

**OW/ODSP QUESTIONNAIRE (SOCIAL ASSISTANCE REVIEW)**

1. If you could change one thing about ODSP/OW what would it be?

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2. What do you think the purpose of social assistance should be?

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3. What ODSP/OW rules are not working for you?

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4. What impact has this had on your life and your family's life?

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5. What kind of employment help, education and training programs do you need to get the kind of career you want?

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6. What other help do you need to be able to work or be a part of your community?

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7. If people were required to get treatment or rehabilitation in order to be able to get OW/ODSP and not get cut off, how would this affect you?

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8. How much control have you had over what you can do in your participation agreement?

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9. Have you had any problems getting your money because you did not follow the participation agreement that was given to you?

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10. If people were required to sign a participation agreement in order to get ODSP and not get cut off, how would this affect you?

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11. What basic needs do you have that you cannot afford right now?

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12. What is the most important thing that you would need help paying for if you were starting a new job and leaving OW/ODSP?

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13. If the government wants to make sure that people are better off working, what could they do?

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14. How do asset limits and income rules keep you from improving your life?

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15. If the Special Diet Allowance, Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities and Temporary Care Assistance benefits were no longer part of social assistance, what do you think would happen?

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16. Any other comments?

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*- Adapted from the ODSP Action Coalition "Getting what you want out of the Social Assistance Review"*

\*If you would like Northumberland Community Legal Centre to notify you of our up and coming social assistance town hall meeting, please include your name and number below. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire!

Name:

Number: