



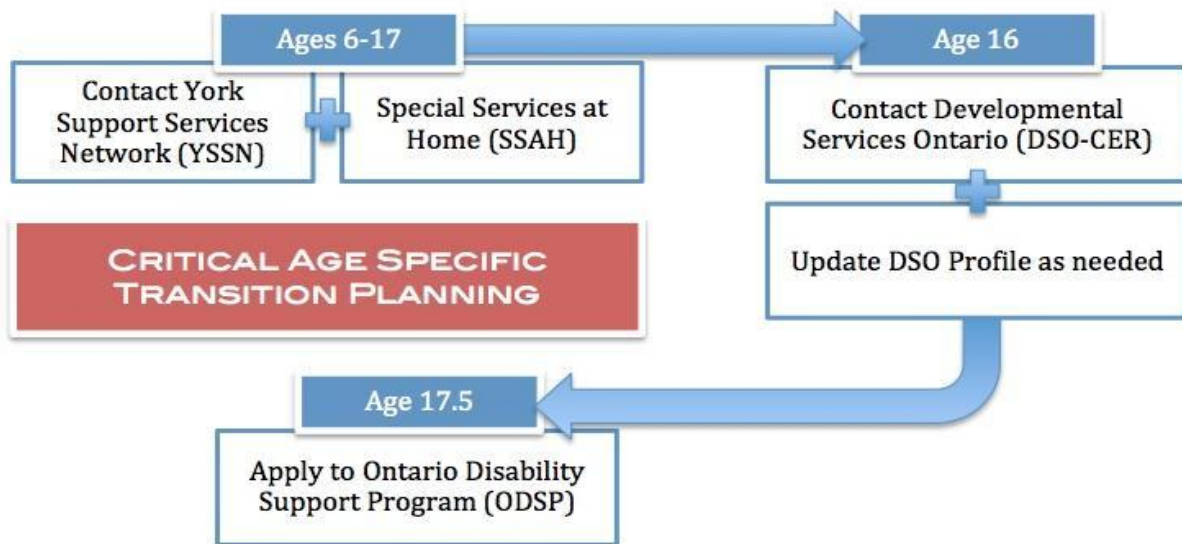
## ELEMENTARY TRANSITION RESOURCE DOCUMENT

### Children's Funding and Community Support Services

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## Transition Planning Flow Chart



## Developmental Services and Transition Planning

This document is designed to assist parents and caregivers of children with a Developmental Disability to better understand and access community supports and services within York Region.

[Connections: A Guide to Transition Planning for parents of children with a developmental disability](#)

### Make a Referral for Government Funded Support Services

Developmental Services For Children up to 17 yrs

Call YSSN Intake Access Line 1-888-695-0070 Ext. 2574 [www.yssn.ca](http://www.yssn.ca)

**[York Support Services Network \(YSSN\)](#)** A community-based agency that offers a range of case management and community crisis services throughout York Region to support individuals with a Developmental Disability and/or a serious mental illness in accessing appropriate supports and services.

Central Office (North) 240 Edward St., Aurora, ON L4G 1W2 1-866-257-9776

- **[YSSN Crisis Response Services \(All Ages\)](#)** Crisis workers are available 24 hours per day 7 days per week to provide immediate telephone response. 1-855-310-COPE (2673)
- **[YSSN Family Peer Mentor Support](#)** Emotional support and resources for family caregivers caring for a child or adult with a developmental disability. (905) 898-6455
- **[YSSN Developmental Services for Children \(0-17yrs\)](#)** Parent Referral call Network Access Line 1-888-695-0070 Ext. 2574 or [DSaccess@yssn.ca](mailto:DSaccess@yssn.ca)

## Provincially Funded Resources

### Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)

**Central East Office:** 17310 Yonge St., Unit 1, Newmarket, ON L3Y 7R8 (905) 868-8900 or 1-877-669-6658

### Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) (Up to 18yrs)

Provides financial support for low to moderate income families to cover some of the extra costs of caring for a child who has a severe disability. A parent/legal guardian whose child is under 18 years of age, lives at home and has a severe disability may be eligible to receive help under this program. Call MCCSS.

