

Halton Support Services fyi

905-849-8000

1-800-600-2013

Summer 2010

HSS Respite Program – Seasonal Funds Available for 2010/2011

The Halton Support Services Respite Program has received limited seasonal funds to assist families/caregivers with costs related to sending their child to camp. If you would like to apply for these funds please contact the respite program by Friday June 4, 2010 at 905-849-8000/1-800-600-2013 ext. 333 or 433.

Passport Initiative

Passport is designed for individuals who have a developmental disability and are no longer able to access school supports and who would benefit from community participation supports. This initiative can provide funding to create day-time activities or purchase services from existing day programs. If your son/daughter will be graduating from high school this June 2010 please contact Isabel Pereira at 905-849-8000 ext. 336. Please be advised that there is a waitlist for this initiative.

Interesting Information/Workshops

If Your Family Member is Turning 18, here is Some Important Information on ODSP

- Six months prior to his or her birthday contact the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). ODSP is an Ontario government program designed to meet the unique needs of individuals who have developmental disabilities and are in financial need or who want to work and need support. You must be 18 years of age to apply for ODSP.
- The program has two parts; Income Supports and Employment Supports. Income supports provide financial assistance and other benefits to eligible individuals that can include accommodation and basic living expenses as well as prescription drugs and basic dental care. Employment supports provides services to eligible individuals to assist them with overcoming barriers to employment.
- To apply for this benefit please contact your local Ministry of Community and Social Services ODSP office at 905-637-4500 or toll free at 1-800-567-6388 and ask to speak with Intake to conduct a phone interview.
- When you are applying for ODSP you will need to provide them with your Social Insurance Number (SIN), Health card, Date of Birth (DOB), information regarding your current accommodation, next of kin and proof of income and assets (e.g. Bank statement).
- If you need assistance obtaining a SIN card please contact your local Service Canada office at 1-800-206-7218.

Community Network of Specialized Care Workshops Educational Events for Families How to Make the Most of Medical Appointments for People with Developmental Disabilities

Saturday May 29, 2010 from 10:00am to 2:00pm in Guelph

Please RSVP by May 21, 2010 to kstockdale@cwsds.ca or 905-844-7864 ext. 246.

Please note there is no cost to attend this workshop and lunch will be provided.

Reach for the Rainbow (RFTR)

Reach for the Rainbow is a registered charity serving children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities. RFTR works in partnership with organized children's camps and recreational programs within Ontario to provide integrated opportunities for children and youth. Participants are included in program activities while 1:1 support staff responds to any requirements associated with the individual's disability. For more information please visit www.reachfortherainbow.ca or call 416-503-0088.

Access 2 Entertainment Card

The Access 2 Entertainment card provides free admission (or a significant discount) for support workers who are accompanying an individual with a developmental disability to a member movie theatre (e.g. AMC or Famous Players). The individual who requires support will pay regular admission. Individuals who have a permanent disability who require a support worker when attending a movie theatre are eligible for this card. The Access 2 Entertainment card now also provides free or discounted admission to Casa Loma, Ontario Place and the Toronto Marlies. For more information or to apply for one please visit www.access2.ca or call 416-932-8382 ext. 227. Please allow four to six weeks for processing of your application and delivery of your Access 2 Entertainment card.

Active Living Alliance

The Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability (ALACD) promotes supports and enables Canadians with disabilities to lead active, healthy lives. They provide nationally coordinated leadership, support, encouragement, promotion and information that facilitates healthy active living opportunities for Canadians of all abilities across all settings and environments. For more information please visit www.ala.ca.

Where to Get Help in Halton

'Where to Get Help in Halton' is a booklet that has been put together by the Halton Region. The newest edition of this booklet came out in 2009 and includes information on different services available to assist families within Halton Region. To obtain a copy of this booklet dial 311 or call 905-825-6000 or visit www.halton.ca.

EatRight Ontario

Questions on healthy eating? Call a registered dietitian for free at 1-877-510-510-2 or visit www.Ontario.ca/EatRight.

Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST)

This service is operated by the Canadian Mental Health Association and provides 24/7 telephone support and mobile intervention to persons who are in crisis and have a mental health concern that are over the age of 16 years. Mental Health professionals and specially trained, plain-clothed police officers assess and assist individuals. It is also the access point for Safe Beds which is a 3-5 day crisis bed facility for individuals who are in crisis and have mental health concerns. For more information or to contact COAST please visit www.cmha-halton.ca or call 1-877-825-9011.

Activities

Halton Regional Police – Special Friends Day

Special Friends Day is a free event organized by the Halton Regional Police and other Emergency Services for individuals who have developmental and physical disabilities of all ages. It will take place on June 13th, 2010 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Country Heritage Park in Milton. Registration is from 9:00am until 1:00pm on the 13th. Events will include an opening parade, carnival games, crafts, musical entertainment, wagon rides and a BBQ. To pre-register or for more information please visit <http://www.hrps.on.ca/AboutUs/Events/Pages/SpecialFriendsDay.aspx> or contact Karen at 905-825-4718.

Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre

Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre is a non-profit charitable organization that offers therapeutic riding lessons to children and adults with a physical or developmental disability. Therapeutic riding offers a chance to be successful at a unique activity while receiving educational and therapeutic benefits. Note: Integrated summer programs are available for children ages five to thirteen years in July and August. For more information please call 519-837-0558 or visit www.sunrise-therapeutic.ca.

Burlington Able Sail at LaSalle Park

Burlington Able Sail provides sailing and sail instruction for individuals with a developmental disability. The program runs Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in July and August starting at 12:00pm. Instruction consists of one hour sessions with one or two sailors (depending on skill level). For more information contact Able Sail at 1-905-547-0576 or by email at kcivitarese@cogeco.ca.

AO2 Camp

Community Living Burlington has partnered with the City of Burlington to run an Adult Outdoor Opportunity Program (AO2) for individuals over 21 years old. A typical day is filled with: swimming, day trips, sports and more. The program runs from July 5th until August 27th and there is a fee for the camp. For more information or to register please contact Dayalini at 289-337-8107.

Paddle All

Paddle All is a project of CanoeKayak Canada in collaboration with the Wai Nui O Kanaka Outrigger Canoe Club that offers Canoe and Kayak programs for individuals who have a developmental disability and are over the age of 12 years. For more information please visit www.wainuioutrigger.net or contact Wendy Perkins at 905-825-3182 or by email info@wainuioutrigger.net.

Special Olympics

Special Olympics provides training and competition in several sports for individuals who have a developmental disability on a year-round basis. Some sports include; golf, soccer and softball. For more information please visit www.oakvillespecialolympics.org or call Kathryn (for Oakville) at 905-257-4647.

Summer Fun Guide

The Ontario Summer Fun Guide is a comprehensive online directory of family events, attractions and outdoor activities in Ontario. It is designed for day trips and vacations for families within Ontario. To view the Summer Fun Guide please visit www.summerfunguide.ca.

Note: HSS has information available on summer recreational opportunities and potential financial resources if you would like to receive a copy please call HSS at 905-849-8000 or email info@haltonsupportservices.ca. To view a copy online, please visit www.haltonsupportservices.ca and click the link for resources.

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