

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCING NEWSLETTER 

Winter 2020

Welcome 2020!

Winter is upon us, and with that comes preparation for School Entry. On January 22, 2020, the HWDSB and the HCDSB hosted the annual Parent Information Night for families of children with disabilities. Families receive valuable information regarding the transition to school process at this event, and are able to have their initial questions answered as they begin to plan for September.

School entry intake meetings are scheduled in March, April, and May. Educators, Resource Consultants and Clinicians can attend with families to offer developmental specifics as well as goals and strategies.

Below is Natalia Arpino Espido, Resource Consultant, with CLH, welcoming families that attended that evening.

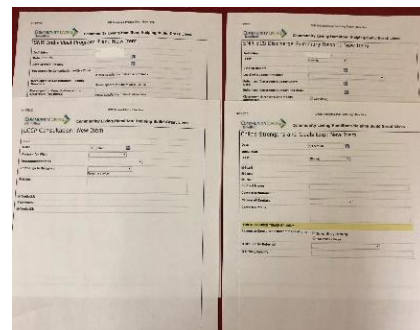


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Special Needs Resourcing is provided through funding from the City of Hamilton

Special Needs Resourcing Documentation



Sample documentation used by SNR staff

Daily documentation is a requirement for SNR staff, and it is a part of the service we provide to educators. As a team, you can decide how often you want to receive your documentation – daily, weekly, bi-weekly, etc.

Inclusion Facilitators complete a daily Strengths and Goals Log. This is a strength-based recommendation/strategy linked first to the ISP, then to any other meaningful observations. At the end of the service level, Inclusion Facilitators complete an ECS Discharge Summary which summarizes the main strategies previously given, and makes recommendations to transition to increased independence with confidence.

Resource Consultants complete a LCCP Consultation at every visit. This reflects the details of the visit which may include updates on children on the Resource Consultant's caseload, referrals, discussions with educators, and plans for success. The Resource Consultant also collaborates with the team to set goals for each child, at minimum, every 3 months. We call this an Individual Program Plan, but it is most commonly called an Individual Support Plan in the community.

If you have questions about documentation, please reach out to the Inclusion Facilitator, Resource Consultant or SNR Supervisor.

[Early Childhood Resource Teacher Network of Ontario \(ECRTNO\) Annual Conference](#)

On Nov. 6 – 8, 2019, five Special Needs Resourcing staff attended the annual Resource Teacher Provincial Conference in Niagara Falls. Entitled "Together: We Can Do Great Things", this is an opportunity for Resource Consultants, Managers and Supervisors to come together to network and experience trend setting professional development. This year's conference focused on 3 main streams of interest : Children's Mental Health, Supporting School-Aged Children, and Professional Well-Being.

Featured from left are Amelia Rupsy, Claudia Testaguzza, Darlene Fabbro, Najia Bashizadah and Rebecca Salisbury.





In the Spotlight

The Role of the Inclusion Facilitator

Having an Inclusion Facilitator in your classroom is an opportunity to collaborate and strategize in real time those situations that present as barriers to inclusion. An Inclusion Facilitator is a time-limited resource placed to assist educators in skill-building, working alongside you as a co-learner to enhance classroom routines and build confidence. Inclusion Facilitators offer contributions that include modelling, resources, and recommendations to support a fully inclusive classroom. Take this opportunity to ask questions and communicate the classroom needs – don't be shy! Good daily conversation and communication is the key to success.



Left to Right Inclusion Facilitators Angelica Cordeiro, Mountain Team; Brenda Ziemann, Hamilton East Team; Janna Ingleby, Hamilton Centre Team and Lauren Hay, Hamilton West Team.

Fourth Quarter Data

Licensed Child Care Programs visited	216
Licensed Child Care Programs with SNR eligible children	195
Number of children with Resource Consultant support (active ISP)	659
Number of ECSIT assessments completed	266
Levels of service provided	288
Average number of days from ECSIT completion to provision of ECS	5.5
Number of children waiting for ECS	6
Current average wait time for ECS	9 days



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Important Dates

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

- *Family Day – February 17, 2020*
- *Good Friday – April 10, 2020*
- *Easter Monday – April 13, 2020*
- *Victoria Day – May 18, 2020*
- *Canada Day – July 1, 2020*
- *Labour Day – September 7, 2020*
- *Thanksgiving Day – October 12, 2020*
- *Christmas Shutdown – December 25, 2020 through January 1, 2021 (inclusive)*

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