### Assistive Devices Program (ADP) (All Ages)

Subsidized funding for customized equipment for individuals with long-term physical disabilities. To be eligible must be an Ontario resident, have a valid Ontario health card, have a disability requiring equipment or supplies for six months or longer, not based on income. ADP covers 75% of the cost for equipment and supplies and families pay the remaining 25%. Equipment and supplies include mobility aids, hearing aids and other devices, communication aids, visual aids, diabetic equipment and supplies, respiratory equipment and supplies, home oxygen therapy, artificial eyes and facial prosthetics, custom orthotic braces, compression garments and more.

For more information email [adp@ontario.ca](mailto:adp@ontario.ca)

### Children's Aid Societies (Up to 17yrs)

- **Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services** A multi-service Indigenous wellbeing agency for children under the age of 18 yrs. Provide a stable foundation for children, youth and families through wraparound services that are culturally-based and family-focused.  
517 Hiawatha Line, Hiawatha, ON K9J 0E6 1-844-523-2237
- **Jewish Family and Child Services** A multi-service agency that strengthens and supports individuals, children, families and communities by increasing safety and security, improving mental health and wellness and reducing the effects of poverty, within the context of Jewish values.  
4600 Bathurst St., 1st Floor Toronto, ON M2R 3V3 (416) 638-7800
- **York Region Children's Aid Society** Provides child protection services for children under the age of 18 yrs. Supports families in problem solving linking families to essential community services. Provides prevention and awareness programs to keep children safe.  
**Main Office:** 16915 Leslie Street (Kennedy Place) Newmarket, ON L3Y 9A1 (905) 895-2318 or 1-800-718-3850

### Children's Treatment Network (CTN) (Up to 21yrs)

Services children and youth with multiple special needs up to 18 yrs (up to age 21 yrs if attending school) and residing in York Region or Simcoe County. [Multiple area offices](#)

CTN ACCESS at 1-866-377-0286 and School Based Rehabilitation Services (SBRs) 1-877-972-7277

### Home and Community Care Support Services (Formerly LHIN) All Ages

A centralized agency, funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, which coordinates the necessary health care and specialized supports. Services include: PSW support, nursing, supported living and long term care.

- [Central](#) (access for York Region excluding west Woodbridge): Locations in Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Markham 1-888-470-2222
- [Central West](#) (access for West Woodbridge): Main Office 1-888-733-1177

**March Break Reimbursement Fund (Up to 17yrs, identified with Autism)**

Regionally based programs for children and youth identified with **Autism Spectrum Disorders**. Families must retain the services of a one-to-one support worker **OR** have paid for their child to attend a March Break camp or program, **but not both**. Maximum reimbursements are \$350 per child. Applications must be received between mid-December to mid-January. Submit applications online to [ginny@autismontario.com](mailto:ginny@autismontario.com) or by mail to Autism Ontario, 1179 King Street West, Suite 004, Toronto, ON M6K 3C5 Attn: Ginny Kontosic (416) 246-9592 Ext. 225

**Ontario Autism Program (OAP) (Up to 17yrs)**

The OAP provides all families of children and youth with ASD with flexible, family-centred services based on each child’s unique needs. Families with children under age six are eligible to receive one time funding of \$20,000 per child, while families with children aged six and older are eligible to receive \$5,000 per child.

**Single Point of Access Phone Number** 1-888-444-4530

**Special Services at Home (SSAH) (Up to 17yrs)**

Assists families caring for a child with a Developmental or Physical Disability to pay for relief/respite services in the home or outside the family home as long as the child is not receiving support from a residential program (living in a group home). (905)567-7177 or 1-877-832-2818

- **Enhanced Respite Funding** This grant is paid to families who are caring for a child who is medically fragile and/or depends on a technological device, and requires care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is provided in addition to other respite services. Families may be eligible for up to \$3,500 per child, per year.

**Trillium Drug Program (All Ages)**

The Trillium Drug Program helps Ontarians pay for high prescription-drug costs. Eligibility includes having a valid Ontario health card, not already enrolled in the Ontario Drug Benefit program, do not have an insurance plan with 100% coverage and spend 4% or more of after-tax household income on prescription drug costs.

Apply by September 30 to be reimbursed for any eligible drug received in the previous program year (August 1-July 31). 1-800-575-5386 or TTY1-800-387-5559 [Application](#)

**Associations for Community Living**

**Associations for Community Living:** Services may include: day programs/supports, residential supports, employment supports, recreation and leisure activities and community outreach services.

