

Supports to Children with Special Needs

The principle of integration or inclusion guides the provision of services to children and families of the Niagara region. This principle requires client integration into community-based services. Resource Teachers provide specialized supports to ensure that children experience success within a fully integrated child care centre classroom. Such supports may include the development of improved readiness to learn in the following areas:

- cognitive
- gross motor
- fine motor
- speech and language
- behavioural
- social
- emotional

Resource Teacher supports are available to children within the system of licensed child care programs and for those children who attend before and/or after school programs.

Supports to children with special needs are available for children from birth to age six, and for children aged six to 12 years in before and/or after school programs in all municipalities in Niagara.

Support services are for children who have special needs (two or more areas of developmental delay), or for children who may require additional supports offered through an early childhood environment. Intake processing is based on date of inquiry.

Within a collaborative service partnership, agencies providing supports to children with special needs work together to ensure the service meets the defined need of the child and is delivered in a timely way. Agencies funded through Children's Services that offer help for children with special needs are:

- Adolescent's Family Support Services of Niagara
- Community Living St. Catharines



Children's Services

- Community Living Welland Pelham
- Family and Children's Services Niagara - FACS
- Niagara Child and Youth Services
- Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre
- Niagara Support Services
- Regional Municipality of Niagara - Children's Services

For information or for intake, please call Children's Services at 905-984-3750 or 1-800-263-7215 ext. 3897.

