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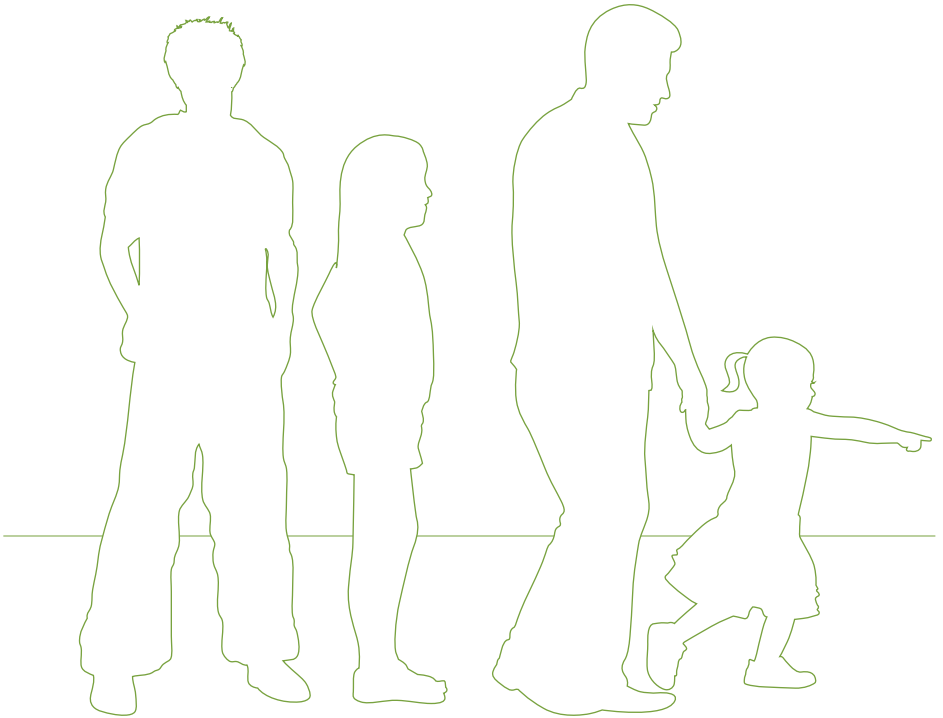
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# COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

for Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and their Families in Toronto

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*Compliments of School Support Program  
Surrey Place Centre*

# Introduction

***The School Support Program, Surrey Place Centre has prepared the Community Resource Directory for Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and their Families.***

The School Support Program began in 2004 as a new, joint initiative between the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and the Ministry of Education. The program was created to offer additional services and supports for the increasing number of students with ASD in Ontario. Surrey Place Centre is the agency responsible for the School Support Program in Toronto.

The School Support Program offers services to enhance existing supports in publicly funded school boards and school authorities. The purpose of the program is not to provide direct service to students with ASD, but rather to support board staff. The program's objectives are to:

- enhance the knowledge and skills of school board staff with respect to ASD, the principles and applications of applied behavioural analysis (ABA), and other evidence-based teaching strategies
- promote linkages between schools, school boards and autism service providers

The core services of the School Support Program, as mandated

by the Program Guidelines for the School Support Program – Autism Spectrum Disorders, (July 2004), are consultation, training, and resource development and distribution.

The ***Community Resource Directory*** was created to assist families in negotiating the often complex system of service delivery for individuals with ASD. The directory is part of the School Support Program's resource development initiative.

This third edition has been revised and updated in order to provide the most comprehensive listings possible. Every effort has been made to represent each agency and service as accurately as possible, however programs and services do change frequently and readers are encouraged to call agencies to find out specific details of service availability.

A list of resources for adults with ASD is available in a separate document - ***Community Resource Directory for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Their Families.***

We hope that you will find this directory helpful as you navigate the world of autism services in Toronto.

School Support Program  
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# Information for people who do not speak English as a first language

This resource contains information about services provided to individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) in the Greater Toronto Area, and their families.

The information is provided in English and most of the services are predominantly offered in English. There are some services offered in French. Please see listing for 'Centre Francophone de Toronto' in the **Family Support** section, as they have a complete list of services provided in French across Toronto.

If you require information in another language or if you need translation or interpretation services, you can contact your local cultural centre or one of the following agencies:

## **Access Alliance Interpreters**

[www.accessalliance.ca](http://www.accessalliance.ca)  
Tel 416 324-867  
Fax 416 324-9074  
Email [mail@accessalliance.ca](mailto:mail@accessalliance.ca)  
340 College Street,  
Toronto, ON M5T 3A9

## **Language Marketplace**

[www.languagemarketplace.com](http://www.languagemarketplace.com)  
Tel 905 896-8428,  
888-294-3032  
[info@languagemarketplace.com](mailto:info@languagemarketplace.com)  
365 Watline Ave, Mississauga,  
Ontario L4Z 1P3

If you, or someone you are seeking services for, is **deaf or hard-of-hearing**, contact:

## **Canadian Hearing Society**

[www.chs.ca](http://www.chs.ca)  
Voice Tel 416 928 2504  
TTY 416 964 0023  
Fax (416) 928-2523  
271 Spadina Road,  
Toronto, ON M5R 2V3

If you, or someone you are caring for, is **blind or vision-impaired**, contact:

## **Canadian National Institute for the Blind**

[www.cnib.ca](http://www.cnib.ca)  
Tel 800-563-2642  
Fax 416 480-7700  
[info@cnib.ca](mailto:info@cnib.ca)  
1929 Bayview Avenue,  
Toronto, ON M4G 3E8

# Renseignements pour les gens qui ne parlent pas l'anglais

Ce guide contient des renseignements à propos des services disponibles aux personnes

atteintes de troubles du spectre autistique (TSA) et leurs familles du Grand Toronto.

Ces informations sont disponibles en anglais et la plupart des services sont offerts en anglais.

Pour les services offerts en français, veuillez consulter le Centre francophone de Toronto dans la section des Services aux familles (Family Support Services)

Si vous désirez des informations dans **une autre langue** ou si vous avez besoin des services d'un traducteur/traductrice ou d'une interprète, veuillez contacter votre centre culturel local ou bien une des agences suivantes:

## **Access Alliance Interpreters**

416 324-8677  
416 324-9074 Téléc.  
340, rue College,  
Toronto, ON M5T 3A9

## **Language Marketplace**

1-888-294-3032  
365, ave Watline,  
Mississauga, ON, L4Z1P3  
[www.languagemarketplace.com](http://www.languagemarketplace.com)

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## **Canadian Hearing Society**

416 928-2500 Voix  
416 964-0023 ATS  
416 928-2523 Téléc.  
271, rue Spadina,  
Toronto, ON M5R 2V3  
[www.chs.ca](http://www.chs.ca)

Si vous, ou quelqu'un dont vous prenez soin, êtes aveugle ou avez du mal à voir, contactez:

## **Canadian National Institute for the Blind**

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416 480-7503 Téléc.  
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Toronto, ON  
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# Informações para pessoas que não têm o inglês como primeiro idioma.

Este pacote contém informações sobre os serviços fornecidos aos indivíduos portadores de esordens de Spectrum Autismo (ASD) ou Autismo na área da Grande Toronto, e às suas famílias. As informações são fornecidas em inglês e a maioria dos serviços é predominantemente em inglês.

Se você precisar de informações **em outro idioma** ou de serviços de tradução, poderá entrar em contato com as seguintes agências.

Você também pode entrar em contato com o seu centro cultural local.

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[www.languagemarketplace.com](http://www.languagemarketplace.com)

Se você ou outra pessoa estiver procurando por serviços para, for **surdo ou portador de deficiência auditiva**, entre em contato com:

## **Canadian Hearing Society**

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416 964-0023 TTY (teleprinter)  
416 928-2523 Fax

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Se você ou outra pessoa estiver cuidando de, for **cego ou portador de deficiência visual**, entre em contato com:

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# Información para las personas que no hablan Inglés como primer idioma:

Información para las personas que no hablan Inglés como primer idioma:

Este paquete contiene información referente a los servicios proporcionados a personas con

Autismo y sus familias dentro del área metropolitana de Toronto.

La información proporcionada solamente esta impresa en el idioma Inglés, así mismo como la mayor parte de los servicios proporcionados.

Si usted requiere servicios en Francés, contacte el Centre francophone de Toronto en la sección de servicios para familias (Family Support Services).

Si usted requiere información en algún **otro idioma** o requiere servicios de traducción, pongase en contacto con alguna de las siguientes agencias (también puede usted contactar al centro cultural de su localidad).

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# Specialized Comprehensive Services for Children with ASD

This section includes information about agencies that provide comprehensive programs and services specialized to meet the needs of children and adolescents with ASD and their families.

These agencies offer a full range of services including assessment, service coordination, counselling, treatment (day and residential), professional services (such as audiology, psychiatry and/or other medical services) and parent education and support.

All of these agencies can be accessed by self-referral for initial information. Most diagnostic or medical clinics require a medical referral.

## Bloorview Kids Rehab

416 425-6220 / Fax 416 425-6591  
 www.bloorview.ca / info@bloorview.ca  
 150 Kilgour Rd., Toronto, ON, M4G 1R8

### Eligibility

Individuals with suspected ASD, developmental delay, head injuries, and/or complex physical or motor issues.  
 Ages birth - 18.

### Description of Service

#### Child Development Programs:

**Autism Diagnostics:** Multi-disciplinary assessment for children suspected of having an ASD.

**Bloorview School:** Social and communication classroom for clients of Bloorview Feeding Services: For children with feeding problems associated with their developmental disability

**Psychopharmacology Clinic:** consultation clinic for clients whose complex medical and developmental disorders suggest the need for medication management as part of their overall treatment plan.

### Other Programs and Services:

**Aquatic Program**

**Augmentative Communication**

**Dental Clinic**

**Infant Development Program (ages birth - 5)**

**Respite Services (short-term, inpatient care for children with physical and/or developmental disabilities who require nursing care)**

**Snoezelen Room**

**Pool**

**Transition to Adult Services**

**Youth Drop-In.**

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## City KIDS (affiliated with Mothercraft Institute for Early Development)

416 920-6543 / Fax 416 920-1543  
www.mothercraft.ca / citykids@mothercraft.org  
City KIDS Program, 32 Heath St. W.,  
Toronto, ON, M4V 1T3

### Eligibility

Children and their families.  
(Ages birth - 6, and 6 - 12) attending day care.

### Description of Services

A network of agencies providing a single point of access and coordinated intake and service delivery. Provide a range of specialized services from partner agencies including any or all of the following:

### Resource and consultative support to Childcare and Early Childhood Programs

Speech and language consultation

Occupational and/or physiotherapy consultation

Behaviour consultation

Access to specialized preschool and infant development programs

Service coordination

Referrals and information for developmental assessments

Family counselling.

## Community Living Toronto

416 968-0650 / Fax 416 968-6463

www.communitylivingtoronto.ca / brivers@cltoronto.ca  
20 Spadina Rd., Toronto, ON M5R 2S7

### Eligibility

Individuals with developmental disabilities and/or multiple disabilities.

### Description of Service

**Early Childhood Supports:** resource teachers, communication consultants, behaviour therapists and occupational therapists consult to families and early childhood settings.

**Pilot Parents:** parent-to-parent support for newcomers to Toronto and for parents with a newborn or young child with an intellectual disability.

### Behavioural Supports and Home Management:

in-home support and linkages to community supports.

**Sib Shops for Siblings:** workshops for siblings of children with developmental disabilities.

**Recreation:** day respite and recreational opportunities during summer and throughout the year in cooperation with local Parks & Recreation.

**Shadow Lake Centre:** recreational facility operating three weekends per month between September and May, during March Break, December holidays and throughout the summer months. Age 7+.

**Residential and Respite Services:** call intake at 647 426-3219. **Harold Lawson Residence:** 24 hour assessment pre-placement visit is required and offer of service is contingent on this assessment. Ages 2 - 22.

### Career Facilitation and Planning for Youth/Adults:

Employment Training Centres and assistance in community-based competitive employment.

**Person Directed Planning:** supports youth in identifying their work, volunteer and recreational goals.

**Youth2work:** supports youth transitioning from school to work.

## Geneva Centre for Autism

416 322-7877 / Fax 416 322-5894

www.autism.net / info@autism.net

112 Merton St., Toronto, ON M4S 2Z8

### Eligibility

Individuals of all ages with ASD, families, and professionals.

### Description of Service

**Family Support:** intake/needs assessment, service co-ordination and community referrals, counselling, individualized consultations, sibling and parent support groups, Parent Network, assistance with accessing funding.

**Adult Services:** for individuals with ASD over 18 years, including Choices for Adult Living Program, Adult Support Services and Movie Nights.

**Education and Training:** educational workshops and seminars for parents, caregivers and professionals. Including summer training institutes and certificate courses.

**Skill Building Group Interventions:** music & movement, play skills (ages 5 - 6); social skills (ages 7 - 13); peer supports (ages 14 - 18).

**Behaviour/Communication Analysis and Intervention:** for families of school aged children. Parent education, consultation and coaching for behaviour management, communication and life skills development.

**Speech and Language Services:** provided by Toronto Preschool Speech and Language Early Intervention Services (TPSLS EI).

**Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) Services:** Toronto Partnership Autism Service (TPAS); TPAS Jumpstart Program; Stepping Stones Transition Services; Building Blocks Program (fee for service, assistance in setting up in-home IBI programs).

**Respite Care:** a variety of out-of-home respite programs providing temporary relief to parents and guardians from the physical and emotional demands involved in caring for a family member with ASD. Includes: Bridges After School Respite, Weekend Respite for Children, Weekend Respite for Adults, and Bridges Summer Camp.

Geneva Centre is a member of the Respite Cluster, a commu-

nity-wide respite network facilitated by [respiteservices.com](http://respiteservices.com).

**Customized Consultation and Staff Training:**

available to school boards and other service providers.

**Reference Library and Information:** telephone and web-based information.

## Griffin Centre

416 222-1153 / Fax 416 222-1321

[www.griffin-centre.org](http://www.griffin-centre.org) / [contact@griffin-centre.org](mailto:contact@griffin-centre.org)

24 Silverview Dr., North York, ON, M2M 2B3

### Eligibility

**Youth program:** Ages 12 - 18 with dual diagnosis (mild developmental delay & complex emotional, behavioural or mental health needs, including ASD)

**Adult program:** Ages 16+ dealing with the stresses of developmental delay, with or without accompanying mental health needs.

### Description of Service

#### Youth Programs:

**Counselling:** individual, family and group counselling; Intensive Child and Family Services (in-home, time limited intensive services).

**Residential Program:** includes PATH residential program for ages 12 - 18 with moderate to severe developmental delay and complex needs including ASD. Refer through Centralized Access to Residential Services (CARS) at 416 482-7884.

**Social/Life Skills:** includes Summer and After School Respite Services, Recreation Programs and Summer Work Program. After-school programs operate during school year, with goal of teaching skills required to transition successfully to existing community recreational programs.

**Education/Treatment Program:** Dual diagnosis day treatment, HYTS day treatment (youth with substance abuse), and PATH day treatment (for youth with ASD).

#### Restorative Justice Program.

#### Youth Arts Program (YAP).

#### Adult Programs: Griffin Community Support Network:

A range of mental health support services for adults including specialized assessments and consultations, treatment, short-term case management, short-term residential support, short-term day program support and access to hospital supports for adults with a dual diagnosis or a developmental disability.

**Community Living Residential:** an option for individuals who are homeless, are at risk of being homeless, frequently use hostel services, or have had multiple hospitalizations and/or involvement in the criminal justice system.

**Day Program and Residential Program:** support and supervision for individuals with high needs transitioning to less intensive community-based settings.

**Crisis Support:** Between 9 am and 9 pm. Call 416 222-3563. In urgent situations between 9 pm and 9 am, call the Gerstein Centre at 416 929-9897.

## Kerry's Place

416 537-2000 / Fax 416 537-7715

[www.kerrysplace.com](http://www.kerrysplace.com) / [rock@kerrysplace.org](mailto:rock@kerrysplace.org)

12A - 219 Dufferin St., Toronto, ON M6K 3J1

### Eligibility

Individuals with an ASD - services requested depends on age of individual.

### Description of Service

**Consultation:** person centered planning and respite planning.

**Residential:** living arrangements within various communities in southern Ontario.

**Outreach:** various community outreach programs available depending on the Ministry mandate for the specific region.

**Social Respite:** a variety of social, leisure and recreational skill development programs are available (e.g., Kids Club, Newspaper Writing Group, Teen Social Skills group, etc.).

**Other programs:** community-based day programs and vocational opportunities. Adult and youth social groups, weekend day respite program for adults.

**Crisis/Individual Supports:** residential planning and transitional planning through family home meetings.

## Surrey Place Centre

416 925-5141 / Fax 416 925-6508

[www.surreyplace.on.ca](http://www.surreyplace.on.ca) / [info@surreyplace.on.ca](mailto:info@surreyplace.on.ca)

2 Surrey Place, Toronto, ON M5S 2C2

### Eligibility

Individuals (and their families) with or suspected of having a developmental disability.

### Description of Service

**Services:** include a comprehensive range of programs and services from assessment, diagnosis and one-on-one treatment, to family counseling and group support. Services are divided into three areas.

### Developmental Programs (three age groups):

**Infancy and Early Childhood Program:** Ages birth - 6.

**Children and Youth Program:** Ages 6 - 18.

**Adult Program:** Ages 18+.

Services may include assessment, consultation and/or treatment from a service coordinator, psychologist, counselor, speech language pathologist, audiologist, occupational therapist, and/or behavior therapist.

**Specialized Programs:**

The **Mental Health Program** helps clients with mental health needs, and assists their families and caregivers.

**MMW Video-conferencing Program:** links clinical staff at Surrey Place Centre to adults with developmental disabilities living in remote northwestern Ontario communities.

**Parent Enhancement Program:** providing parenting skills training and support to adults with developmental disabilities.

**Autism Services** (individuals of all ages living with autism may also receive services through Developmental Programs):

Surrey Place Centre is the lead agency for two specialized autism programs: **Toronto Partnership for Autism Services (TPAS)** provides one-on-one intensive behavioural intervention (IBI), a treatment program based on the scientific principles of applied behaviour analysis.

**School Support Program** provides specialized services to school boards to enhance the education of students with ASD.

**Medical Services:** part of an interdisciplinary approach to support the Centre's developmental programs. Physicians represent family medicine, paediatrics, psychiatry, genetics, neurology and ENT.

## TRE-ADD Program (Treatment, Research & Education for Autism and Developmental Disorders)

416 326 0608 / Intake: 416 326 0612 / Fax 416 326-0578  
Currently under construction / myrna.scott@ontario.ca

Thistletown Regional Centre,  
51 Panorama Court, Toronto, ON, M9V 4L8

### Eligibility

School aged children and youth who have been diagnosed with autism and related disorders.

### Description of Service

**Consultation:** services provided to other community agencies, Boards of Education and professionals in the community.

**Family Support Services:** include family, marital, and/or individual counseling for adults and children. Clients assigned a Clinical Case Coordinator who can provide assessment, treatment and case management services.

**Parent Relief:** respite service for families providing temporary residential care for children and adolescents with ASD in the TRE-ADD program.

Community respite spaces may be accessed through special community committees.

**School Based Services:** includes specialized education and treatment programs for school aged children and youth with ASD. Referrals prioritized through waitlist and admissions determined based on match between client needs and services offered.

**Residential Services:** comprised of three five-bed group homes located on main campus of Thistletown Regional Centre. Programs are highly structured and offer multi-disciplinary assessment and treatment services for hard to serve children and youth with ASD.

# Diagnostic, Medical and Professional Services

This section includes information about agencies and programs that offer diagnostic and/or, specialized medical services and various other professional services to individuals with ASD and their families.

**Diagnosis** for an autism spectrum disorder may be provided by a paediatrician, developmental paediatrician, family doctor, psychiatrist or registered psychologist. Child development clinics provide services from multidisciplinary teams, including comprehensive assessments and community diagnostic reports, complete treatment plans and varying levels of on-going support and services. Most of these clinics assess children up to the age of six. Children older than six years of age may be assessed by a mental health program or by an individual paediatrician, psychiatrist or psychologist.

A list of **medical services** for children with autism spectrum disorders experiencing difficulties in specific areas including: eating, sleeping, dental, hearing, communicating and vision is provided. Some specific medical services (such as audiology) are also provided by agencies listed in the **Comprehensive Services** section. Parents/caregivers should also consult with their family doctor or paediatrician to find services that meet their child's needs.

Contact information for **medical services**:

**Dentistry:** The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario  
416 961-6555 or [www.rcdso.org](http://www.rcdso.org)

**Optometry:** Ontario Association of Optometrists  
905 826-3522, 800-540-3837 or [www.eyecareoao.com](http://www.eyecareoao.com)

**Audiology:** Ontario Association of Speech and Language Pathologists & Audiologists  
416 920-3676 or [www.osla.on.ca](http://www.osla.on.ca)

Children and adolescents with an autism spectrum disorder may require other **professional services** including speech therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology and social work. Some of these services are provided in hospitals and community agencies and others are provided on a private or fee-for-service basis. This section includes information about agencies or hospitals where services are provided by a multidisciplinary team. Parents/caregivers should consult with their family doctor or paediatrician for assistance in finding the most appropriate hospital-based services. In addition, most agencies listed in the **Comprehensive Services** section also provide a range of professional services.

Contact information to access **private professional services:**

**Occupational Therapy:**

Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists  
416 322-3011 or [www.osot.on.ca](http://www.osot.on.ca)

**Physiotherapy:** Ontario Physiotherapy Association  
416 322-6866 or [www.opa.on.ca](http://www.opa.on.ca)

**Psychology:** Ontario Psychological Association  
416 961-5552 or [www.psych.on.ca](http://www.psych.on.ca)

**Social Work:** Ontario College of Social Workers and  
Social Service Workers  
416 972-9882 or [www.ocswssw.org](http://www.ocswssw.org)

**Speech and Language Pathology:**

Ontario Association of Speech & Language  
Pathologists & Audiologists  
416 920-3676 or [www.osla.on.ca](http://www.osla.on.ca)

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## Autism Treatment Network (ATN)

416 925-5141 x 2270 / Fax 416 925-3402  
ATNCoordinator@surreyplace.on.ca  
2 Surrey Place, Toronto, ON M5S 2C2

### Eligibility

Ages 3 – 17 diagnosed with an ASD in the past year.  
Contact Noel Grzetic at above number to inquire about eligibility.

### Description of Service

The ATN registry is a multi –centre study across North America, collecting clinical information on children diagnosed with ASD. Participants who register receive a psychological assessment and referrals to other medical specialists if needed.

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## Bloorview Child Development Program: Autism Diagnostics and Medical Clinics

*(See Bloorview Kids Rehab listing in Comprehensive Services)*

## Centre for Addiction and Mental Health: The Child Youth & Family Program

416 535-8501 x 6248 / Fax 416 979-4668

www.camh.net

250 College St., Toronto, ON, M5T 1R8

### Eligibility

Ages: birth - 17.5.

### Description of Service

Psychotic Disorders and Pervasive Developmental Disorders: assessment and consultative services for children and adolescents (ages 5 - 13) diagnosed with a psychotic disorder or a pervasive developmental disorder. Support understanding diagnosis and treatment recommendations as appropriate. Some outpatient treatment.

**Social Skills Groups:** Ages 8 – 14 with a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome (run in partnership with the Asperger's Society of Ontario (See listing in **Family Support**).

**Mood and Anxiety Service:** assessment and treatment for ages 4-17 having problems with anxiety. No referral required.

**The Arson Prevention Program for Children (TAPP-C):** 416 979-4964. Assessment and intervention to reduce fire involvement (intentional fire setting and/or match/lighter play) and fire safety promotion for ages 2 - 17.

**Child Consultation Service Contact:** 416 535-8501 x 6248. Multidisciplinary team offering consultation to children, adolescents, and families with a variety of adjustment, emotional, behavioural, family or parenting difficulties.

**The Gender Identity Service:** 416 535-8501 x 4040. Support for children, adolescents and families to better understand a young person's struggle with gender identity development and related behavioural or emotional problems.

**Adolescent Service:** Dr. Bassarathx 416 535-8501 x 4856. Mental health risk assessments for youth in court system. Referral: court ordered by judges.

**Better Behaviours Service:** Ms. Doyon 416 535-8501 x 4366. Assessments and short-term treatment for children with externalizing disorders.

**Youth Addictions and Youth Outreach Programs:** 416 535-8501x1730. Helps youth (ages 16 - 24) who have

substance use problems, with or without a mental disorder.

**SAPACCY** (Substance Abuse Program for African Canadian and Caribbean Youth): 416 535-8501 X 6767. Treatment for ages 13 - 24.

## Centre for Addiction and Mental Health: Queen Street Site

Phone 416 535-8501 x 7809 / Fax 416 785-7435

[www.camh.net](http://www.camh.net)

1001 Queen St. W., Toronto, ON, M6J 1H4

### Eligibility

Ages 16+ with a developmental disability and emotional, behavioural or psychiatric difficulties, including autism, and their families and care providers.

### Description of Service

**Dual Diagnosis Resource Service:** consultation, assessment, diagnosis, time limited treatment, respite, in-home and crisis supports, education, training and system facilitation including referrals to housing, vocational, educational and treatment services.

**Day Treatment:** for inpatient unit and individuals in the community. Provides consultation, assessment, treatment, training and skills development as an alternative to hospitalization.

**The Inpatient Unit:** 15 beds for time limited admission. Assessment and treatment for clients referred with a dual diagnosis.

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## COTA Health

416 785-9230 / Fax 416 785-9358  
www.cotahealth.ca / info@cotahealth.ca  
700 Lawrence Ave. W., Suite 362, Toronto, ON, M6A 3B4

### Eligibility

Dependent on service.

### Description of Service

Comprehensive range of client-centered mental health and rehabilitation services: Treatment and Rehabilitation; Site Support; Case Management; Court Support; Network Therapy; and Developmental Services. Services provided by occupational therapists, physiotherapists, dietitians, social workers, speech language pathologists, network therapists, court support workers, mental health and Acquired Brain Injury case managers and community liaison workers.