1. **Community Living Central York (CLCY) Newmarket/Aurora**  
575 Penrose St., Newmarket, ON L3Y 5L5 (905) 898-3000
2. **Community Living Georgina (CLG)**  
26943 Hwy 48, Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0 (905) 722-8947

### 3. [Community Living York South \(CLYS\)](#)

**Richmond Hill Office:** 101 Edward Ave., Richmond Hill, ON L4C 5E5 (905) 884-9110 or 1-877-737-3475

**Markham Office:** 5694 Hwy 7 E., Unit 13, Markham, ON L3P 1B4 (905) 294-4971

**Vaughan Office:** 190 Marycroft Ave., Unit 5, Woodbridge, ON L4L 5Y1 (905) 264-7262

## Financial and Legal Supports

### [Canada Caregiver Credit \(CCC\)](#) (All Ages)

Available to spouse, common law or dependent with a physical or mental impairment completed through the standard tax return. 1-800-959-8281

### [Disability Tax Credit \(DTC\)](#) (All Ages)

Available to eligible persons with disabilities. The DTC reduces the amount of tax owed by a person to the government. An individual may apply for the DTC by completing [Form T2201](#). 1-800-959-8281 ***An individual deemed eligible for the DTC will then be eligible to open a RDSP.***

### [Registered Disability Savings Plan \(RDSP\)](#) (Up to 59yrs)

A long-term savings plan that is designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities and their families. An RDSP may be opened by any individual who qualifies for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC). For those 49 years of age and under, the Government of Canada matches money deposited into an RDSP with grants of up to \$3500 per year (government will match up to lifetime maximum of \$90,000) and provides a bond of up to \$1000 for individuals living on a low income. An RDSP is an exempt asset under ODSP. 1-800-959-8281

### [Henson Trust/Discretionary Trust](#) (All Ages)

Protects the assets of a person living with a disability and their right to collect government benefits, inheritance and entitlements without losing their Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) monthly income. Consult a lawyer or financial advisor for more information.

## Financial and Legal Consultants

### [ARCH Disability Law Centre](#)

Provides free legal advice and information in the following areas of law as they relate to disability: abuse of people with disabilities in certain contexts, accessibility laws, attendant care services, legal capacity, and the right to make your own decisions, discrimination/human rights, education and employment.

55 University Ave., Toronto, ON M5J 2H7 (416) 482-8255 or 1-866-482-2724

### [Bright Futures Ability Network](#)

One stop planning for all financial needs which include: Wills and Henson Trusts, Life Insurance, RDSP, Long Term Care Planning, Investments, Retirement/Estate Plans, Tax Planning and Returns, DTC Applications, ODSP, and Trustee/Executor Support Services. [info@brightfuturesplan.ca](mailto:info@brightfuturesplan.ca)

### **Community Legal Clinic of York Region**

Provides legal representation for low-income families regarding specific issues including: public service eligibility refusals, service denial such as Mobility Plus and ODSP benefits.

21 Dunlop St., Suite 200, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2M6 (905) 508-5018 or 1-888-365-5226

### **MBB Law**

Iris Chung 钟仕梅律师 provides legal advice in English and Chinese on Guardianship, Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning for individuals with an intellectual disability.

18 Crown Steel Drive, Suite 202, Markham, ON L3R 9X8 Canada (905) 475-7676 Ext. 356 or

[irischung@mbb.ca](mailto:irischung@mbb.ca)

### **Pooran Law**

Provides services focusing on disability and related issues including: wills, Henson Trusts, Inheritance Trusts, Powers of Attorney for Property and Personal Care, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). Brendon Pooran (416) 860-7572 [bpooran@pooranlaw.com](mailto:bpooran@pooranlaw.com)

1500 Don Mills Rd., Suite 400, Toronto, ON M3B 3K4

### **Reegan Financial**

Financial solutions for people with disabilities and their families including RDSP, ODSP and Estate Planning.

