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Child Care Special
Needs Resourcing
Partnership

What's New in Special Needs Resourcing?

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Welcome!

Welcome to the new *What's New in Special Needs Resourcing Bulletin!* We are pleased to introduce this bulletin as a way to stay in touch with the Early Learning and Child Care Community, as well as a vehicle to stay up to date on current happenings and trends in the field of Special Needs Resourcing.

This bulletin will be published and distributed on a monthly basis 10 months of the year, via email. It will include information on upcoming professional development opportunities, information on the Special Needs Resourcing Partnering Agencies, links to research articles and more!

Submissions from you in the Early Learning and Child Care Community are welcomed and encouraged!

Let Joan Wagner, SNAP Coordinator know if you have something you would like added to the bulletin.

Here are some ideas for submissions:

Success Stories

Has your program had success in supporting a child with special needs? If so, the ELCC community would like to hear about it!

Lessons Learned

Is there anything that your program has learned about supporting children with special needs that you think other ELCC programs might find interesting? If yes, please share!

PD Events-

Is your program hosting a professional development event that is open for others to attend? Have you heard of other professional development events that you think might be relevant to the ELCC community? If **so**, **pass the word along by the 20th of the month!** You can send it by email to jwagner@ndsa.on.ca, or call her at 519-741-0076.

Community Living Cambridge



Developmental Services
Access Centre



Elmira & District
Association for
Community Living



Region of Waterloo
SOCIAL SERVICES

SNAP Fast Facts

DID YOU KNOW...

- In 2008, there were 587 referrals to childcare snap for 532 children
- The Child Care SNAP program has been operating for 5 years

Overview of the Child Care Special Needs Access Point (SNAP)

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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The Child Care SNAP program was launched in January 2005 to serve as a single point of access for children (up to six years of age) with a developmental concern who attend or plan to attend licensed child care in Waterloo Region. These developmental concerns may include cognitive, communication, physical, sensory, behavioural, emotional and social. **No concern is too minor as we want to ensure the inclusion of every child who needs support.** All children regardless of their abilities are supported to safely participate in quality, inclusive child care.

Services to the child care programs are offered by a partnership of 7 agencies including:

- *Community Living Cambridge* - Preschool Services
- *Developmental Services Access Centre* - Preschool Assessment Services
- *Elmira and District association for Community Living* - Preschool Services
- *Family and Children's Services* - Preschool Support Program
- *KidsAbility* - SPOT and ECE Outreach Services
- *kidsLINK* - Preschool Support Services
- *K-W Habilitation Services* - Preschool Outreach

The service or services which are most appropriate receive the referral information from the SNAP coordinator and service proceeds from there.

Upcoming Professional Development Events

- 21st Annual Conference- "ECE—Where it All Begins"- [register now](#) for conference being held at Conestoga College March 20-21/09. For online registration, log on to www.kidsLINKcares.com
- ECERS-R Training— February 11 (Pt.1) and Feb. 25 (Part 2) - 99 Regina St., Waterloo Room 508 . For more information, email: cleah@region.waterloo.on.ca
- There are still a few spaces left in kidsLINK's winter series workshops. Call 519-741-1122

Current Research- Links

- "Dual diagnosis: Experts believe as many as 50 per cent of children with developmental disabilities may also have mental health issues. But the second condition often goes undiagnosed and untreated": <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20090127.wldual27/BNStory/lifeFamily/>
- "Brain Waves Show Sound Processing Abnormalities in Autistic Children"-Radiological Society of North America http://www.rsna.org/Media/rsna/RSNA08_newsrelease_target.cfm?id=384
- A Canadian-Netherlands study found a Link Between Smoking in Pregnancy and Aggressive Children— <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/134634.php>