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## Griffin Centre

*(See listing in Comprehensive Services)*

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## The Hanen Centre

416 921-1073 / 877- HANEN 55  
Fax 416- 921-1225 /  
www.hanen.org / info@hanen.org  
Suite 515 - 1075 Bay St., Toronto, ON M5S 2B1

### Eligibility

Young children with language delays.

### Description of Service

**It Takes Two to Talk® - The Hanen Program® for Parents:** family-focused early language intervention for young children with expressive and/or receptive language delays.

**Learning Language and Loving It™- The Hanen Program for Early Childhood Educators/Teachers:** developmental approach to promoting children's social, language and literacy development in a variety of early childhood settings including child care, preschool, and nursery and kindergarten programs.

**More Than Words:** family-focused program that gives parents of children with ASD and related social communication

difficulties, practical tools to help their children communicate.

**Target Word® - The Hanen Program for Parents of Children who are Late Talkers:** designed for parents of children formally identified as late talkers.

**You Make The Difference:** supports parents of typically developing children, birth - 5 who would like to learn more about fostering and enriching their child's early language. It can also provide support to vulnerable families whose children's learning may be at risk due to environmental and/or societal challenges.

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## Hospital for Sick Children

416 813-1500 / [www.sickkids.ca](http://www.sickkids.ca)  
555 University Ave., Toronto, ON, M5G 1X8

### Eligibility

Ages: birth - 18.

### Description of Service

NOTE: The Child Development Clinic (ASD Diagnostic Clinic) has moved to Bloorview Kids Rehab – see listing in Specialized and Comprehensive Services

**Paediatric Consultation Clinic:** 416 813-5839. Multidisciplinary clinic to assess and treat children referred with, neurodevelopmental, learning and behaviour problems, sleep disorders and enuresis (bed wetting).

**Anxiety Disorders Clinic:** 416 813-6582.

**Autism Research Department:** 416 813-8748.

**Genetics Clinic:** 416 813-6390.

**Audiology Clinic:** 416 813-6770.

**Dentistry:** 416 813-7433.

**G-Tube Clinic:** 416 813-7270.

**Feeding Disorder Clinic:** 416 813-7270.

**Ophthalmology / Vision Sciences:** 416 813-6838.

**Learning Disabilities Research Program:** 416 813-6329.

**Infant Psychiatry:** 416 813-4248.

**Psychiatry:** 416 813-6600.

**Sleep Disorder Clinic:** 416 813-6338.

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## Lakeshore Area Multi-service Project (LAMP)

416 252-6471 / Fax 416 252-4474  
www.lampchc.org  
185 Fifth St., Toronto, ON, M8V 2Z5

### Eligibility

Dependent on program.

### Description of Service

Community health and social service centre that provides: Medical and Clinical Services; Children and Youth Programs; Family Programs; Community Services; and speech and language services for children birth - 5 years.

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## North York General Hospital: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Program (Branson Site)

416 756-6642 / Fax 416 756-6642  
www.nygh.on.ca/programs/paediatrics\_specialized\_development.html  
555 Finch Ave. W., 5Th Fl., Toronto, ON, M2R 1N5

### Eligibility

**Child Development Clinic:** Children from birth – 6 years who are experiencing a delay in two or more areas of development.

**Mental Health Services:** Children from birth – 19 years who are experiencing emotional/mental health concerns.

### Description of Service

**Child Development Clinic:** multidisciplinary developmental assessment and follow up, limited occupational therapy intervention for children assessed in the clinic, Autism Nutrition Clinic- mCHECK.

**Child and Adolescent Mental Health:** ambulatory (multi-disciplinary assessment and treatment) and in-patient (6 bed unit for serious mental health problems).

**Medical Psychiatry:** Ages 6 - 19.

**Adolescent Health Service:** primary mental health care for a variety of physical, social, emotional or school related problems.

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## Regent Park Community Health Clinic: Regent Park Child Development Clinic

416 364-2261 x 4002 or 416 362-0805 / Fax 416 362-5899  
www.regentparkchc.org/ghome.htm  
33 Belshaw Place, 2nd Fl., Toronto, ON M5A 3H6

### Eligibility

Ages 0 - 6 (older children will be considered), suspected of having developmental delays, ASD, learning disabilities, emotional/social difficulties and/or ADHD. Must live in the following catchment area: Sherbourne Street to River Street and King Street to Gerrard Street East. For non-insured clients: Bloor Street to the Lakeshore and the Don River to Yonge Street.

### Description of Service

A neighbourhood-based developmental clinic providing the following services:

Developmental Psychologist and a Developmental Paediatrician who conduct developmental assessments.

Early Years community-based Nurse provides clinical and emotional support for families, case management, as well as an outreach-nursing clinic with an emphasis on early childhood development, health promotion and disease prevention.

Early Years Social Worker provides individual assessment, case management and coordination, short term counselling, group work, and access to community and specialized services. Call 416 364-0522.

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## Rouge Valley Health System: Shoniker Child and Adolescent Clinic

416 284-8131 x 7301 / [www.rougevalley.ca](http://www.rougevalley.ca)  
2867 Ellesmere Rd., Scarborough, ON, M1E 4B9

### Eligibility

Ages 0 - 18 with mental health, developmental, emotional, behavioural, or neuropsychiatric disorders.

### Description of Service

Assessment, treatment, and referrals for children and youth with mental health and/or developmental concerns (including autism spectrum disorders).

Developmental Screening Clinic: Ages birth - 5. Multidisciplinary assessments and treatment (including counselling, group therapy, education and medication).

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## Speech and Stuttering Institute and Toronto Children's Centre (formerly the Speech Foundation of Ontario)

416 491-7771 / Fax 416 491-7215  
[www.speechfoundation.org](http://www.speechfoundation.org) / [sfotcc@speechfoundation.org](mailto:sfotcc@speechfoundation.org)  
#2-150 Duncan Mill Rd., Toronto, ON, M3B 3M4

### Eligibility

**Toronto Children's Centre:** Ages 2 ½ -JK school year with primary, moderate to severe speech and language disorders, developing as expected in other domains.

**Stuttering Program:** Ages 5 - adulthood.

### Description of Service:

Toronto Children's Centre: treatment centre for speech/language delays or disorders (day and after school programs).

**Stuttering Program:** group therapy setting for about 1 to 3 hours depending on program.

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## St. Michael's Health Centre: Paediatric Clinic

416 867-3655 / Fax 416 867-3736  
www.stmichaelshospital.com  
61 Queen St E., Toronto, ON, M5C 2T2

### Eligibility

Children with suspected developmental issues.

### Description of Service

Developmental assessments, dietary/nutritional support and general paediatric consultation.

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## Surrey Place Centre

(See listing in Comprehensive Services)

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## The Scarborough Hospital (formerly Scarborough General)

416 431-8200 / Fax 416 431-8204 / www.tsh.to  
3050 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough, ON, M1P 2V5

### Eligibility

**Developmental Clinic:** 0- 6 years suspected of having a developmental delay or ASD.

**ADHD Clinic:** 0 -16 years suspected of having ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder).

### Description of Service

**Developmental Clinic:** 416 431-4848. Screening, assessment and referrals.

**ADHD Clinic:** 416 431-8135. Assessment and treatment for children and youth with ADHD and related emotional, behavioural and learning issues.

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## Toronto Community Care Access Centre

416 506-9888 / Fax 416 506-0374

[www.torontoccac.com](http://www.torontoccac.com) / [torontoccac@toronto.ccac-ont.ca](mailto:torontoccac@toronto.ccac-ont.ca)

250 Dundas St. W., Suite 305, Toronto, ON, M5T 2Z5

### Eligibility

Varies according to service, must have Ontario Health Insurance.

**In-Home Health and Social Services:** need for professional or support services in the community (home or school) that cannot be met with outpatient services.

### Description of service

Arrange in-home or school-based health and social services, and placement in long-term care facilities, service coordination, information and referral for related community services.

**In-Home Services:** nursing care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, social work, nutritional counselling, personal support, and homemaking. If eligible for above services, other services may be provided such as drug card, medical equipment or supplies, laboratory services, transportation.

**Child and Family Services:** for children or youth with short or long-term disabilities or other special needs and their families. 2 components, in-home health and personal support, services as listed above, with the addition of palliative care and respite care (caregiver relief), school-based services - professional services to enable children with disabilities or ongoing diseases to attend school.

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## Toronto East General Hospital: Child Development Clinic

416 469-6580 x 6590 / [www.tegh.on.ca](http://www.tegh.on.ca)

825 Coxwell Ave., Toronto, ON, M4C 3E7

### Eligibility

Ages 6 and under suspected of having a developmental delay or autism spectrum disorder.

### Description of Service

Multidisciplinary developmental assessment and follow up. Other professional services available (occupational therapy, speech, psychology).

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## Toronto Preschool Speech and Language Services

416 338-8255 / Fax 416 338-8511  
www.tpsls.on.ca / tpsls@toronto.ca  
225 Duncan Mill Rd., Suite 201, Toronto, ON, M3B 3K9

### Eligibility

Children from birth to end of senior kindergarten.

### Description of Service

**Speech and Language Program:** assessment, information and referral, parent support, training, public awareness, speech and language intervention services.

**French Language Program:** 416 491-1230.

**Infant Hearing Program:** a community program designed to identify infants born deaf or hard of hearing and provide follow up supports and services.

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## University Health Network at Toronto Western Hospital: Tourette's Syndrome Clinic

416 603-5794 / Fax 416 603-5292  
www.uhn.ca/clinics\_&\_services/clinics/tourettes.asp  
regi.eastman@uhn.on.ca  
Tourette's Syndrome Clinic, Toronto Western Hospital  
399 Bathurst St., Toronto, ON, M5T 2S8

### Eligibility

Birth to adult, for a primary query of Tourette's Syndrome. If suspected of having Asperger's Syndrome as well as Tourette's, may receive additional assessment and treatment for both diagnoses.

### Description of Service

**Multi-disciplinary team provides:** Comprehensive diagnostic assessment for children and adults, family assessment and treatment, group and individual therapy, neuropsychological and psycho-educational assessment, pharmacological management and follow-up. Liaison with schools and community agencies.

## Whitby Mental Health Centre: Adolescent and Young Adult Program

416 314-2862 / Toll free crisis line: 1 800 341-2679

Fax 905 430-4032

[www.whitbymentalhealthcentre.ca/aya.htm](http://www.whitbymentalhealthcentre.ca/aya.htm)

[communications@wmhc.ca](mailto:communications@wmhc.ca)

700 Gordon St., Whitby, ON, L1N 5S9

### Eligibility

**ASTT:** Youth ages 13 – 17 demonstrating immediate threat to self or other, or acute psychosis. Includes those that do not have a diagnosis. Contact Kinark for intake: 1 888 454-6275

**ARR:** Youth ages 14 – 17.5 requiring treatment for major depressive or psychotic disorders. Contact intake worker at 905 430-4055 x 6014.

### Description of Service

#### Assessment, Stabilization, Treatment and Transition

**Program for Youth (ASTT):** a locked setting which provides a complete multi-disciplinary assessment, behavioural stabilization, recommendations for treatment and management, and transition to community services.

**Adolescent Residential Rehabilitation (ARR):** residential services, psychiatric assessment and follow up, psychological assessment, individual and family therapy, and consultation to community agencies, schools and group homes.

# Treatment Services

## (Including Counselling, Residential and Day Treatment)

This section includes information about agencies that provide treatment services to children and adolescents with a range of emotional, behavioural, developmental, and mental health issues, including autism spectrum disorders.

None of these agencies offers services exclusively to those with autism spectrum disorders. Agencies that offer a full range of services, including counselling and treatment, primarily to those with autism spectrum disorders, are listed in the ***Comprehensive Services*** section.

These agencies provide a variety of services including: assessments (psychiatric, psychological and psycho-social), counselling (individual, couple, family, and group), medication consultation and monitoring, behaviour management, service coordination, community referrals, parent education and support, day treatment, and residential services. Services are usually provided by a mental health team which may include a psychiatrist and/or psychologist and other professionals. Most mental health teams operating out of a medical hospital require a referral from a physician, while most operating out of a community based agency accept self-referrals.

Psychiatric services may be provided by a psychiatrist working from an office or within a hospital. Hospital based psychiatric services are listed in the ***Diagnostic, Medical and Professional Services section***. All psychiatrists require a referral from a physician and lists of psychiatrists are available through the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario ([www.cpso.on.ca](http://www.cpso.on.ca)).

Parents who are interested in accessing lists of resources and agencies related to **applied behavioural analysis (ABA) and intensive behavioural intervention (IBI)** can find information on the following Autism Ontario website: [www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/web/Links+Behaviour?OpenDocument](http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/web/Links+Behaviour?OpenDocument)

**Residential Services** are usually offered within a children's or adolescent mental health agency. Other residential services that specialize in treating children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders have also been listed.

These services are best accessed with the assistance of a children's aid society worker or a service coordinator, who is available through several agencies including Surrey Place Centre, Community Living Toronto, Community Care Access Centre, Family Service Association of Toronto, Kerry's Place, or TRE-ADD (see individual listings for these services). Service coordinators and parents can access information related to children's residential services by calling the **Centralized Access to Residential Services (CARS)** at 416 482-7884. There are very few vacancies in residential services; consequently, parents should plan far in advance for when a child's placement is expected. In a crisis situation, or where there is a risk to the safety of the child, youth or others, parents or professionals should call the appropriate Children's Aid Society listed in this section (**CAS, CCAS, JF&CS, Native C&FS**) in order to arrange for immediate placements when necessary.

