**
- 1:15PM to 2:40PM**    **CLOSING PLENARY: TBC | Mississauga Ballroom**