20 Holly St., Suite 207, Toronto, ON M4S 3B1 (416) 562-5570 [rmalis@monarchwealth.ca](mailto:rmalis@monarchwealth.ca)

### **Special Needs Planning Group (SNPG)**

Provides free coordinated financial and estate planning supports to families including DTC, RDSP, Wills, Henson Trust and support for trustees. Graeme Treeby 70 Ivy Cr., Stouffville, ON L4A 5A9 (905) 640-8285

### **STEP Advising Families Across Generations**

Kenneth C. Pope LLB, TEP specializes in special needs and disability estate planning including Wills, Henson Trust, Disability Tax Credit, Guardianship as well as a full range of financial options to protect inheritance and ODSP benefits. 1-866-KEN-POPE (1-866-536-7673) or [karen@kpopelaw.ca](mailto:karen@kpopelaw.ca)

## **Respite Services**

*Provides short-term relief and/or support to caregivers of individuals with a developmental disability. Respite is offered in a variety of forms: in-home, out of home, residential, after school, day, evening and weekend.*

### **Alpha Camp & Retreat**

Alpha camp and retreat is a non-competitive inclusive camp for ADHD, learning disabilities, behavioral needs and ASD focusing on life and social skills from age 6 yrs to adult.

2403 Seadon Rd., Springwater, ON L9X 1V7 (705) 792-4133

### **Cadence's Staffing Services**

Provides respite services addressing the needs of individuals. Staff are trained in behavioural intervention supports and CPI certified. (647) 458-2298

### [Elqueena Support Services Inc.](#)

Overnight and Weekend Respite. 59 Glen Cameron Rd., Thornhill, ON L3T 1P3 (905) 597-8354

### [Improving Lives Respite](#)

Provides respite, community support and residential programs for children, youth and adults.

4774 Cherry St., Stouffville, ON L4A 3K8 1-866-221-0501

### [Leaps and Bounds](#)

Offering in home respite with educational programming and supported life skills training for individuals.

13045 Jane St, King City, ON L7B 1A3 (647) 554-6543 or (905) 508-6543

### [Meta Centre Youth and Adults/Respite Services](#)

Offers a variety of recreational and respite programs in the evenings, on Saturdays and in the summer months.

Respite creates opportunities for individuals to participate in community activities while allowing caregivers time for themselves. Coordinator Respite Services (416) 736-0199 Ext. 337

### [Reena Respite Programs](#) **Currently suspended.**

Offers evening, weekend and summer respite programming and residential respite for children and adults.

Outreach and Respite Services Resource Supervisor (905) 889-2690 Ext. 2224

### [Reflections Mental Health & Behavioural Services](#)

Develop life skills including: social engagement and interaction, coping, peer interaction, behavioural planning, transit training, job training, self-regulation. 286 King St. W., Unit 302, Oshawa, ON L1J 2J9 (289) 385-3322

### [Respite Services CHAP Program \(Community Helpers for Active Participation\)](#)

YSSN facilitates the connection of individuals with disabilities and direct respite support providers through a respite registry. CHAP provides information on community respite services and upcoming workshops/events.

1-866-257-9776 Ext. 2247

### [WindReachFarm](#)

Offering five core programs designed to meet the needs of children and adults with disabilities. Includes fully wheelchair accessible pathways, trails, buildings, barns and stables, overnight/weekend respite, day program, therapeutic riding and more. 312 Townline Road, Ashburn, ON L0B 1A0 (905) 655-5827

## **Autism and Behavioural Services**

### [Aspergers Society of Ontario \(ASO\)](#)

The ASO is the only agency in Ontario that is devoted to serving those with Asperger Syndrome, their families and other interested individuals. (416) 651-4037 or 1-844-535-4037

### [Autism Ontario Central East Region \(York Region\)](#)

Increase public awareness about autism including advocacy, government relations and responses to various issues that affect people with autism and their families.

11181 Yonge St., Suite 215, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1L2 (905) 780-1590

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*This Transition Resource Document is not a complete list of all the agencies and services available to families in York Region. We encourage you to contact YSSN (1-888-695-0070) to access a complete list of programs and resources, appropriate for your child's needs. All efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of the information as of the latest date of revision. The York Region District School Board does not endorse any one program/service or agency over another. This document is updated annually.*

### **Behaviorprise Consulting Inc.**

Provides hands-on experience in behavioral assessment, consultation and appropriate intervention for individuals living with Autism or developmental disability using Applied Behavior Analysis principles. 800 Petrolia Road, Unit 16, North York, ON, M3J 3K4 (416) 742-3282 [info@behaviorprise.com](mailto:info@behaviorprise.com)

### **Geneva Centre for Autism**

Services include early intensive intervention program, speech and language services, occupational therapy and psycho-educational assessments, family education and service coordination, social skill building groups, behaviour/communication services, intervention planning and respite. *Fee for services for individuals living outside of Toronto.* Main Location: 112 Merton St., Toronto, ON M4S 2Z8 (416) 322-7877

