

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCING NEWSLETTER 

Spring 2020

Welcome

Facing unprecedented times, Special Needs Resourcing staff are working from home. While the essential services in Community Living Hamilton (adult residences) have remained open, the SNR team has been creating videos, poems and songs of thanks to those who are working the frontline.

SNR staff have continued to meet in their teams through ZOOM weekly and with their Supervisor daily. Staff continue to work on school entry reports, current PD, CPL and genius projects. They have challenged each other with exercises, Zumba, and a virtual game of catch.

We are thinking of all of you and the children that you support, and look forward to a return to full services and greater connection in the future. We wish you a safe and healthy return.



Special Needs Resourcing staff wear blue in support of World Autism Day while working from home.

In this issue, we take a look at what services are available during the pandemic.

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

OUR CURRENT SERVICES

Community Living Hamilton Special Needs Resourcing Department has continued to work remotely since the closure of the licensed child care centres. SNR Supervisors and Resource Consultants are available to support educators who are engaged with families at home. If you are interested in discussing strategies to assist families with behaviour, daily routines, or tips on how to smoothly transition back to child care, contact your Resource Consultant, or the SNR Supervisor who is assigned to your area.

School Entry meetings for the HWDSB and HWCDSB will still occur for those children who will enter school in September. Both boards are looking at creative solutions to offer meetings virtually, and are in the process of contacting families. Please reassure families while they are waiting. As Resource Consultants complete school entry reports, they will contact you to let you know that reports are done, and that they will be contacting families to get parent approval.



For those currently providing child care to our essential workers –
THANK YOU!!!!

We are available to support your needs remotely by assigning a Resource Consultant to offer strategies and suggestions to meet your current needs. Please contact Karen Pavao (see page 3) to access this service.



First Quarter Data

Licensed Child Care Programs visited	200
Number of children with Resource Consultant support	538
Number of children in Before and After School with Resource Consultant support	160
Number of ECSIT assessments completed	57
Levels of service provided	36
Number of children actively receiving ECS	22
Number of children waiting for ECS	5

Important Dates

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

- *Victoria Day – May 18, 2020*
- *Canada Day – July 1, 2020*
- *Civic Holiday – Aug 3, 2020*
- *Labour Day – September 7, 2020*
- *Thanksgiving – October 12, 2020*
- *Christmas Shutdown – December 25, 2020 through January 1, 2021(inclusive)*

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