



What's New in Special Needs Resourcing

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Happy summer (finally) to everyone! This will be the final e bulletin until September . I hope everyone gets a chance to slow down and take some well deserved time off this summer!

As you know the Child Care Special Needs Resourcing Partnership (CCSNRP) receives funding to offer many different services to licensed ELCC programs and the children and families that they serve. In order to best offer services, the CCSNRP has several sub committees looking at various parts of the service.

This month I would like to focus on the work of the **Service Coordination Committee**. Let's take a look at some of the questions most often asked about this committee.

What Does the Service Coordination Committee Do?

The Service Coordination Committee exists to serve a couple of purposes.

First, this committee processes requests from Resource Consultants for psychological assessments and behaviour consultation services. These are available to children who could be eligible , and who are already receiving services of a Resource Consultant (RC) through the CCSNRP. This funding is held by Developmental Services Access Centre (DSAC) and the funding is meant to benefit licensed ELCC programs. Such an assessment may be requested for diagnostic clarification as well as a more in depth look at how the child learns to better understand the child and assist in meeting the child's need in the

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be a different place because I was important in the life of a child.”

- Forest Witcraft

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This committee also serves as place to discuss “service coordination “ issues as the name suggests. For example, this committee is a place for the SNAP Coordinator or a Resource Consultant to discuss a case that is complex and/or unclear as far as which service or services is most appropriate to best meet the needs of the child and family. Committee member scan then put their heads together and come up with a plan to offer the most beneficial service (s) for the child and family.. Of course, cases are never discussed without written parental consent!

In addition, the committee takes on other related tasks as directed by the CCSNRP workplan. One of the most recent projects has been to take a look at how our community can better support those who speak English as a second language, with particular emphasis on informed consent and understanding the process for services through the CCSNRP. We have prepared a document translated into several languages that alerts the reader that important information is being communicated and to ask for a interpreter if needed. We hope this would be useful when asking a parent to sign a CCSNAP consent form. We have also collected information on interpreter services in the Region of Waterloo. Both of these documents will be sent to all ELCC programs in early September as a resource to use with families. We hope these documents will be useful when making a referral to SNAP and when other CCSNRP services are being utilized. Watch for a mail out to your program!

Who sits on this committee?

The committee is made up of representatives from the agencies who are part of the CCSNRP. Many of the members of this committee are Resource Consultants who they bring their expertise in working directly with the children and ELCC programs . The committee is chaired by the CCSNAP coordinator who is responsible keeping the CCSNRP abreast of the work of the committee.

How often does the committee meet?

Meetings are held monthly from September until June and as needed over the summer months.



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First Annual Learning is Growing Conference

October 1/11, Stratford ON

For professionals working with children 0-6 years

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Current Research- Links

Research: Autism Checklist Spots Warning Signs in Infants

Excerpt from Article:

The signs of autism may be present as early as one year of age, and a simple checklist could help doctors screen for it, researchers say. Babies who are not socially engaged, gesturing or babbling may raise flags for parents and family doctors. In the Journal of Pediatrics, researchers in San Diego describe the testing of a screening checklist designed to find language or developmental delays, conducted on 10,479 babies. The screening uses a 24-question checklist that can be easily understood and answered by parents in about five minutes. The article can be viewed at: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/health/story/2011/04/28/autism-screening.html?ref=rss>