### **Hand In Hand Therapy Centre**

A group of professional educators and clinicians dedicated to providing efficient and effective educational services for all children and adults identified with Autism. Services include: Intensive Behavioural Intervention, Behavioural Management, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Early Childhood Education, Speech and Language, Individual Counselling, Academic Programming. 665 Millway Ave, Unit 38, Concord, ON L4K 3T8 (416) 930-5293 [handinhandtherapy1@gmail.com](mailto:handinhandtherapy1@gmail.com)

### **Kerry's Place Autism Services**

Services include: consultation, employment supports, day, evening & weekend groups and activities, person-directed planning (PDP), respite options, training for direct support providers, vacations and excursions. *Central Region:* 38A Berczy St., Aurora, ON L4G 1W9 (905) 713-6808 or 1-833-775-3779

### **Kinark Child and Family Services**

Provides clinical assessment and intervention for complex and high risk children and youth from birth up to 18 years. Services are provided in the areas of Child and Youth Mental Health, Autism, Forensic Mental Health and Youth Justice. Autism Services: 1-800-283-3377

### **Making Small Talk**

Provides a variety of programs and services including social skills and IBI for children and teens from 3 years up. 14685 Woodbine Ave., Stouffville, ON L4A 2G7 (647) 519-6739 or 1-855-678-4424

### **SAAAC: South Asian Autism Awareness Centre**

Toronto based charity supporting culturally and linguistically diverse families providing speech-language program, occupational therapy, ABA, day program, after school program, pre-employment and vocational program, summer camp, March break camp, music, dance and art. 705 Progress Ave., Unit 63, Scarborough, ON M1H 2X1 (416) 289-0100

### **York ASD Partnership**

Provides information on services supporting individuals of all ages with ASD including Ministry funded and Fee for service providers. (647) 850-7780



## Recreation and Leisure Services

*Many local attractions and community programs provide reduced rates for people with disabilities. Prior to purchasing tickets, ask for discounts for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers.*

### [Access 2 Card](#)

Offers free admission for an attendant accompanying a person with a disability to movie theatres and attractions across Canada. An Easter Seals Canada Program. [Application Form](#)  
Easter Seals Canada, 40 Holly St., Suite 401, Toronto, ON M4S 3C3 (416) 932-8382 Ext. 227 or 1-877-376-6362

### [Accessible Beaches and Trails in Ontario](#)

A list of wheelchair accessible Ontario beaches, parks, and trails.

### [Best Buddies](#)

A school and community agency program from kindergarten and up that connects individuals with friendships offering social mentoring while improving quality of life and inclusion.

1243 Islington Ave., Suite 907, Toronto, ON M8X 1Y9 (416) 531-0003 or 1-888-779-0061

### [Beyond Abilities Centre \(BAC\)](#)

Provides a variety of therapeutic and recreational programs including horseback riding, martial arts, suit therapy (a program that improves mobility), as well as social and leisure opportunities, and resources on funding, respite referral, workshops, and other special needs information.

Mailing Address: 1111 Davis Drive, Unit 1, Suite 267, Newmarket, ON L3Y 9E5 (905) 478-2888

### [Big Brothers Big Sisters of York](#)

Provides direct service to children by matching volunteers and youths in quality mentoring relationships.

[Sara.Congiusti@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:Sara.Congiusti@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca) (905) 726-2149

**[Virtual Go Girls!](#)** A free group mentoring program for female-identified participants between the ages of 10-15. Facilitated by female-identified Mentors, participants are provided with the opportunity to engage in fun and interactive discussions and activities via Zoom. The program promotes physical activity, balanced eating, self-confidence, and stress management.

**[Virtual Game On!](#)** A group mentoring program for male-identified participants, between the ages of 10-15. Facilitated by male-identified Mentors, participants are provided with the opportunity to engage in fun and interactive discussions and activities via Zoom. The program promotes physical activity, positive nutrition, stress management, and building relationship skills.

### [CARD \(The Community Association for Riding for the Disabled\)](#)

Offers therapeutic horseback riding programs for children and adults, including programs with a focus on physical rehabilitation, adapted sport, educational rehabilitation and summer camp programs.

