

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 informational, counselling and referral services, friendly visiting, housing registries and homemaker services. Voluntary services are provided in several cities by family agencies and in a few by agencies organized specially to serve older persons. A large number of clubs and some 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 placements 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 specially designed low rental housing projects have been built for older persons, 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 ailing but do not require hospital care. These are mainly operated either by municipal governments or by voluntary and religious organizations which generally receive some form of public aid. An effort is made in some provinces to place well older persons in small proprietary boarding homes. The aged who are chronically ill are cared for in chronic and convalescent hospitals, private or public nursing homes and in homes for the aged and infirm.