



INCLUSION NEWS

FALL 2023

Welcome

Welcome Fall and the transition back to a more regular routine. Are we ready? At CLH we are gearing up for a very busy year. Staff have participated in a summer of learning that included professional development in EDIAB, Ableism, Inclusion Indicators and Supportive Collaborative Consultation. With compulsory training ahead, we appreciate your patience as staff attend various mandatory in-person sessions over the next 8 weeks.

This month we welcome Shreya Panchal and Hailey Wilson to the CLH team. They will be in the Inclusion Facilitator role on the Hamilton East Team. As well, congratulations goes out to Ashley Corrizzato who through internal promotion has started in the Resource Consultant role on Team West.



Inclusion Services staff participated in a PD day on the Civic holiday when child care centres were closed. Here they are engaged in a team building exercise.

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

WHAT'S NEW?

You may have noticed that the name of the newsletter has changed. As we make the transition to titles that are more reflective of our practices, the name of the newsletter should also be more reflective of our community and the work that we do. The term special needs resourcing is language that can lead us to focus on gaps or deficits rather than strengths. It can also limit our thinking to only specific diagnoses. Inclusion is not just a disability issue and our conversations have grown over time. In reviewing the newsletters since 2017 our topics naturally grew toward more inclusive education.

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
SNR Resources	Inclusive Practices	Equity	Embracing Inclusion	Family Engagement	EDIAB

Looking at this timeline, we see the evolution of topics that create environments where all people belong, and every person's gifts are honoured. And we're not done yet.

Thanks for filling our buckets, and our newsletter, for the last six years.

LINK

October 3rd marks the launch of a pilot for a new enhanced classroom support single day service, named LINK (Launch Inclusion and Navigate Knowledge) which you can register for without the use of the ECSIT. With the identification of a specific classroom need related to challenges with full inclusion of all children, you can access an inclusion facilitator to collaborate alongside your team, with a focus on behaviour, transitions, gaining confidence in inclusive practices or managing medical supports. See registration form sent out with the newsletter or your resource consultant for information on how to register.



CAKE CHALLENGE

Dr. Shelley Moore is coming on October 30th, and we can hardly wait! Mark your calendars to attend at the Courtyard Marriott for either the afternoon or evening session. You can get in on the excitement early by creating your own **Layers of Support Cake**. Click on the image below to hear Shelley discuss the meaning of the layers of support then channel your inner baker and inclusive mindset to create your own inclusion cake. Not only will you have delicious cake to eat when you are done, but you can submit a picture to CLHSNR@clham.com or any CLH staff and be entered into a draw to take place at the event. You can win a fabulous resource for your classroom! This challenge is ongoing through the entire month of October and your Resource Consultant and/or Inclusion Facilitator can support you. Even if you are not able to attend, you can still be entered into the draw just for participating. So, head to the kitchen to get your supplies and start planning!



Hamilton East/Stoney Creek Team



The Hamilton East Team supports 59 licensed child care providers and 157 children. Fun fact – with every team member having a different favourite colour, together, they make a rainbow. From left: Sarah Pennington, Shreya Panchal, Najia Bashizadah, Franca Bollella, Tamara Marquis, Sarah Davis and Catia Tonin. Absent: MariaAngela Fortunato and Aura Patrau.

Important Dates

Inclusion Services will be unavailable on the following dates:

- *Truth and Reconciliation – Observed October 2, 2023 * New*
- *Thanksgiving – October 9, 2023*
- *Winter Break – December 25, 2023, through January 1, 2024*

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