G.W. Ross Lord Park, 4777 Dufferin St., North York, ON M3H 5T3 (416) 667-8600

### **The Disability Travel Card**

Offers its holder discounts to the attendant accompanying a person with a disability when traveling on Via Rail and Coach Canada. Not valid for children under age of 8.

Easter Seals Canada, 40 Holly St., Suite 401, Toronto, ON M4S 3C3 (416) 932-8382 Ext. 241

### **The Disabled Sailing Association of Ontario (DSAO)**

Provides the opportunity to learn about and enjoy sailing, barrier free, for people regardless of ability or age.

283 Queen's Quay W., Toronto, ON M5V 1A2 (416) 214-0358 [info@disabledsailingontario.com](mailto:info@disabledsailingontario.com)

### **Hand Over Hand**

A peer driven social network dedicated to mobilizing people with disabilities free of charge through monthly social group events, pen pal program and parent supports. Events are mainly held in Markham and Richmond Hill areas. [info@handoverhand.ca](mailto:info@handoverhand.ca)

### **Horses at Heart-Therapeutic Riding (Waterstone Estate and Farms)**

Provides leadership and partnership skills, emotional awareness, boundary-setting, authentic communication, goal-setting and an enhanced understanding of the equine relationship.

17900 Dufferin St., Newmarket, ON L3Y 4V9 (905) 898-1530

### **Horses of Course**

Provides inclusive programs for riders of all ages and abilities. Semi-private and/or group lessons and summer programs available. 5 Warden Ln., Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5 (416) 691-8554

[horsesofcourse3@gmail.com](mailto:horsesofcourse3@gmail.com)

### **ImprovAbility! Closed until further notice.**

Offers social skills training through drama and improv that is called Social Improv(c). Sessions are available in Winter, Spring, and Fall for teens in the York Region (Richmond Hill and Newmarket locations). Session cycles are 8 weeks long. There is a screening process. PO Box 1260, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0 (416) 709-7760

### **Markham Islanders Sledge Hockey Club**

An inclusive hockey club for all ages and abilities. The season runs October to May at R.J. Clatworthy Arena. 2400 John St., Thornhill, ON L3R 9W3 (905) 881-6363

### **Special Hockey International Grandravine Tornadoes Hockey for the Developmentally Challenged Grandravine Special Program**

A hockey program designed for individuals of all ages and abilities on Saturdays from 9 am. to 2 pm. from October to April. 48 Mangrove Road, Toronto ON M6L 2A3 (416) 245-7601

### **Special Hockey International Newmarket Nighthawks**

An inclusive ice hockey club for all ages and abilities on Saturdays between 10 am. -1 pm. from October to April. Coaches are on the ice to assist players during games. Games are played at: Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Dr., Newmarket, ON L3Y 9C1 Bob Mackenzie (905) 898-7451

[cclapperton28@gmail.com](mailto:cclapperton28@gmail.com)

### **Special Needs and Adapted Programs**

Local Community Centre's across York Region offer a variety of adapted programs such as fitness, sports, swimming, music, art, and cooking etc. Contact your local Community Centre and/or Parks and Recreation for more information.

#### **Special Olympics Ontario (SOO) (All ages)**

Provides sports training and competition opportunities for individuals with intellectual and/or multiple disabilities from age 2 yrs and up. Opportunities are available for competition at the provincial, national and international levels. 65 Overlea Blvd., Suite 200, Toronto, ON M4H 1P1  
Michael Chung, GTA District Developer (416) 447-8326 or 1-888-333-5515 Ext. 256

#### **Thatz Showbiz (13yrs and up)**

An accessible musical theatre program experience enriching the lives of individuals with special needs and all abilities. 10-15 sessions plus a final performance by all participants.  
4300 Steeles Ave. W., Unit 22, Vaughan, ON L4L 4C2 (647) 216-4384 [sarah@thatzshowbiz.com](mailto:sarah@thatzshowbiz.com)

#### **Variety Village (All Ages)**

A fitness and life skills facility offering inclusive specialized fitness and athletics programs including adaptive sports equipment and a pool.  
3701 Danforth Ave., Scarborough, ON M1N 2G2 (416) 699-7167

#### **Wake Robin Farm- Equine Therapy (4 yrs and up)**

Utilizing horses to promote physical, emotional and cognitive growth for individuals. Adult riders are welcome. Participate in weekly one hour sessions. Sessions include 30 minutes on-ground interaction with a horse and 30 minutes of riding instruction.  
18647 Centre St., East Gwillimbury, ON L0G 1M0 (416) 526-1298

