

**SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCING NEWSLETTER**

Fall 2019

**Welcome****HAPPY FALL!**

Fall is a time of transitions with new children, new classrooms and new routines – hopefully this all went smoothly.

At Community Living Hamilton we are also transitioning, hiring new Resource Consultants and redistributing caseloads. All teams will receive new Resource Consultants so you may see some new faces in the near future.

Thanks to all of you who have welcomed our newest Inclusion Facilitators who were hired in the spring and summer. We greatly appreciate your openness to the mentoring process. It is important for them to visit as many centres as possible to be able to meet and understand the varying needs. They have really enjoyed these experiences.



Resource Consultants attended the full day Tools for Life training in September to work in partnership with child care centres using these concepts in their everyday practice.

From left: Sue Lovell, Michelle Woods, MariaAngela Fortunato and Claudia Testaguzza.

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From left: Allie Copeland, Educator; Michelle Tanguay, Supervisor; Cassie Scholey, Educator; Susan McCann, Inclusion Facilitator, CLH; Susan Bell, Resource Consultant, CLH.

## PARKSIDE DAYCARE

In March 2019, Parkside welcomed a new child with special needs into the program. Starting out with many “what if” and “how” questions, educators reported feeling a lack of confidence in their ability to provide a fully inclusive environment.

They began their journey with full collaboration with the family, Community Living Hamilton, ASCY and Ron Joyce Children’s Health Centre. Led by unwavering positive leadership, the team adopted the recommendations and strategies as their own and began to increase their confidence in only a few weeks.

Dedication and determination pursued and the result is a fully inclusive program. Upon reflection, educators realized that they had more skills than they originally thought, and their confidence is evident to all who visit.

Way to go Parkside!

## LAWFIELD – UMBRELLA FAMILY AND CHILD CENTRES

In May 2019, Lawfield educators welcomed a child with unpredictable medical needs. Pre-planning and several play visits with the parent was instrumental in creating a medical plan that could be monitored by all staff throughout the day. Educators consistently go above and beyond each day, wearing lanyards that describe their role in case of an emergency.

Walking through the process with their Resource Consultant, the team decided that professional expertise was required to ensure that the medical plan could be followed while still offering all play opportunities to the child.

The Supervisor has shared that it is the ongoing communication with the parent that has led to a trusting relationship with all to ensure successful inclusion.

Absolutely Amazing!



From left: Kait St. Pierre, OT, RJCHC; Tasha Reid, Supervisor; Lisa Courtney, Support Staff; Michelle Jack, Educator; Sophia Windlett, Educator; Elizabeth Hovan, Resource Consultant, Community Living Hamilton.



# SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



On the August Civic holiday many of the Special Needs Resourcing staff participated in our annual professional development day which included our first ever Inclusion EDCAMP. Deemed as an UNCONFERENCE, staff came prepared with questions and topics they would like to discuss in group sessions. Using each other as their resource, brainstorming took place to reflect, plan and problem solve common inclusion concepts.

Top left: A group in session

Middle: Sessions organized so that staff could choose discussion topics that was most suitable to them

Right: Exploring resources for Before and After School programs



## SNR EDCAMP

COMMUNITY LIVING HAMILTON

AUGUST 5TH 2019





## Third Quarter Data

Licensed Child Care Programs visited	214
Licensed Child Care Programs with SNR eligible children	112
Number of children with Resource Consultant support (active ISP)	558
Number of ECSIT assessments completed	205
Levels of service provided	221
Average number of days from ECSIT completion to provision of ECS	56
Number of classrooms waiting for ECS	4
Current average wait time for ECS	40 days

## Important Dates

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

- *Christmas Shutdown – December 25, 2019 through January 1, 2020*
- *Family Day – February 17, 2020*
- *Good Friday – April 10, 2020*
- *Easter Monday – April 13, 2020*
- *Victoria Day – May 18, 2020*

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