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## Health and Social Services

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The departments of health and social services provide high-quality programs and services to Durham residents. Social services provide support and assistance to meet the needs of people in our community in a variety of ways including case management, counselling, employment support, financial assistance, housing, childcare and family support, and long-term care and senior services. Public health work with community partners to promote and protect community health, prevent infectious diseases, inspect for health hazards, investigate occupational and environmental health hazards, and provide paramedic services. Health staff also work collaboratively with other Regional departments, local municipalities, and external agencies, to identify and plan for future local public health programs and services.