Day Treatment is offered at a number of agencies listed in this section. Day treatment is a school program offered either at a mental health agency or at a community school. These programs are jointly run by the agency and the school board, and offer a therapeutic educational program with a high staff to student ratio. These programs are intended for students who are unable to manage in a regular school program.

**Intensive Child and Family Services (I.C.F.S.)** is a collaborative service that compliments an existing service. Children and adolescents can be referred if they are experiencing a potential breakdown in relationships at home, loss of a school placement, and/or severe adjustment difficulties in the community. ICFS is a short-term program (up to 12 weeks) available in the home, school or community. A service coordinator must be identified who will make a referral to one of the following agencies:

**Adventure Place**  
**Hincks-Dellcrest Centre**  
**The Griffin Centre**  
**Etobicoke Children's Centre**  
**George Hull Centre**  
**Yorktown Child and Family Centre**

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## A Circle of Support

905 762-9909 x 222 / Fax 905 762-9850  
www.acircleofsupport.com / andrea@acircleofsupport.com  
100 York Blvd., Ste 115, Richmond Hill, ON, L4B 1J8

### Eligibility

Ages 4 - 12 with autism spectrum disorders. Must be ambulatory and free of any other physical condition that would prohibit participation in program. Must not have serious aggressive or destructive behaviours.

### Description of Service

**Community residential treatment program:** helps children develop self care skills, life skills, functional communication skills and alternative language tools, social skills, management of challenging behaviours, community participation, and vocational planning.

Short term respite care.

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## Adventure Place

416 744-7650 / 416 744-8055  
www.adventureplace.ca / intake@adventureplace.ca  
McNicoll Public School, 155 McNicoll Ave., Toronto, ON,  
M2H 2C1

### Eligibility

Ages infancy – 6, experiencing difficulties in development, learning, speech & language, behaviour, social/emotional, ASD, attention deficit disorders

### Description of Service

Day Treatment Program (ages 3.8 – 7), Assessment and Early Intervention Services, Prevention Services, Community Mobilization Services.

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## Aisling Discoveries

416 321-5464 / Fax 416 321-1510

[www.aislingdiscoveries.on.ca](http://www.aislingdiscoveries.on.ca)

[mailus@aislingdiscoveries.on.ca](mailto:mailus@aislingdiscoveries.on.ca)

325 Milner Ave., Suite 110, Scarborough, ON, M1B 5N1

### Eligibility

Age birth – 12 with difficulties in behaviour, emotional issues, attention deficit disorder/attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, speech & language disorders, ASD.

### Description of Service

Prevention and early intervention, community intervention and treatment (counselling, consultation, groups), school based services (Day Treatment program) residential services, Toronto Preschool Autism Services (TPAS)

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## Aspergers Society of Ontario

*(See listing in Family Support)*

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## Association for the Neurologically Disabled of Canada (A.N.D.)

416 244-1992 / 800 561-1497 / Fax 416 244-4099

[www.AND.ca](http://www.AND.ca) / [info@and.ca](mailto:info@and.ca)

59 Clement Rd., Etobicoke, ON, M9R 1Y5

### Eligibility

Children and adults with neurological disabilities.

### Description of Service

Home-based functional rehabilitation programs to individuals with neurological disabilities. Their goal is to help the neurologically disabled reach their full potential by treating the cause of their disability rather than the symptoms. The program is designed to help individuals improve their learning, behaviour and performance abilities. By working towards a better organized, stronger and more efficient nervous system, individuals become better able to demonstrate and to access their true potential.

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## Bartimaeus Inc.

416 243-3330 / Fax 416 245-4116  
www.bartimaeus.com  
1009 Scarlett Rd., Toronto, Ontario M9P 2V3

### Eligibility

Individuals with autism spectrum disorders and other special needs.

### Description of Service

**Home/Community Care Support:** provides direct service to parents and/or other family members who require Child and Youth Work expertise and support during crisis or transition periods. Interim or ongoing support is provided at home and/or in the community.

**Family Respite:** provides accessible and flexible Child and Youth Work support to families who are experiencing difficulties with one of their children or an adult family member who has special needs.

**Child Management Program:** provides parents with direct support in child management theory and practice. Suitable for children who experience difficulties with peers, routines, school performance, family relations, substance abuse and anger management. Program support is provided in the home, at school, or in the community.

**Hospital and Health Care Service:** provides accessible and flexible support to children and adolescents who are experiencing severe behavioural, social, emotional, cognitive and psychiatric difficulties and require additional support in the hospital or in the home.

**Youth Justice Support Service:** provides Child and Youth Work support to young offenders, their families and other service providers.

*Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week with an answering service for after hours.*

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## Blooming Acres

*(See listing in Family Support)*

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## Catholic Children's Aid Society

416 395-1500 (available 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk)

Fax 416 395-1581

[www.torontoccas.org](http://www.torontoccas.org) / [pr@ccas.toronto.on.ca](mailto:pr@ccas.toronto.on.ca)

26 Maitland St., Toronto, ON, M4Y 1C6

### Eligibility

For Catholic faith families of children with special needs who are experiencing extreme difficulty caring for their children for any variety of reasons (particularly risk of family breakdown, risk to self or others, safety risks).

### Description of Service

A mandated child protection agency offering counselling, support, and parenting skills programs. Provides services either to support the child remaining in the home, or to assist with alternate living arrangements. Provides linkages to community resources and some case coordination.

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## Centennial Infant and Child Centre

416 935-0200 / Fax 416 935-0300

[www.cicc.on.ca](http://www.cicc.on.ca) / [pmcnamara@cicc.on.ca](mailto:pmcnamara@cicc.on.ca)

1580 Yonge St., Toronto, ON, M4T 1Z8

### Eligibility

Children with a developmental disability in two or more developmental areas (i.e. social, communication, gross/fine motor, cognitive, self-help, play skills).

Infants at risk of developmental delay due to very low birth weight or premature birth.

### Description of Service

#### Integrated Programs with Typically Developing Children:

Morning Preschool (ages 2 - 4) and Afternoon Kindergarten Program (ages 4 - 5). Integrated programs with typically developing children.

**Infant Development Program:** (ages 0 - 6), no fee, in-home program, consultative support to families attending community programs such as Early Years Centres.

**Baby Group:** weekly parent/baby resource and activity program for babies with special needs. Offered at various locations throughout the GTA.

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## Centre for Addiction and Mental Health: The Child, Youth & Family Program

*(See listing in Diagnostic, Medical and Professional Services)*

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## Centre for Addiction and Mental Health – Queen Street Site

*(See listing in Diagnostic, Medical and Professional Services)*

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## Child Development Institute (formerly Earlscourt Children’s Centre and Crèche Child and Family Centre)

416 603-1827 / Fax 416 603-6655  
www.childdevelop.ca / mail@childdevelop.ca  
197 Euclid Ave., Toronto, ON, M6J 2J8

### Eligibility

Children 0 – 6 years with social/ emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Children 6 –12 years with significant behavioural difficulties.

### Description of Service

**Healthy Child Development Program:** operates 8 Early Learning Centres which are licensed child care settings for all children ages (birth - 6).

**Early Intervention Programs:** Special Needs Resource Consultants available to assigned childcare centres to support inclusion of children with special needs in childcare.

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## Children's Aid Society of Toronto

416 924-4646 / Fax 416 324-2485  
www.torontocas.ca / inquiries@torontocas.ca  
30 Isabella St., Toronto ON, M4Y 1N1

### Eligibility

Parents of children with special needs who are experiencing extreme difficulty caring for their children (particular risk of family breakdown, safety risks).

### Description of Service

A mandated child protection agency offering counselling, support, and parenting skills programs. Provides services either to support the child remaining in the home, or to assist with alternate living arrangements. Provides linkages to community resources and some case coordination.

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## Core Support Group (formerly Solution's Place)

905 303-5389 / Fax 905 303-0405  
jpeterkin@on.aibn.com  
Cormorant Crescent, Woodbridge, ON, L4H 2E9

### Eligibility

Children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities.

### Description of Service

Fee for service support staffing agency providing one-to-one counselling support to families/community care agencies managing children, youth, adults and seniors with special needs, disabilities, psychological, developmental, social, emotional and or behavioural difficulties.

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## Delisle Youth Services

416 482-0081/ Fax 416 482-5055  
www.delisleyouth.org / info@delisleyouth.org  
255-40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto, ON, M4R 1B9

### Eligibility

Adolescents ages 13 – 18 with concerns related to behaviour, social and emotional issues.

### Description of Service

**Counselling:** short and long term individual and family counselling.

**Day Treatment:** 416 394-2010.

**Residential Services:** referral through a case manager to CARS.

**Delisle in the Schools:** school based counselling provided in four TDSB secondary schools (Northern Collegiate, Lawrence Park, York Memorial, North Toronto)

**Special Needs Team (SNT) Program:** 416 482-0081 x 263. Consultation and support to families of children with complex special needs (including autism).

**RPAC (Residential Placement Advisory Committee):** 416 482-0081 x 222. Reviews residential placements of children to ensure their needs are being met.

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## DLC Residential Services

416 281-1147 / 877 205-2382 / Fax 416 281-4529  
debdlc@on.aibn.com  
344A Morningside Ave., Scarborough, ON, M1E 3G3

### Eligibility

Children ages 5 – 18 with developmental disabilities and/or autism.

### Description of Service

Residential care with a community focus offered in four group homes in Scarborough. Treatment plans include behaviour analysis, life skills training, communication, and social/community integration.

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## East Metro Youth Services

416 438-3697 / Fax 416 438-7424  
www.emys.on.ca / emys@emys.on.ca

1200 Markham Rd., Suite 200, Toronto, ON, M1H 3C3

### Eligibility

Youth ages 12 - 18 with diagnosed emotional, behavioural and/or developmental issues (including a mental health diagnosis).

### Description of Service

**Counselling:** for individuals and families.

### Parenting Groups

**Whatever it Takes:** program for children ages 0-18 with complex needs. Call 416 222-1153.

### Intensive Child and Family Services Program

**Day Treatment:** significant psychosocial difficulties including mental health, behaviour and learning disabilities.

### Community and Child Welfare Based Residential Services

**After School Programs** (Galloway: ages 12-18; Maplewood: ages 18 – 24);

**Summer Camp;** Time for the Taking (assistance obtaining parent relief).

### Expelled Student Program

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## East York Residential Services

416 941-9474 / Fax 416 361-1323  
www.eyrs.on.ca / eyrs@rogers.com  
295A Queen St. E., Toronto, ON, M5A 1S7

### Eligibility

Ages 12+ with developmental disabilities, emotional problems and/or autism.

### Description of Service

Residential care offered in six staff model group homes with programs in social skills and life skills; individual and group counselling; psychiatric, and behavioural consultation.

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## Etobicoke Children's Centre

416 240-1111 / Fax 416 240-7999

www.etobicokechildren.com / ecc@etobicokechildren.com

65 Hartsdale Dr., Etobicoke, ON, M9R 2S8

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Treatment Services  
(Including Counselling,  
Residential and Day Treatment)

### Eligibility

Ages birth -12 with a variety of developmental, behavioural, emotional and mental health issues.

### Description of Service

#### Early Intervention Services:

#### West Toronto Preschool Speech And Language Services

**Etobicoke Preschool Consultation Group (EPCG):** coalition of agencies providing assessment, intervention and consultation to nursery schools and child care centres in Etobicoke.

**Consultation and Support Team (CAST):** provides a range of mental health services including family treatment, consultation to teachers, children's groups and parent education in designated high need schools.

**Kindergarten Intervention Program (KIP):** provides assessment and consultation to the Boards of Education KIP programs.

### Treatment Services

**Intake:** provides linkage to community resources and some support services while families are awaiting services. **Child**

**and Family Services:** provides a range of assessment (not autism diagnosis) and counselling services including family therapy, individual/play therapy, group therapy, parent education, service coordination, psychiatric, psychological and speech and language consultation.

**Intensive Child and Family Services:** an interagency service that provides short term intensive treatment programs.

**Mental Health Services for Children ages 0 - 6:** provides early identification, intervention and treatment.

**Day Treatment:** provides school placements and support services for children who cannot attend community schools because of emotional and behavioural problems.

**Toronto Preschool Autism Service (TPAS):** Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) for children diagnosed with autism.

**West End Sexual Abuse Treatment Program.**

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## Family Service Toronto

416 595-9230 / Fax 416 595-0242

[www.familyserVICEToronto.org](http://www.familyserVICEToronto.org) / [sau@familyserVICEToronto.org](mailto:sau@familyserVICEToronto.org)

700 Lawrence Ave. W., Suite 498, Toronto, ON M6A 3B4

### Eligibility

Families of children with a variety of needs, including developmental disabilities.

### Description of Service

Numerous counselling and support services for a wide range of difficulties.

**Options Program:** for adults with intellectual disabilities and parents of children and youth with intellectual disabilities.

Offers parent support, community resourcing and planning, case co ordination and community referrals.

