

Manitoba and Nova Scotia children's aid societies serve the more populated areas with the province providing direct services elsewhere. In Quebec child welfare services are provided by agencies and institutions under private and largely religious auspices, with provincial grants toward child maintenance being administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Youth.

Services for the aged - A variety of welfare services are offered under both public and voluntary auspices to older persons in many communities. They include information, counselling and tutorial services, friendly visiting, visiting committees and home care services. Voluntary services are provided in several states by family agencies and in a few by agencies organized specifically to serve older persons. A large number of clubs and social centres have been established to provide recreational and social activities, ranging from games and group singing to extensive handicraft programmes and lectures. Counselling and placement services are offered to older workers by the special placement staff of the National Employment Service. Some voluntary groups also provide vocational guidance and placement services and maintain sheltered workshops.

In recent years a number of special projects have been undertaken in Ontario and the four western provinces, particularly in Ontario and the four western provinces. Generally these have been financed by a combination of federal low-interest loans, provincial grants and municipal and voluntary contributions. Welfare institutions are maintained to care for many well older people whose needs can best be met in such a setting or for those who are illing but do not require hospital care. These are mainly operated either by municipal governments or by voluntary and religious organizations and to enhance the employment opportunities of older persons in small business some provinces to place well older persons in small business or public housing homes and retirement for the aged and similar.