

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCING NEWSLETTER Summer 2020 

Welcome

As part of the City of Hamilton’s plan to limit risk to children and staff as child care centres reopen, Community Living Hamilton’s services will remain virtual until such time as our local Public Health recommends a return of visitors to the classroom.

Since the time of the child care closures, SNR staff have engaged in training to further develop their knowledge in delivering support services through video conferencing, tutorials, how-tos and video clips.

One of those services is the creation of podcasts, through our Embracing Inclusion Audio Series. This week’s podcast is entitled **Building Successful Routines** by Resource Consultant Natalia Arpino Espido. **Click on the image on page 3** to open the link and hear Natalia discuss ways to build successful routines when re-engaging children as they return to child care.



Special Needs Resourcing staff recognized National AccessAbility Week May 31st – June 6th 2020, participating virtually in activities through an Olympic theme.

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

VIRTUAL SERVICES

As child care centres reopen, Resource Consultants will resume regular consultation to classrooms remotely. In addition, Inclusion Facilitators will be paired with a Resource Consultant, and will also be assigned a caseload of child care centres. All child care centres will receive the support of an Inclusion Facilitator, until such time as SNR staff can return to classrooms. At minimum, each centre will receive scheduled consultation services from both the Resource Consultant and the Inclusion Facilitator once a week. As this will be customized to the needs of the centre, SNR Supervisors will contact LCCP Supervisors to determine the needs and set the schedule.

Roles and responsibilities of Resource Consultants and Inclusion Facilitators are detailed below:

Resource Consultants

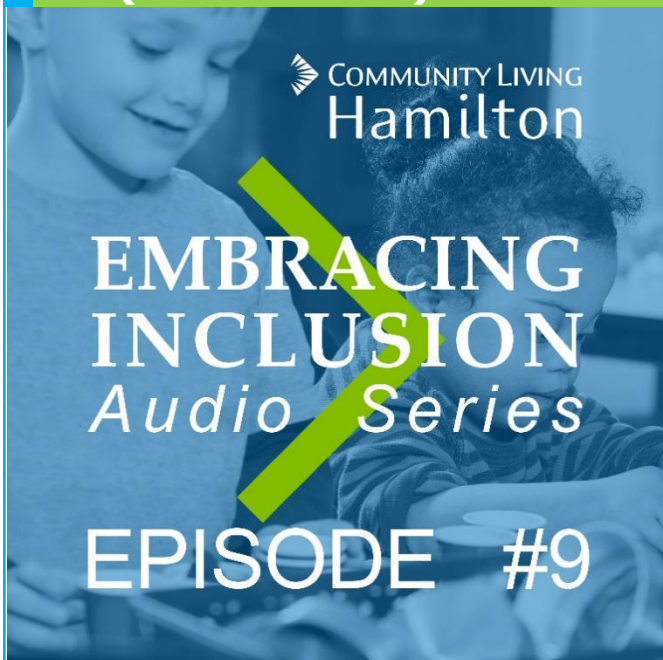
- Referrals
- Development of ISPs
- Facilitate ISP planning meetings
- School Entry
- Transition Planning
- Support virtual conversations with families
- Coordinate services
- Family Engagement Initiatives
- Offer and obtain strategies and resources

Inclusion Facilitators

- Support the delivery of the ISP
- Attend ISP planning meetings
- Offer supports to a variety of classrooms throughout the day
- Create virtual tools as needed
- Obtain/research information to sustain inclusive classrooms
- Support the delivery of transition planning
- Family Engagement Initiatives



Embracing Inclusion (Click below)



Important Dates

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

- *Labour Day – September 7, 2020*
- *Thanksgiving – October 12, 2020*
- *Christmas Shutdown – December 25, 2020 through January 1, 2021(inclusive)*

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