Call: 416 971-6326.

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## George Hull Centre for Children and Families

Phone 416 622-8833 x258 / Fax 416 622-7068

[www.georgehullcentre.on.ca](http://www.georgehullcentre.on.ca)

[reachus@georgehullcentre.on.ca](mailto:reachus@georgehullcentre.on.ca)

600 The East Mall, 3rd Fl., Etobicoke, ON, M9B 4B1

### Eligibility

Ages birth -18, with behavioural, emotional, psychiatric, or family and interpersonal problems who reside in Etobicoke.

### Description of Service

**Prevention and Early Intervention Services:**

**Health Promotion:** parenting groups, community clinical consultation, community development

**Etobicoke Preschool Consultation Group:** consultation to nursery schools and child care centres.

**Community Clinic:** multidisciplinary outpatient consultation, assessment and treatment.

**Boys House and Girls House:** residential treatment and connected school programs for ages 13-18.

**Clear Directions Program:** outpatient and day treatment for youth ages 13 -18 with substance abuse and mental health problems.

## Griffin Centre

(See listing in *Comprehensive Services*)

## Hincks-Dellcrest Children's Mental Health Centre

416 924-1164 / Fax 416 924-8208  
www.hincksdellcrest.org / info@hincksdellcrest.org  
440 Jarvis St., Toronto, ON, M4Y 2H4

### Eligibility

Ages birth -18, experiencing mental health problems.

### Description of Service

**Outpatient Services:** services may include brief or longer-term family therapy, group therapy, individual therapy, liaison with schools or other service providers, and specialized psychological or psychiatric assessments and consultation.

**Day Treatment Program:** service is provided by multidisciplinary team in collaboration with teachers from the Toronto District School Board.

**Residential Services:** three residences provide short-term (three months to two years) residential treatment services to seriously disturbed children and youth.

## Integra Foundation

416 486-8055 / Fax 416 486-1282  
www.integra.on.ca / info@integra.on.ca  
25 Imperial St., Toronto, ON, M5P 1B9

### Eligibility

Ages 8 -18 with learning disabilities and related psychosocial difficulties (includes children with autism spectrum disorders who meet criteria for a learning disability). Must have documented learning disability and at least average cognitive reasoning.

### Description of Service

**Counselling:** family, parent and individual.

**Group Treatment:** specialized therapeutic groups to improve social skills.

**Camp Towhee:** special needs summer residential camp for ages 10 -18. Must meet Integra eligibility requirements.

**Mindfulness Based Martial Arts.**

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## Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Centre (part of Jewish Family and Child Services)

416 482-3023 / Fax 416 482-3014

www.jfandcs.com / markmingail@jfandcs.com

196 Keewatin Ave., Toronto, ON, M4P 1Z8

### Eligibility

Youth ages 11-17 with emotional, behavioural and/or learning problems (will accept youth with Asperger's Syndrome and high functioning autism).

### Description of Service

**Day Treatment:** TDSB accredited education program. Also individual and/or family counselling as needed.

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## Jewish Family and Child Services

416 638-7800 / Fax 416 638-7943

www.jfandcs.com / info@jfandcs.com

4600 Bathurst St., Toronto, ON, M2R 3V3

### Eligibility

Families with special needs children ages birth-18, who are living at home and have been diagnosed with a developmental disability.

### Description of Service

**Family Support Program:** provides case management services including needs assessment, supportive and resource counselling, advocacy, education and parent support groups. Supports children with developmental challenges to maximize their potential. Referrals accepted from the family and involved community institutions and professionals.

**Henry G. Goodman Foster Home:** for children with physical or developmental disabilities.

**Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Centre:** see separate listing above.

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## Kohai Educational Centre

416 489-3636 / Fax 416 489-3662  
www.kohai.ca / kohai@bellnet.ca  
41 Roehampton Ave., Toronto, ON, M4P 1P9

### Eligibility

Children and adults with autism spectrum disorder, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, genetic disorders, behaviour and language disorders.

### Description of Service

Preschool and day school program for children and adolescents.

**Kohai Plus:** program to assist adults in developing academic, independent living and employment skills.

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## Lakeshore Area Multi-Service Project (LAMP)

*(See listing in Diagnostic, Medical and Professional Services)*

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## Learning Disabilities Association Toronto Chapter

*(See listing in Family Support Services)*

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## Macaulay Child Development Centre

*(See listing in Family Support Services)*

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## Meta Centre

416 736-0199 / Fax 416 736-4825  
www.metacentre.ca / torlando@metacentre.ca  
4801 Keele St., Unit 59, Toronto, ON, M3J 3A4

### Eligibility

Children and adults with a developmental disability, including individuals with a dual diagnosis.

### Description of Service

Residential services, day programs and recreational programs for individuals with a developmental disability and individuals with dual diagnosis.

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## Muki Baum Association for the Rehabilitation of the Multi-Handicapped

416 630-2222 / Fax 416 630-2236

[www.mukibaum.com](http://www.mukibaum.com)

265 Rimrock Rd., Suite 209, Toronto, ON, M3J 3C6

### Eligibility

Ages 4+ with complex conditions, developmental disabilities and emotional or psychiatric disorders (dual diagnosis) and autism spectrum disorders.

### Description of Service

**Clinical/Therapeutic Services:** includes art, music, dance, drama, play and sensory therapy, group and individual verbal therapy, yoga, relaxation.

**Children's Day Treatment Program:** individualized therapeutic day treatment program for ages 5 – 21.

**Residential program:** eight group homes (ages 6 - adult).

**Adult Day Program:** therapy, education, vocational program and life skills to adults ages 21+ with a dual diagnosis.

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## Native Child and Family Services of Toronto

416 969-8510 / Fax 416 928-0706

[www.nativechild.org](http://www.nativechild.org) / [info@nativechild.org](mailto:info@nativechild.org)

30 College St., Toronto, ON, M5G 1K2

### Eligibility

Self-declared Native parents of children with special needs experiencing extreme difficulty caring for their children for any variety of reasons (particularly risk of family breakdown, safety risks).

### Description of Service

A mandated child protection agency offering counselling, support, and parenting skills programs. Services either to support the child remaining in the home, or to assist with alternate living arrangements; linkages to community resources and some case coordination; individual and family counselling; children's mental health programs and youth outreach.

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## New Visions Toronto

416 868-1493 / Fax 416 868-6042  
www.newvisionstoronto.com / newvisionstoronto@on.aibn.com  
250 The Esplanade, Suite 101, The Mill, Toronto, ON, M5A1J2

### Eligibility

Children and young adults (ages 3+) with severe developmental, mental and physical disabilities without destructive or severe behavioural problems.

### Description of Service

Residential program, including day programs and activities, with 24 hour staff support.

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## Oakdale Child and Family Service

416 699-5600 / Fax 416 699-6547  
www.oakdaleservices.com / tor-oakdale@on.aibn.com  
291 Chisholm Ave., Toronto, ON, M4C 4W5

### Eligibility

Special needs children and youth ages 5-18 with autism and/or developmental disabilities, psychological and emotional disturbances, multiple disabilities.

### Description of Service

#### Short or Long Term Residential Care

**Individual and Group Programming:** special needs consultants, life skills, behaviour modification, independence training, community integration, vocational workshop training.

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## Oolagen Community Services

416 395-0660 / Fax 416 395-0666  
www.oolagen.org / ocs@oolagen.org  
65 Wellesley St. E., Ste 500, Toronto, ON, M4Y 1G7

### Eligibility

Youth ages 13-18 with a variety of difficulties.

### Description of Service

**Counselling:** individual, family and group therapy, assessment and treatment.

**Intensive Service:** for high risk youth and their families.

**Wrap-around Programs.**

**School Based Mental Health Services.**

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## Reena

905 889-6484 / Fax 905 889-3827  
www.reena.org / info@reena.org  
927 Clarke Ave. W., Thornhill, ON, L4J 8G6

### Eligibility

Some programs require doctor's referral, for others, anyone can refer.

### Description of Service

Assessment, treatment and ongoing support in a non-sectarian, Jewish environment. Family support, day and evening programs, residential services in Toronto and York Region - including group homes (some fully accessible) and apartments with minimal support to allow for independent living, residential respite.

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## Rouge Valley Health System, Shoniker Child and Adolescent Clinic

*(See listing in Diagnostic, Medical and Professional Service)*

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## Turning Point Youth Services

416 925-9250 / 416 925-9926  
www.turningpoint.ca  
95 Wellesley St. E., Toronto, ON M4Y 2X9

### Eligibility

Youth ages 12 -18 with mental health, developmental or behavioural difficulties.

### Description of Service

Assessment, treatment (individual and family counselling), case management and referrals.

### Residential Program.

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## University Health Network at Toronto Western Hospital: Tourette's Syndrome Clinic

*(See listing in Diagnostic, Medical and Professional Services)*

## Vita Community Living Services

416 749-6234 / 416 378-3271 (crisis phone)

Fax 416 749-1456

www.vitacls.org / mdallanora@vitacls.org

4301 Weston Rd., Toronto, ON, M9L 2Y3

### Eligibility

Youth ages 16 + who have a developmental disability and/or dual diagnosis, including physical, psychiatric or behavioural diagnosis.

### Description of Service

**Respite Services:** day and residential respite (out of home) options; available year-round in various locations. Individualized summer respite and vacation options throughout the year.

**Residential, Day, Respite, Crisis and Specialized Treatment Programs:** programs located throughout GTA.

Other services include behaviour therapy, art therapy, psychiatric consultation, and educational courses for individuals with disabilities in abuse prevention, rights training, relationship and social skills, sexuality, anger management and self esteem.

## Whitby Mental Health Centre: Adolescent and Young Adult Program

*(See listing in Diagnostic Medical and Professional Service)*

## Yorktown Child and Family Centre

416 394-2424 / Fax 416 394-2689

www.yorktownfamilyservices.com / ycfc@bellnet.ca

21 Ascot Ave., Toronto, ON, M6E 1E6

### Eligibility

Accredited children's mental health centre offering services to ages 0 -18 with social, emotional and/or behavioural difficulties, and their families.

### Description of Service

**Family and Individual Counselling**

**West End Walk-In Centre**

**Group Services**

**Prevention and Early Intervention Programs**

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## Youthdale Treatment Centre

416 363-3751/ Crisis Line: 416 363-9990 Fax 416 363 7945  
www.youthdale.ca  
227 Victoria St., Toronto, ON, M5B 1T8

### Eligibility

Children ages 0 -16 with mental health issues.

### Description of Service

**Outpatient Services:** child and family therapy, day treatment programs. Preparation for independence program.

**Assessment and Consultation:** medical and psychiatric consults, psychological and neuropsychological assessments.

**Treatment Residences:** residential treatment programs, Jewish cultural home, and rural home.

**Psychiatric Crisis Services:** 24-hour mobile crisis response team, Transitional Psychiatric Unit, Secure Treatment Unit.

**Seven-week summer camp, Sleep Clinic.**

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## Youthlink

416 967-1773 Fax 416 967-7515  
www.youthlink.ca / info@youthlink.ca  
747 Warden Ave., Toronto, ON, M1L 4A8

### Eligibility

Youth ages 12-21 with developmental disabilities.

### Description of Service

**Family Support Program:** individual, family and group counselling, case management.

School and community-based prevention and intervention programs.

Community development, education and consultation.

Street based outreach and resource centre for homeless, street involved youth. Group home for females ages 14-18.

Co-operative housing for females ages 16-21, and males ages 16-24.

# Family Support

## (Parent Relief, Respite and Child Care Services)

This section includes information about community based agencies and associations that provide a range of family support services to individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

The supports listed in this section include non-professional home visitors and support workers, support groups, access to education and information, and referrals to community resources. It also includes information about agencies and programs that provide parent relief and respite services for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders as well as information on accessing childcare services and subsidies for children with special needs.

Some respite services can be accessed directly by parents/caregivers, while others require or prefer the involvement of a service coordinator. Service coordinators are available through several agencies including, but not limited to: Surrey Place Centre, Community Living Toronto, Family Service Association, Community Care Access Centre, Kerry's Place or TRE-ADD.

Associations based on specific diagnosis provide: networking, advocacy, family and public education and a range of other supports and services.

Other types of family support (provided by a variety of professionals) such as: groups, counselling and case coordination, can be accessed through agencies listed in the **Specialized Comprehensive Services, Diagnostic, Medical and Professional Services** and the **Treatment Services** sections.

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## A Circle of Support

(See A Circle of Support listing in Treatment Services section)

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### Asperger's Society of Ontario

Phone 416 651-4037 / Fax 416 651-1953

[www.aspergers.ca](http://www.aspergers.ca) / [info@aspergers.ca](mailto:info@aspergers.ca)

401-161 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto, ON, M4P 1J5

#### Eligibility

Individuals with Aspergers Syndrome (AS) and their families.

#### Description of Service

Referrals to community services, workshops, school support, consultation.

**Social Interaction & Support Groups:** social skills groups for children ages 8 – 14 with simultaneous parent support group. Run in partnership with Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

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### Autism Society Canada (ASC)

613 789-8943

[www.autismsocietycanada.ca](http://www.autismsocietycanada.ca)

[info@autismsocietycanada.ca](mailto:info@autismsocietycanada.ca)

Box 22017, 1670 Heron Rd., Ottawa, ON, K1V 0C2

#### Eligibility

Individuals with autism, their families and professionals.

