

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCING NEWSLETTER



Fall 2020

Welcome

We're back!

Inclusion Facilitators returned to classrooms the week of September 8th and Resource Consultants the week of September 21st. For both roles, staff can only attend one LCCP per day so virtual services will continue to meet the needs for services.

We extend a warm welcome to Sarah Davis, a new Resource Consultant who joined us in August. She has experience as both a Supervisor and a Parent Educator and we are excited to have her share her talents with us. Sarah will be servicing the Hamilton Mountain.

Embracing Inclusion podcasts will now only be featured in the newsletter. **Click on the image on page 3** to hear episode 17, Najia Bashizadah, Resource Consultant, discuss **Fostering Play Skills and Participation**. Najia details how to support children in their play, with a focus on children with disabilities.



The Inclusive Early Childhood Service System Project continues to recruit families with children under the age of 6 to participate in a study that examines the experience of children with disabilities. If you know a family who would be interested in participating, please have them contact inclusion@ryerson.ca or 1-833-671-8003.

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Special Needs Resourcing is provided through funding from the City of Hamilton

CORNERSTONE PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE

Re-opening a child care program in the middle of a global pandemic is no easy task, and considering our children with disabilities in a safe and inclusive return is an extra step.

Cornerstone Preschool considered all angles

with the help of their Resource Consultant, MariaAngela Fortunato.

Reviewing all the classroom needs, Educators Elysse McCusker and Leila Alibasic worked with Supervisor Ericah Sharp, and together decided that it was best to start with family engagement. Connecting virtually, the family was able to share their successes and challenges over the last months. Using this information, the team was able to create goals and strategies, and plan a date of return. Educators took the initiative to develop some play materials and activities to support a successful transition back to child care and are happy to report a welcoming re-opening for all.

Teamwork is the ability to work together towards a common vision. In this case, the vision was inclusion.



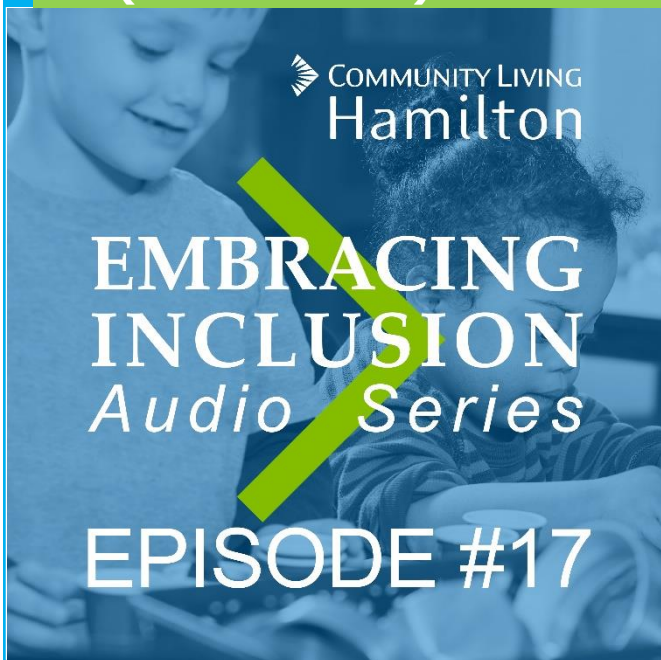
COMING SOON!

Podcast interview with Shelley Moore, Teacher, Researcher, Speaker and **INCLUSION** Storyteller.

Sarah McVanel, Certified Human Resources Leader, was featured in our leadership podcasts. To contact Sarah for workshops or leadership coaching, email sarah@greatnessmagnified.com.



Embracing Inclusion (Click below)



Important Dates

Special Needs Resourcing services will be unavailable on the following dates:

- *Thanksgiving – Oct 12/20*
- *Christmas Shutdown- Dec 25/20 through Jan 1/21*
- *Family Day – Feb 15/21*
- *PD Event – Mar 4/21*

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