#### **Youth Assisting Youth (6-15 yrs)**

Mentors are matched with youth who would benefit from support, friendship and a positive role model in the community. 5734 Yonge Street. #401, Toronto, Ontario. M2M 4E7 (416) 932 1919

#### **YSSN Inclusive Recreation Resource Service (All Ages)**

Promotes recreation and leisure activities for children, youth and adults.  
Contact Children's Treatment Network Service Navigation Team 1-866-377-0286

### **Weekend and Camp Programs**

*For a complete list of GTA Camps go to: [www.ourkids.net/special-needs-camps-toronto.php](http://www.ourkids.net/special-needs-camps-toronto.php)*

#### **Autism Ontario York Region (4-18 yrs)**

Autism Ontario Kids Camp (AOK) with 1:1 support.  
11181 Yonge St., Suite 215, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1L2. (905) 780-1590

**Camp Hope (Community Living Georgina) (12 yrs and up) Closed for 2022.**

26943 Hwy 48, PO Box 68, Sutton, ON L0E 1R0 (905) 722-8885 Ext. 306

**Camp Kodiak (Up to 18yrs)**

Camp Kodiak offers an inclusive camp for individuals with LD, ADHD, and ASD. Programs include a variety of activities including life skills. Camp programs are offered to individuals who have a high level of independence. 4069 Pheasant Run, Mississauga, ON L5L 2C2 (905) 569-7595 or 1-877-569-7595

**Camp Kennebec (6yrs and up)**

A summer camp for children and teens with special needs, learning disabilities, and developmental delays: Autism, Aspergers, ADHD, ADD, Down syndrome, OCD, brain injury, anxiety, social skill and other challenges. 1422 Cox Rd., Arden, ON K0H 1B0 (613) 335-2114

**Camp Robin Hood (4-15yrs)**

Inclusive camp that offers individualized supports if required and 1:1 ratio of support where needed along with modified programs. 10243 Reesor Rd, Markham, ON L6B 1A8 (416) 736-4443

**Community Living Associations:** Offer summer day camp programs in a variety of settings. Contact your local Association for details.

**Holland Bloorview Transitions, Recreation and Life Skills Development (6- 18yrs)**

Summer programs from 7yrs+ with a disability focusing on transition and independence. Various locations. (416) 425-6220 Ext. 6208

**Karma Country Camp (12 yrs and up)**

For youth with ASD and special needs a day camp with a ratio of 3:1 support. Offers social skills, relationship building, independence, self-confidence, emotional well-being, anxiety management and employability. 81 Industrial Pkwy North, Aurora, ON L4G 4C4 (416) 200-6713

**Kayla's Children Centre Camp (Up to 15 yrs)**

Offers summer camp options both for day and overnight programs. 36 Atkinson Avenue, Thornhill, ON L4J 8C9 (905) 738-5542

**Nova's Ark (3 yrs and up)**

Weekend, March Break, and summer options available with a wide range of gentle therapy animals. 7505 Cedarbrook Trail, Whitby, ON L1M 1L8 (905) 706-1009

**Ontario Camps Associations- Special Needs Accommodations Chart 2022**

**Reena Summer Camp (Must be registered in a school program)**

Summer program that runs throughout July and August. Participants must be registered in a school program to attend. Program activities include: arts and crafts, swimming, sports, cooperative games and water play as well as community outings to various local attractions.

Tony & Henry Battle Developmental Centre, 927 Clark Ave W., Thornhill, ON L4J 8G6 (905) 889-6484

### **Shadow Lake Residential Camp Community Living Toronto (7-17yrs)**

Provides a co-educational, residential camping program during the summer for individuals of all ages with an intellectual disability. 15041 Ninth Line, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON L4A 3E4 (905) 640-6432

### **YMCA List of Day Camps**

Various camps located across the GTA with activities such as creative arts and cooking, film making to science programs, swimming lessons, outdoor adventure and more. Integration and Accessibility Program is available for 1:1 support at select locations on a first come, first served basis with an additional fee. General Inquiries and Registration 1-877-303-2267