#### Description of Service

Provides information, referrals and resources to parents and family members who want support for individuals with autism. Links are provided for youth and adults with an ASD.

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## Autism Ontario: Toronto Chapter (Formerly Autism Society Ontario)

416 489-0702 / Fax 416 489-0702

[www.autismontario.com/toronto](http://www.autismontario.com/toronto)

[toronto@autismontario.com](mailto:toronto@autismontario.com)

Terry Town Postal Outlet, P.O. Box 28041,  
Scarborough, ON, M1N 4E7

### Eligibility

Individuals with autism, their families, and professionals.

### Description of Service

Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact. It provides information and education, supports research, and advocates for programs and services for the autism community.

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## Better Beginnings-NOW (CAP-C)

416 499-3377 / Fax 416 499-0233

[www.betterbeginningsnow.ca](http://www.betterbeginningsnow.ca) / [info@betterbeginningsnow.com](mailto:info@betterbeginningsnow.com)

100 Ravel Rd., Room 203, North York, ON, M2H 1S9

### Eligibility

Parents/care providers of children birth – 6 years.

### Description of Service

They strive to optimize the development (physical, cognitive, social and emotional) of infants and children who are at risk for developmental delay due to difficult life circumstances.

**Prevention Programs:** home visiting, prenatal nutrition, early parenting, Sparroway's Children Program, preschool literacy, Children's Caravan.

## Blooming Acres

705 733-8785 / Fax 705 733-9463

www.bloomingacres.com / info@bloomingacres.com

2446 Snow Valley Rd., RR#3, Minesing, ON, L0L 1Y3

### Eligibility

Children and young adults ages 6 years and up with a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder and/ or other special needs.

### Description of Service

**Residential Services:** licensed children's residence that provides full or part time care for short or long term placements.

**Respite Care:** offers relaxing, educational and therapeutic weekday, weekend or school holiday respite and retreats.

**Summer Camp:** an agricultural, recreation and vocational experience for individuals with an ASD/PDD. Weekly sessions are available June-August.

## Bloorview Kids Rehab: Respite Program

*(See Bloorview Kids Rehab listing in Comprehensive Services)*

## Centre for Independent Living in Toronto (CILT)

416 599-2458 / Fax 416 599-3555

www.cilt.ca / cilt@cilt.ca

605-205 Richmond St. W., Toronto, ON, M5V 1V3

### Eligibility

Persons with physical disabilities living or planning to live independently in the community.

### Description of Service

**Information and Referral Services:** attendant services, employment, housing, transportation, news line, and 24 hour job line 416 599-4898.

**Other Services:** independent living skills training, peer support, Parents with a Disability Network, Diner's Club, resource library.

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## Centre Francophone de Toronto

416 922-2672 / 1 800 268-1697 / Fax 416 922-6624  
www.centrefranco.org / contact@centrefranco.org  
22 College St., Toronto, ON, M5G 1K3

### Eligibility

Open to all members of Toronto's francophone community.

### Description of Service

Le Centre Francophone's mission is to provide Metro Toronto's francophone population with support services which promote the advancement of individual, economic, cultural and community dimensions of Toronto's diverse French-speaking community.

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## Centre Francophone de Toronto

416 922-2672 / 1 800 268-1697 / Téléc. 416 922-6624  
www.centrefranco.org / contact@centrefranco.org  
22, rue College, Toronto, ON, M5G 1K3

### Admissibilité

Population francophone du grand Toronto.

### Description des services

Le CFT a pour mission de permettre à la population francophone du grand Toronto d'avoir accès à des services d'information, d'orientation et d'encadrement susceptibles de promouvoir les dimensions humaine, économique, culturelle et communautaire des multiples aspects de la francophonie.

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## Circle of Care

416 635-2860 / Fax 416 635-1692, 416 635-9492  
www.circleofcare.com / info@circleofcare.com  
530 Wilson Ave., 4th Fl., Toronto, ON, M3H 5Y9

### Eligibility

Persons, including children, with special needs (developmental or physical disabilities).

### Description of Service

**Home Support Services:** homemaking, housekeeping, personal care, caregiver support/respite care, paediatric services.

**Social Work Services:** information and referral, counselling, case management, support groups, workshops.

### Volunteer Services.

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## Community Living Toronto: Harold Lawson Residence (Respite)

(See Community Living Toronto listing in Specialized Comprehensive Services section)

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## East Metro Youth Services: Holiday Respite

(See East Metro Youth Services listing in Treatment Services section)

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## East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club

416 281-0262 Fax 416 281-0458  
www.esbgc.org / info@esbgc.org  
100 Galloway Rd., Scarborough, ON, M1E 1W7

### Eligibility

Children and youth birth - 24 years of age.

### Description of Service

**Recreation Services:** drop-in for caregivers and children.

**Childcare Services:** child care consultation and referrals for children with special needs, birth-12 years.

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## Extend-A-Family

416 484-1317 / Fax 416 484 -1589  
www.extendafamily.ca / info@extendafamily.ca  
200-3300 Yonge St., Toronto, ON, M4N 2L6

### Eligibility

Preschoolers to adolescents with developmental disabilities, autism/PDD, physical disabilities.

### Description of Service

Extend-A-Family helps build meaningful relationships and community inclusion working in partnership with families.

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## Family Day Care Services

416 922-3434 / Fax 416 922-5335

[www.familydaycare.com](http://www.familydaycare.com) / [childcareservices@familydaycare.com](mailto:childcareservices@familydaycare.com)

710 Progress Ave., Unit 1, Toronto, ON, M1H 2X3

### Eligibility

Families of children birth to 12 years, including those with special needs.

### Description of Service

**Childcare:** licensed home child care agency, placement in child care centres, licensed home child care (includes placements for children with developmental disabilities), community resource programs, family resource programs.

**Consulting Services:** work related child care programs, needs assessment and on site child care development and management.

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## Findhelp Information Services: 211 Toronto

416 392-4605 / Fax 416 392-4404

[www.211toronto.ca](http://www.211toronto.ca) / [info@findhelp.ca](mailto:info@findhelp.ca)

Box 203, 543 Richmond St. W., Suite 125 Toronto, ON, M5V 1Y6

### Eligibility

Open to anyone.

### Description of Service

Trained professional social workers provide non-clinical assessments, information, referral and advocacy for people looking for services. Services are available in various languages.

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## Geneva Centre for Autism: Bridges Respite for Children

*(See Geneva Centre for Autism listing in Specialized Comprehensive Services)*

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## Kerry's Place Autism Services: Recreation Services

*(see Kerry's Place listing in Specialized Comprehensive Services)*

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## Learning Disabilities Association: Toronto Chapter

416 229-1680 / Fax 416 229-1681  
www.ldatd.on.ca / admin@ldatd.on.ca  
203-121 Willowdale Ave., Toronto, ON, M2N 6A3

### Eligibility

Children and adults with learning disabilities and ADHD. Also, individuals with autism spectrum disorders with a primary diagnosis of a learning disability.

### Description of Service

**Outreach Initiative Project:** presentations to educate students in grades 4 - 12 about learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder.

**Social Skills/Socialization Programs:** 9 to 13 months in duration for ages 6-16 years.

**Other Programs:** adult programs and services, learning to learn differently, keyboarding, library, resource facilitation, advocacy counselling, parent groups, community outreach programs and public education events.

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## Macaulay Child Development Centre

416 789-7441 / Fax 416 789-4719  
www.macaulaycentre.org / info@macaulaycentre.org  
400-2010 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto, ON, M6E 2K3

### Eligibility

Open to anyone.

### Description of Service

**Child Care and Family Support:** home and centre-based integrated child care programs, family resource programs, parent/caregiver drop-ins, homework clubs, consultation to child care programs, community parents' program (in-home peer support to high-needs pregnant women/families with children birth-6 years), speech/language services, family and early literacy specialists.

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## Meta Centre

(See Meta Centre listing in Treatment Services section)

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## M.O.M. (Moms on a Mission)

416 792-4145

[www.momsonamission.ca](http://www.momsonamission.ca) / [mw@momsonamission.ca](mailto:mw@momsonamission.ca)

### Eligibility

Parents and professionals who are dealing with children with behavioural issues or diagnosed with disorders such as ADHD, learning disabilities, OCD, bipolar and/or Aspergers Syndrome.

### Description of Service

Coaching sessions for parents. Presentations, workshops and books for parents, teachers, and other professionals.

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## Ontario Rett Syndrome Association

416 874-3600 / Fax 416 874-3606

[www.rett.ca](http://www.rett.ca) / [joseph@rett.ca](mailto:joseph@rett.ca)

P.O. Box 75014, Bolton, ON, L7E 1H6

### Eligibility

Families/professionals needing support and information about Rett Syndrome.

### Description of Service

Public awareness, family support, conferences.

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## Reena: After School Youth Club

(See Reena listing in Treatment Services)

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## respite**services.com** (including CHAP Program)

416 322-6317 / Fax 416 481-1512

[www.respiteservices.com](http://www.respiteservices.com) / [info@respiteservices.com](mailto:info@respiteservices.com)

112 Merton St., Toronto, ON M4S 2Z8

### Eligibility

Children of any age with a developmental or physical disability.

### Description of Service

**Respite Care:** [respiteservices.com](http://respiteservices.com) provides detailed information and connects families to respite services from agencies within Toronto. They also assist families in Special Services at Home (SSAH) and Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) applications. Short term coordination can be accessed to overcome barriers to respite.

**CHAP Program:** provide families and agencies with names of workers interested in supporting persons with a developmental disability (including autism). These workers can provide respite in home or through community based activities.

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## The Safehaven Project for Community Living

416 535-8525 / Fax 416 535-9782

[www.safehavenproj.org](http://www.safehavenproj.org) / [info@safehaven.to](mailto:info@safehaven.to)

1173 Bloor St. W., Toronto, ON, M6H 1M9

### Eligibility

For children and young adults with multiple disabilities and complex medical needs.

### Description of Service

**Recreation Services:** program offered year round, 24-hour period, 7 days a week. Activities include: movies, ballgames, arts and crafts and Snoezelen room.

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## Toronto Children's Services Division

416 392-KIDS(5437) / Fax 416 392-4576  
www.toronto.ca/children / childcare@toronto.ca  
Metro Hall, 55 John St., 10th Fl., Toronto, ON, M5V 3C6

### Eligibility

Children ages birth - 9.

### Description of Service

**Childcare:** operates over 55 licensed child care programs.

**Child Services:** provides families with detailed information on licensed child care options in Toronto (includes both child care centres and home care arranged through a licensed private home agency), assistance in placement and care of children with special needs and registry of family resource programs and other parent programs. Administers child care fee subsidy program for families who require financial assistance with cost of licensed child care.

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## Vita Community Living Services: Respite Services

*(See listing in Treatment Services)*

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## Woodgreen Community: Parent Outreach Program (POP)

416 645-6000  
www.woodgreen.org  
815 Danforth Ave., Toronto, ON,

### Eligibility

Persons with disabilities or developmental delays, persons who are socially isolated or have a history of mental illness.

### Description of Service

**POP:** in-home peer support and teaching for parents of children and youth diagnosed with a developmental disability.

Community mental health programs including counselling and support groups and mental health housing clusters.

# Financial Services

This section includes information about various financial supports that are available to individuals with an autism spectrum disorder and their families.

Some of these services are government programs that require a formal application process, and some are charitable organizations that provide funding for specific needs.

It is advisable for families to discuss all available financial assistance with a service coordinator. These professionals are knowledgeable about funding availability and the procedures that must be followed in order to access financial support.

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## A Child's Voice Foundation

905 275-3434, 888 837-3354 / Fax 905 275-3139

[www.achildsvoicefoundation.com](http://www.achildsvoicefoundation.com)

[info@achildsvoicefoundation.com](mailto:info@achildsvoicefoundation.com)

or [roslyn@achildsvoicefoundation.com](mailto:roslyn@achildsvoicefoundation.com)

Unit 301-3034 Palstan Rd., Mississauga, ON, L4Y 2Z6

### Eligibility

Sick and disadvantaged children.

### Description of Service

Non-profit organization that helps children who are sick and financially disadvantaged by enhancing their physical and emotional well-being.

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## Assistive Devices Program

416 327-8804, 800 268-6021

[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/program/adp/adp\\_mn.html](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/program/adp/adp_mn.html)

Assistive Devices Program, 5700 Yonge St., 7th Fl., Toronto, ON, M2M 4K5

### Eligibility

Ontario residents with a valid Ontario health card issued in their name and a physical disability of six months or longer. Equipment cannot be required exclusively for sports, work or school.

### Description of Service

Covers equipment or supplies in the following categories: prostheses, enteral feeding supplies, hearing aids, respiratory equipment, orthoses, visual and communication aids, mobility devices, oxygen and oxygen delivery equipment.

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## Canada Revenue Agency: Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

800 959-8281

[www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pgb/tf/t2201/README.html](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pgb/tf/t2201/README.html)

### Eligibility

A child is eligible for the DTC depending on the effect of the impairment on their ability to perform the basic activities of daily living.

### Description of Service

Provides tax credit. Please visit the website for more information and application.

