

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCING NEWSLETTER 

Winter 2021

Welcome

A new year is upon us, and let's hope it is filled with predictability and a return to renewed connectedness. As a focus on safety for all continues into 2021, please ensure that your Resource Consultant is informed of an outbreak at your centre. As they travel to a different centre each day, they need to prevent being a part of the spread. If they are scheduled to visit your centre and have recently visited a centre that has declared outbreak, they will contact you to find out if you are still interested in an in-person visit. Virtual services are the safest and still available. Contact your Resource Consultant if this is the best option for you.

We extend a warm welcome to Kendra Wilcox, a new Resource Consultant who joined us on January 4th. She received her Bachelor of Applied Arts from Ryerson University and was a Resource Consultant with the Peel Region. Kendra is a part of the Hamilton East/Stoney Creek team. Our next Embracing Inclusion podcast is now available. **Click on the image on page 3** to hear episode 18, where Amelia Rupsys, SNR Supervisor, discusses **Welcoming New Children: The Benefits of Play Visits**. Amelia shares how planning for a child's well-being as they enter child care, aids in the preparation of Educators.



As part of the SPLC challenge to support a local organization over the December 2020 holiday season, CLH decided to support Ronald McDonald house. With a goal of raising \$350.00 to adopt a dinner for families on Dec.23rd, staff in SNR generously contributed \$935.00 in cash and gift cards to support families who were caring for their sick children in hospital.

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

MEADOWLANDS PRESCHOOL

As the community has continued to experience the challenges of the pandemic, Nicole Bartlett and her team at Meadowlands Preschool were quick to open their doors to welcome all children, helping them to feel safe and know that they belong. Educators have worked with an Inclusion Facilitator and Resource Consultant recently to develop strategies for children who exhibit stress through challenging behaviours. Through partnership, strengths were recognized to better meet the needs of all of the children, follow best practice, and prioritize inclusion as part of the daily classroom expectation. Way to go!



Featured here left to right are Brittney Miller, IF – CLH; Shannon Scheper, Educator; Nicole Bartlett, Program Supervisor; Stephanie Trdin, Educator; and Kailee Huehn, Resource Consultant – CLH.

SCHOOL ENTRY 2021

The school entry process is underway. Families should fill in the Tell Us About Your Child package and submit online to their local School Board. Families can find information on registration on their School Board website.

NEW RESOURCES COMING SOON!

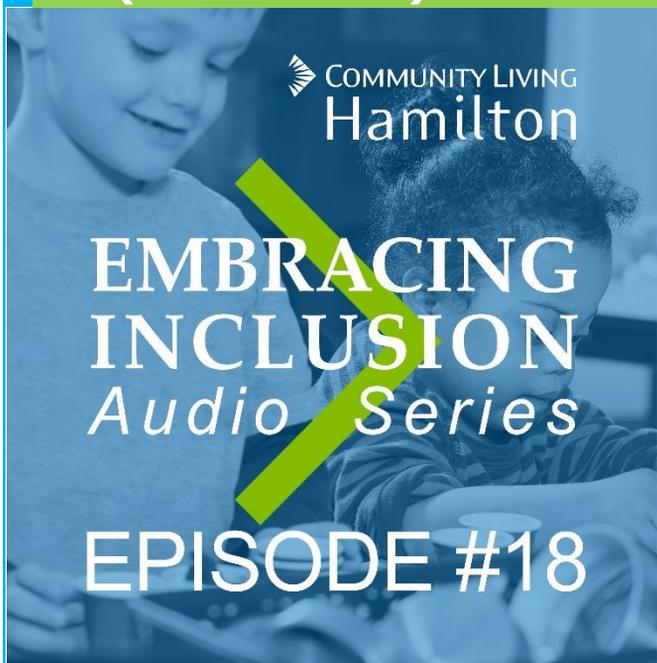
1. Sign Language Video – Version 2 - SONGS
2. ISP Template and guiding document
3. French translations for common forms and Family Engagement modules

CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO:

- **AMELIA RUPSYS** for taking on the role of Vice-President of the Early Childhood Resource Teacher Network of Ontario
- **KAITLYNN MUNZ** for taking on the role of Western Region Rep of the Early Childhood Resource Teacher Network of Ontario
- **TRACY SHERRIFF** for her recent article in EdCLAN entitled Awareness, Empathy, Creativity and Innovation of Early Years Professionals during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Embracing Inclusion (Click below)



Important Dates

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

- *Family Day – Feb 15/21*
- *Good Friday – Apr 2/21*
- *Easter Monday – Apr 5/21*
- *Victoria Day – May 24/21*
- *Canada Day – July 1/21*

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