



What's New in Special Needs Resourcing

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Developmental Services Resource Centre

This month I am happy to feature information about the newest location of KidAbility– now seeing children at their Kitchener location.



Elmira District Community Living

Please note that SPOT referrals and delivery of those services has not changed.



KidsAbility– Centre for Child Development– New Kitchener Location (by Bea Henry)

In keeping with KidsAbility's strategic direction to improve access to services, the new Kitchener KidsAbility facility is located at 65 Hanson Avenue, in the recently renovated Family Centre operated by Family and Children's Services. The site will make the travel for families who live in the south end of Kitchener and the surrounding areas much shorter. The Kitchener site serves families living in the geographic area west of Homer Watson/ south of the Expressway and east of

Homer Watson/south of Ottawa St. as well as the communities of Baden, New Hamburg, New Dundee, Mannheim, Petersburg and St. Agatha. It serves children and youth from birth to 18 years.

Since the Kitchener site is not large enough to accommodate all clients who reside in Kitchener, we reviewed KidsAbility's geographic boundary policy and issues related to it. We developed a more flexible policy around the geographic catchment area that we have practiced in the past. (continued on page 2).....



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin



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Families who live in the Waterloo catchment area, but who may experience a hardship in travelling to the Waterloo site, may apply to receive services at the Kitchener site. Likewise, families who live within the catchment area for the Kitchener site, but who may have specific issues which make it more challenging to receive services there, may apply to continue receiving services at the Waterloo site.

With eight treatment rooms, our centre has a team of twelve service providers who have relocated from the Waterloo site, as well as a Program Assistant, Manager, and part-time Resource Centre Librarian. The clinical team consists of two Physiotherapists, three Occupational Therapists, five Speech Language Pathologists, one Communicative Disorders Assistant and one Social Worker.

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Our extensions are now all 4 digit extensions beginning with a "2".

For information contact: Cindy Seftel, Program Assistant at 519-886-8886 ext. 2216 or Bea Henry, Program Manager at ext. 2276.

We look forward to hosting an "official opening" in the late fall or early winter and invite you to visit our centre.



For more information on the Child Care Special Needs Resourcing Partnership or to make a referral to the Child Care Special Needs Access Point please contact:

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Upcoming Professional Development Events

Forum on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Hosted by KidsAbility

Monday November 14, 2011

8:30-4:30

Bingeman's Ballroom

\$99 includes breakfast and sandwich lunch

Register online at

www.kidsability.ca

Current Research- Links

Resource: Resources to use the On Track Guide

The Best Start Resource Centre has released a number of resource to promote and support the use of the On Track guide including:

Laminated wallet cards

One page handout

Poster

Case Studies

You can find all items on the Best Start Resource Centre:

http://beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/index.html.