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## Easter Seals Society

416 421-8146, 866 630-3336, Fax 416 696-1035  
 www.easterseals.org, evanclief@easterseals.org  
 700-1 Concorde Gate, Toronto, ON, M3C 3N6

### Eligibility

Children and young adults (ages birth -19th birthday) with physical and developmental disabilities.

### Description of Service

Financial assistance to families for purchase of **equipment** (accessibility, bath/toilet aids, communication devices, mobility aids, orthotics) or **services** (costs related to hospital stays, day camp fees, Easter Seals camps). See **Summer Programs** section.

**Incontinence Grant Supply Program:** for children with developmental disabilities who require diapers or other supplies. Toll free: 800 668-6252

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## Federal Excise Gasoline Tax Refund Program

877 432-5472

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pbg/ef/xe8/xe8-00b.pdf>

Federal Excise Gasoline Tax Refund, Summerside Tax Centre, 101-275 Pope Rd., Summerside, PE, C1N 6E7

### Eligibility

Individuals certified with a permanent mobility impairment by a medical practitioner who cannot safely use public transportation.

### Description of Service

Program allows individuals to claim a portion of excise tax on gasoline at the rate of \$0.015 per litre or \$0.0015 per km.

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## Jennifer Ashleigh Foundation

905 852-1799 / Fax 905 852-0124

www.jenniferashleighfoundation.ca generalmail@jenash.org  
 10800 Concession 5, Uxbridge, ON, L9P 1R1

### Eligibility

Children under the age of 21 who are seriously ill, have a permanent disability.

### Description of Service

Helps families in financial need with costs associated with a child's illness. Visit website for more details.

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## Ministry for Children and Youth Services: Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)

416 325-0500 / Fax 416 325-0565

<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/CS/en/programs/Special-Needs/assistanceforChildrenwithSevereDisabilities.htm>

477 Mount Pleasant Rd., 3rd Fl., Toronto, ON, M7A 1G1

### Eligibility

Children with a severe disability under 18 years living at home with parent /legal guardian. Extraordinary costs must be present which are incurred directly as a result of the disability. Financial and medical criteria must be met to qualify.

### Description of Service

Assists parents with extra costs associated with caring for a child with a disability.

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## Ministry of Children and Youth Services: Special Services at Home (SSAH)

416 325-0500 / Fax 416 325-0565

<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/CS/en/programs/Special-Needs/specialServicesatHome.htm>

477 Mount Pleasant Rd., 3rd Fl., Toronto, ON, M7A 1G1

### Eligibility

Children and adults with a developmental or physical disability who require more support than most families can provide. Must be a resident of Ontario residing with their family.

### Description of Service

Helps families pay for special services in or outside the home as long as the individual is not receiving support from a residential program. There are also funds for respite.

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## Ontario Drug Benefit: Trillium Drug Program

800 575-5386, 416 642-3038 / Fax 416 642-3034

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/drugs/trillium.html>

trillium@resolve.com

P.O. Box 337, Station D, Etobicoke, ON, M9A 4X3

### Eligibility

Ontario residents with valid OHIP card with or without private insurance that does not cover 100% of prescription costs. Must not be currently receiving drug coverage under another category of the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB).

### Description of Service

Helps Ontario residents with inadequate or no drug coverage. Application forms are available at most pharmacies, clinics, community agencies and online at:

<http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?OpenForm&ACT=RDR&TAB=PROFILE&ENV=WWE&NO=014-3693-87>

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## President's Choice Children's Charity

866 996-9918

[www.presidentschoice.ca/childrenscharity](http://www.presidentschoice.ca/childrenscharity)

pccharity@loblaw.ca

1 President's Choice Circle, Brampton, ON, L6Y 5S5

### Eligibility

Family income below \$70,000.00. Children 18 years and under. Supporting documentation is required. Other sources of assistance must have been sought and quotes must be submitted.

### Description of Service

Helps children with physical or developmental disabilities by making it easier for the family to cope with costs of removing obstacles for everyday living.

# Recreational Services

This section provides information about a variety of recreational programs available to children and youth with an autism spectrum disorder. Services include social groups, games, sports activities, community outings, life skills training, arts and hobby activities. These services may be provided in a specialized setting or in an integrated program.

Parents/caregivers can inquire about the use of specific funding options. See Special Services at Home (SSAH) and Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) in the **Financial Services** section to help finance summer camps and recreational programs.

A complete guide to summer camp programs is provided in the **Summer Programs** section. It is recommended that applications be made early for all summer programs as space is often limited.

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## Bathurst Jewish Community Centre

416 636-1880 / Fax 416 636-5813  
www.bjcc.ca  
4588 Bathurst St., Toronto, ON, M2R 1W6

### Eligibility

Programs available for individuals of all ages with special needs, developmental or physical challenges.

### Description of Service

A variety of recreation programs are available. Please see website.

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## CARD – Community Association for Riding for the Disabled

416 667-8600 / Fax 416 739-7520  
<http://www.card.ca> / [card.info@sympatico.ca](mailto:card.info@sympatico.ca)  
4777 Dufferin St., Toronto, ON, M3H 5T3

### Eligibility

Individuals from ages 3.5 – 4, up to adulthood with various disabilities.

### Description of Service

Therapeutic horse riding.

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## City of Toronto: Parks, Forestry and Recreation (Adapted and Integrated Services for People with Disabilities) Adapted Aquatics

416 392-1783 or TTY 416 392-4773  
[www.toronto.ca/parks](http://www.toronto.ca/parks)

### Eligibility

Ages 15 +. A support person is required for those who need one-on-one support.

### Description of Service

Individuals or groups with special needs can access the pool and develop swimming abilities.

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## City of Toronto: Parks, Forestry and Recreation (Adapted and Integrated Services for People with Disabilities) Adaptive Summer Swimmer

416 394-8533 or TTY 416 394-8534  
www.toronto.ca/parks  
399 The West Mall, Toronto, ON, M9C 2Y2

### Eligibility

Beginner or experienced child swimmers.  
Support person is required for those who need one-on-one support.

### Description of Service

Programs include water activities, instruction, and free time.

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## East Metro Youth Services

*(See East Metro Youth Services in Treatment Services)*

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## Girl Guides of Canada

Phone 416 920-6666 Mary Porto / Fax 416 920-1440  
www.guidesontario.org / info@guidesontario.org  
14 Birch Ave., Toronto, ON M4V 1C8

### Eligibility

Ages 5+, including those with special needs, developmental, or physical handicaps.

### Description of Service

**Indoor/Outdoor Recreation:** a fully integrated program providing indoor and outdoor recreational and educational activities and a variety of camping experiences.

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## Grandravine Special Program

416 245-7601

[www.grandravinetornadoes.org](http://www.grandravinetornadoes.org)

[joerizzuto@grandravinetornadoes.org](mailto:joerizzuto@grandravinetornadoes.org)

Grandravine Arena, 23 Grandravine Dr., Toronto, ON M3J 1B3

### Eligibility

Children and adults with developmental disabilities, including individuals with an autism spectrum disorder.

### Description of Service

**Sport Services:** individuals learn to play ice hockey on a team. The program is entirely run by volunteers.

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## Griffin Centre: After-School Social/Respite Services Recreation Program

416 222-1153 x 157 or x 158 / Fax 416 222-1321

[www.griffin-centre.org](http://www.griffin-centre.org) / [contact@griffin-centre.org](mailto:contact@griffin-centre.org)

24 Silverview Dr., Toronto, ON, M2M 2B3

### Eligibility

Youth ages 12 -18 with a dual diagnosis.

### Description of Service

**Social evening of activities including:** basketball, bingo, floor hockey, cooking, music, community awareness, street safety, social skills training and living skills.

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## Leafs Sports and Recreation Club through Giant Steps

905 832-5270 / Fax 905 832-1685

[www.giantstepstoronto.ca](http://www.giantstepstoronto.ca) / [giant.steps@on.aibn.com](mailto:giant.steps@on.aibn.com)

George Bailey Building, P.O. Box 312,

9600 Keele St., Maple, ON, L6A 3Y6

### Eligibility

Ages 4-14 with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.

### Description of Service

Junior (Ages 4-9) and Senior (Ages 10 – 14) programs.

**Sport Services:** sport and recreational programs designed to teach children the skills they will need to participate in community sports and social clubs.

Winter and spring sessions only.

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## Meta Centre

*(See Meta Centre in Treatment Services)*

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## Ontario Track 3 Ski Association for the Disabled

416 233-3872, 877 308-7225 / Fax 416 233-7862  
www.track3.org / track3@track3.org  
61 Advance Rd., Unit 4, Etobicoke, ON, M9A 4X1

### Eligibility

Ages 6-19, with various disabilities, including an autism spectrum disorder.

### Description of Service

**Sport Services:** children and youth with disabilities learn to downhill ski and snowboard.

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## Reena

*(See Reena in Treatment Services)*

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## Scouts Canada: Greater Toronto Council

416 490-6364, Fax 416 490-6911  
www.gtc.scouts.ca / gtc@scouts.ca  
265 Yorkland Blvd., 2nd Fl., Toronto ON, M2J 5C7

### Eligibility

Ages 5-26, including those with special needs, developmental or physical handicaps.

### Description of Service

**Indoor/Outdoor Recreation:** a fully integrated co-ed program providing indoor and outdoor recreational and educational activities. A variety of camping experiences are also provided.

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## Special Olympics Ontario

416 447-8326, 888 333-5515 / Fax 416 447-6336  
www.osoinc.com  
18 Wynford Dr., Suite #300, Toronto, ON, M3C 3S2

### Eligibility

Children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

### Description of Service

**Sport Services:** Special Olympics Ontario offers training and competition opportunities in 16 different sports.

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## Sportball

905 882-4473, Toll free: 1-SPORTKIDS (877 678-5437)  
Fax 905 882-8453  
www.sportball.ca / registration@sportball.ca  
39 Glen Cameron Rd., Unit 38, Thornhill, ON, L3T 1P1

### Eligibility

Adapted Sportball program for ages 2 -16 with special needs including those with an autism spectrum disorder and or a developmental delay.

### Description of Service

**Sport Services:** a non-competitive sports program that focuses on skill development, increasing confidence, self-esteem and team work. Soccer, hockey, basketball, baseball, volleyball, tennis & golf skills are targeted. Drop-off and Parent/Shadow assisted programs available.

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## Variety Village

416 699-7167, 416 699-8147 (TTY) / Fax 416 699-5752  
www.varietyontario.ca/village  
3701 Danforth Ave., Scarborough, ON, M1N 2G2

### Eligibility

Children, youth and adults with special needs.

### Description of Service

**Sport Services:** sport, fitness and training; child, youth, and adult programs (recreational & competitive); inclusive athletic teams; gymnasium, aquatics wing, conditioning area.

**Outreach Awareness Programs:** school and community groups, inclusion workshop certificate programs – access, awareness and adapted activities.

**Other Services:** special events, day camps, meeting rooms.

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## Vita Community Living Services

*(See Vita Community Living Services in Family Support)*

# Summer Programs

This section contains information about summer day and overnight camps, offered to children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders and other special needs. Some programs accept only those with special needs, while others provide an inclusive camp setting that integrates typically-developing participants.

**It is important to apply in advance (as early as the fall of the preceding year) to ensure availability.**

Many of these camps offer subsidies for families who are unable to pay the entire cost. Parents/caregivers can also inquire about using funding from Special Services at Home (SSAH) and/or Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) to help pay for camp programs (see the Financial Services section for more information about accessing funding). Additionally, financial assistance may be available through Reach for the Rainbow (see entry in this section).

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## Belwood Lodge and Camp

519 843-1211 / Fax 519 843-8398  
www.belwoodlodgeandcamp.ca  
cmurdoch@belwoodlodgeandcamp.ca  
RR#1, Belwood, ON, N0B 1J0

### Eligibility

Ages 8 – 80+ with developmental disabilities including autism.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** specialized camp for individuals with developmental disabilities. Program runs throughout the summer.

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## Blooming Acres

*(See listing in Family Support)*

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## Camp Brebeuf

519 856-4671 / Fax 519 856-2560  
www.cyo.on.ca / contact@campbrebeuf.ca  
R.R. # 1 Rockwood, ON, N0B 2K0 or  
8434 Wellington Road #27, Rockwood, ON, N0B, 2K0

### Eligibility

Children and youth ages 7 – 14. Accepts children with special needs including autism spectrum disorders for co-ed residential one-to-one camp.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** inclusive summer program associated with the Catholic Youth Organization.

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## Camp Green Acres

905 887-1400  
www.campgreenacres.com / summer@campgreenacres.com  
11123 Kennedy Rd., Markham, ON, L6C 1P2

### Eligibility

Ages 2 ½ -15.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** summer and March break programs. Some children may need to come with one-on-one worker; one-on-one supports may be available through Green Acres.

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## Camp Hyanto

613 544-4774 x 22 / Fax 613 547-3745

[www.ontario.anglican.ca/hyanto.htm](http://www.ontario.anglican.ca/hyanto.htm)

[hyanto@ontario.anglican.ca](mailto:hyanto@ontario.anglican.ca)

90 Johnson St., Kingston, ON, K7L 1X7

### Eligibility

Ages 5 – 16. Accepts individuals with physical and developmental disabilities including autism spectrum disorder.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** inclusive Christian-based summer camp program; accredited member of Reach for the Rainbow (see separate listing below).

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## Camp Joshua

519 856-1647 / Fax 519 856-1647

[www.campjoshua.com](http://www.campjoshua.com) / [admin@campjoshua.com](mailto:admin@campjoshua.com)

5725 6th Line R.R.# 1, Rockwood ON, N0B 2K0

### Eligibility

Ages 6 – 17.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** summer programs.

**Day Camp:** summer programs.

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## Camp Kawartha

705 652-3860, Toll Free 866 532-4597 / Fax 705 652-1500

[www.campkawartha.ca](http://www.campkawartha.ca) / [info@campkawartha.ca](mailto:info@campkawartha.ca)

R.R. # 4 1010 Birchview Rd., Lakefield, ON, K0L 2H0

### Eligibility

Ages 5-8 for day camp. Ages 8 -14 for residential camp. Accepts children with autism spectrum disorders.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** inclusive outdoor education and summer camp program aimed at fostering self-esteem and environmental awareness.

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## Camp Kennebec

613 335-2114, Toll Free 877 335-2114 / Fax 613 335-2988  
www.campkennebec.com / info@campkennebec.com  
1422 Cox Road, Arden, ON, K0H 1B0

### Eligibility

Ages 7 – 27 with AD(H)D, LD, autism spectrum disorders, Tourette and Prader-Willi syndromes.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** inclusive summer camp program with a focus on life and social skills geared to those with special needs. Behavioural therapists and experienced teachers on staff.

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## Camp Kirk

416 782-3310, Toll Free 866 982-3310 / Fax 416 782-3239  
June-Sep 705 438-1353 / Fax June-Sep 705 438-5557  
www.campkirk.com / campkirk@campkirk.com  
Mail Sep - June:  
115 Howden Rd., Scarborough, ON, M1R 3C7  
June – Sep: 1083 Portage Rd., Kirkfield, ON, K0M, 2B0

### Eligibility

Ages 6 -13 with Asperger's Syndrome or high functioning autism, LD, ADHD.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** summer camp with high staff-camper ratio; camper can not bring her/his own one-on-one worker.

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## Camp Kodiak

905 569-7595, toll Free 877 569-7595 / Fax 905 569-6045  
www.campkodiak.com / info@campkodiak.com  
4069 Pheasant Run, Mississauga, ON, L5L 2C2

### Eligibility

Ages 6-18 with learning disabilities, ADHD or Asperger's Syndrome. Club Kodiak camp option available for individuals ages 19+.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** high staff-camper ratio; camper can not bring his/her own one-on-one worker.

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## Camp Prospect

905 729-2833 / Fax 905 729-3089

www.campprospect.com / campprospect@rogers.com

2978 Concession Rd., 4, Loretto, ON, L0G 1L0

### Eligibility

Individuals ages 5-65 with special needs.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** summer program for individuals with special needs. High staff ratio; camper can not bring her/his own one-on-one support worker. Christmas, Easter, Victoria Day and March break programs.

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## Camp Robin Hood

416 736-4443 / Fax 416 736-9971

www.camprobinhood.ca / office@camprobinhood.ca

158 Limestone Crescent, Toronto, ON, M3J 2S4

### Eligibility

Ages 3 ½ – 15.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** summer program; one-on-one worker is provided by the camp (additional charge if support staff is required).

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## Camp Towhee (Integra Foundation)

*(See listing in Treatment)*

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## Camp Winston

416 487-6229 / Fax 416 487-1610

www.campwinston.com / mail@campwinston.com

Suite 208-2040 Yonge St., Toronto, ON, M4S 1Z9

### Eligibility

Individuals with ASD and other disabilities ages 7-13 for camp and teen program for returning campers ages 13-17.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** Offers a girls only weekend retreat four times a year. Also offers behaviour management workshop annually.

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## Circle Square Ranch

519 754- 0171 / Fax 519 754-5490  
www.brantcirclesquare.com / brantford@csranch.ca  
1645 Colborne St. E., Brantford, ON, N3T 5L4

### Eligibility

Ages 6-16.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** summer programs

**Day Camp:** March break programs, family camp program,  
Non-denominational Christian camp.

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## City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation (Adapted and Integrated Services for People with Disabilities) Adapted Aquatics

*(See listing in Recreational Services)*

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## City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation (Adapted and Integrated Services for People with Disabilities) Adaptive Summer Swimmer

*(See listing in Recreational Services)*

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## City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation (Adapted and Integrated Services for People with Disabilities) Integrated Programs West Toronto

416 394-8533 / 416 394-8535 (TTY)  
www.toronto.ca/parks  
399 The West Mall, Etobicoke, ON, M9C 2Y2

### Eligibility

Anyone with a disability or special need. Ages vary depending on the camp program.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** summer programs; support staff provided as necessary.

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## City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation (Adapted and Integrated Services for People with Disabilities) Integrated Programs East Toronto

416 396-7760, 416 396-4116 (TTY)  
 www.toronto.ca/parks  
 150 Borough Dr., 5th Fl., Toronto, ON, M1P 4N7

### Eligibility

Anyone with a disability or special need. Ages vary depending on the camp program.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** summer programs; support staff provided as necessary.

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## City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation (Adapted and Integrated Services for People with Disabilities) Integrated Programs North Toronto

416 395-6183, 416 395-6115 (TTY) / Fax 416 395-7886  
 www.toronto.ca/parks  
 5100 Yonge St., 3rd Fl., Toronto, ON, M2N 5V7

### Eligibility

Anyone with a disability or special need. Ages vary depending on the camp program.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** summer programs; support staff provided as necessary.

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## City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation (Adapted and Integrated Services for People with Disabilities) Integrated Programs South Toronto

416 392-1783, 416 392-4773 (TTY)  
 www.toronto.ca/parks

### Eligibility

Anyone with a disability or special need. Ages vary depending on the camp program.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** summer programs; support staff provided as necessary.

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## City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation (Adapted and Integrated Services for People with Disabilities) Junior Buddies

416 396-7760, 416 396-4116 (TTY)  
www.toronto.ca/parks  
150 Borough Dr., 5th Fl., Toronto, ON, M1P 4N7

### Eligibility

Ages 4 -13 with developmental challenges.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** summer programs (1-4 staff ratio).

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## City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation (Adapted and Integrated Services for People with Disabilities) New Strides Day Camp

416 394-8533, 416 394-8534 (TTY)  
www.toronto.ca/parks  
399 The West Mall, Toronto, ON, M9C 2Y2

### Eligibility

Ages 10 -21. A support person is required for those who need one-on-one support.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** adaptive summer program (1-5 ratio).

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## City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation (Adapted and Integrated Services for People with Disabilities) Special Friends

416 396-7760, 416 396-4116 (TTY)  
www.toronto.ca/parks  
150 Borough Dr., 5th Fl., Toronto, ON, M1P 4N7

### Eligibility

Ages 16 – 30 with developmental challenges and dependent on ability.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** summer programs (1-4 staff ratio).

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## Easter Seals Society: Camp Merrywood and Camp Woodeden

416 421-8377 x 235, Toll Free 800 668-6252 x 325

Fax 416 696-1035

[www.easterseals.org](http://www.easterseals.org) / [camp@easterseals.org](mailto:camp@easterseals.org)

ATTN: Candace Bordignon Easter Seals Ontario,  
One Concorde Gate, Suite 700, Toronto, ON M3C 3N6

### Eligibility

Must be a registered member of Easter Seals Society and fit the following criteria: under age of 19, a long-term physical disability that results in immobility. Autism spectrum disorder may accompany the physical disorder; primary diagnosis of autism does not fit Easter Seals criteria.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** summer camp and family camp program.

## Geneva Centre for Autism – Bridges Summer Camp

416 322-7877 / Fax 416 322-5894

[www.autism.net](http://www.autism.net) / [info@autism.net](mailto:info@autism.net)

112 Merton St., Toronto, ON, M4S 2Z8

### Eligibility

Youth ages 7-13 living in Toronto.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** provides children with autism between the ages of 7 and 13 with an opportunity to experience camp in a highly supported environment. Daily activities focus on teaching fundamental camp skills such as following camp routines, responding to group instructions, developing social interaction skills and community safety skills. In order to promote a successful experience for all, the program also takes into account each child's own sensory, communication and behavioural support needs.

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## Glenbrook Day Camp

905 640-2127, Fax 905 640-5263  
www.glenbrookdaycamp.com / info@glenbrookdaycamp.com  
11737 McCowan Rd., Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5

### Eligibility

Special Needs Program for children 5 – 13 with special needs including ASD. Must be toilet trained, able to communicate and be independently mobile.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** inclusive Christian summer program. The special needs program offers additional support with 1:2 staff to camper ratio.

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## Kinark Outdoor Centre

705 286-3555, Toll Free 800 805-8252 / Fax 705 286-6184  
www.koc.on.ca / info@koc.on.ca  
PO Box 730, Minden ON, K0M 2K0

### Eligibility

Children and youth ages 10 – 16 with emotional and behavioural difficulties including those with autism spectrum disorders.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** social skills and adventure programs; other programs run throughout the year.

**Respite Services:** available weekends

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## Ko-Ach Adventures

647 261-2750  
www.ko-achadventures.com / info@ko-achadventures.com  
11 Salisbury Ave., Toronto, ON, M4X 1C3

### Eligibility

Individuals ages 15 – 35 with mild to moderate developmental disabilities.

### Description of Service

**Recreational Programs:** experiential outdoor adventure program in the Temagami region; trips range from 7 – 12 days. Family weekend retreats.

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## Miles Nadal JCC Summer Camp

416 924-6211 x 130 / Fax 416 924-0442  
 www.milesnadaljcc.ca / Email info@mnjcc.org  
 750 Spadina Ave., Toronto, ON, M5S 2J2

### Eligibility

Age varies depending on program.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** "Mini-me" summer camp for preschoolers; one-on-one worker recommended, but not required.

**Recreational Programs:** after school programs; Rena's Sunday Friends Club and Camp.

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## Pioneer Camp

705 385-2370, Toll Free 800 361-2267 / Fax 705 385-3649  
 www.pioneercamp.com / info@pioneercamp.com  
 942 Clearwater Lake Rd., R.R. #2, Port Sydney, ON, P0B 1L0

### Eligibility

Ages 5 – 7.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** integrated camp program.; interdenominational Christian camp; one-on-one worker provided.

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## Reach for the Rainbow

416 503-0088 / Fax 416 503-0485  
 www.reachfortherainbow.ca / info@reachfortherainbow.ca  
 20 Torlake Crescent, Toronto, ON, M8Z 1B3

### Eligibility

Children and youth with developmental and physical disabilities.

### Description of Service

**Support Services:** provide trained one-on-one support workers for individuals with intellectual & physical disabilities to attend summer camp programs.

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## Royal Ontario Museum (ROM Kids Program)

416 586-5797 / Fax 416 586-5562  
www.rom.on.ca / summerclub@rom.on.ca  
100 Queen's Park, Toronto, ON, M5S 2C6

### Eligibility

Ages 5 – 16.

### Description of Service

**Day Camp:** half and full-day activity-based summer programs; March break and Saturday morning club programs. One-on-one workers not provided; child can be accompanied by their own support worker.

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## Shadow Lake Centre

905 640-6432 / Fax 905 640-1339  
www.shadowlakecentre.ca / goullette@cltoronto.ca  
15041 9th Line, Stouffville, ON, L4A 7X3

### Eligibility

Ages 7+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** program for people of all ages with an intellectual and/or developmental disability; can bring own worker.

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## YMCA

416 928-9622, Toll Free 800 223-8024  
www.ymcatoronto.org / memberservices@ymcagta.org  
42 Charles St. E., 9th Fl., Toronto, ON, M4Y 1T4

### Eligibility

Ages 5-18. For more information contact the Summer Camps Manager (Special Needs) at number above.

### Description of Service

**Residential Camp:** 1 and 2 week sessions.

**Day Camp:** 1 and 2 week sessions. Youth Leadership Program, after school and holiday break programs.

Children with ASD must come with own worker or one from Reach for the Rainbow.

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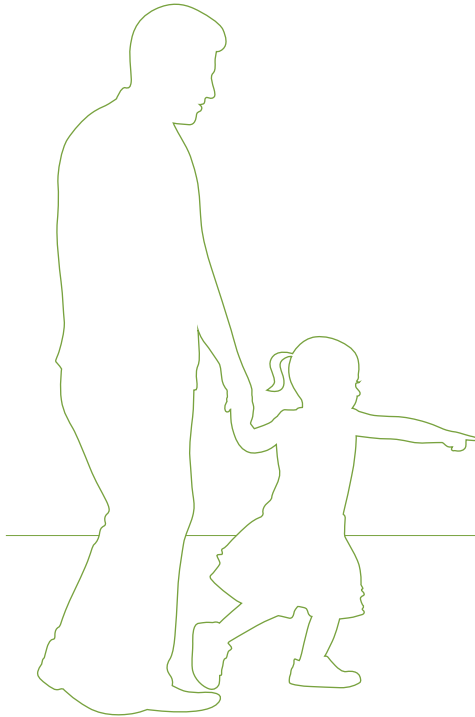
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