## **Funding Supports**

### **Canadian Tire Jumpstart (4-18 yrs)**

Provides funding for children in need to ensure equal access to sports programs and physical activities. 2180 Yonge Street, PO Box 770, Station K, Toronto, ON M4P 2V8 1-844-937-7529

### **Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity (Up to 18 yrs)**

This charity provides financial assistance to help with extraordinary costs incurred directly as a result of a physical disability, severe medical issues and medical health disorders. Youth up to age 18yrs with a family income less than \$65,000 per year. 10800 Concession 5, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1R1 (905) 852-1799 Ext. 32

### **Kerry's Place Children's Respite Flexible Fund (17yrs and under)**

Funding to help caregivers get the flexible and individualized support their family needs in order for them to take intervals of time off from their caregiving duties. Eligibility criteria include identification of Autism. Applications accepted Jan. 1- Feb. 1 (905) 713-6808 Ext. 360

## **Health Services**

### **Assistive Devices Program (ADP)**

Assists people with long-term physical disabilities to pay for customized equipment, such as wheelchairs and hearing aids. ADP covers 75% of the cost for equipment and supplies and the individual pays 25%. Eligibility is based on requiring equipment for 6 months or longer.

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, 5700 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M2M 4K5  
(416) 327-8804 or 1-800-268-6021

### **Canadian Hearing Services (CHS)**

Offers sign language interpreting, one-on-one language development, employment consulting, sign language instruction, speech reading training, hearing testing, hearing aids, counseling, and a range of communication devices including text telephones (TTYs), visual smoke detectors, baby monitors, signaling devices and alarm clocks. 713 Davis Dr., Newmarket, ON L3Y 2R3 1-866-518-0000 or TTY: 1-877-215-9530

### [Health Care Connect](#)

Ministry Site to assist in finding a family physician. Service Ontario at 1-866-532-3161 or TTY 1-800-387-5559

### [Healthy Smiles Ontario \(HSO\) \(17yrs and under\)](#)

Government-funded dental program that provides free preventive, routine, and emergency dental services for children and youth if they are eligible based on low-household income. ACSD, OW and ODSP clients are automatically enrolled. 1-844-296-6306

### [Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital](#)

Offers a variety of programs for children, youth and adults with disabilities, those requiring rehabilitation after illness or trauma, and/or medical complexities. 150 Kilgour Road, Toronto, ON M4G 1R8 (416) 425-6220

### [Trillium Drug Program](#)

An Ontario program which provides assistance to people who spend 4% or more of their after-tax household income on prescription medications. 1-800-575-5386

## **Mental Health Services**

### [Bartimaeus Inc](#)

Provides specialized services, supporting agencies, organizations and institutions, that work with children, adolescents, adults and seniors who are experiencing behavioural, social, emotional and psychiatric difficulties. Bartimaeus serves all of Ontario. Lyn Gourley [lgourley@bartimaeun.com](mailto:lgourley@bartimaeun.com) (705) 431-2999

### [Canadian Mental Health Association \(CMHA\) York Region and South Simcoe](#)

Services to learn how to maintain mental health, look for and identify the signs of mental illness, and receive support. Offices located in Aurora, Markham, Newmarket, and Vaughan. (905) 841-3977 or 1-866-345-0183

### [Community Family Services of Ontario](#) 家和

Provides professional counselling, disability supports for families, settlement services, addictions programs and a violence against women program, with a focus on helping Chinese Canadians.

Markham: 5665 14th Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3K5

Unionville: 600 Village Pkwy, Markham, ON L3R 6C2 (416) 979-8299 or 1-866-979-8298

### [Family Services York Region \(FSYR\)](#)

Provides counselling services for people of all ages, ethnicity and orientation who are facing and seeking assistance with critical difficulties in their lives. Services include: individual counselling, family and child counselling, couple counselling, youth and online counselling. 1-888-223-3999

**FSYR Georgina:** Box 8, 25202 Warden Ave., Sutton W., ON L0E 1R0 (905) 476-3611

**FSYR Newmarket:** 1091 Gorham St., Suite 300, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8X7 (905) 895-2371

**FSYR Richmond Hill:** 10610 Bayview Ave., Unit 18, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3N8 (905) 883-6572

### [Kinark Children and Youth: Mental Health Services](#)

Kinark is a provider of services and supports for children and youth with complex needs and their families.

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Services include: Child and Youth Mental Health, Autism and Forensic Mental Health/Youth Justice.  
Central Intake: 1-888-454-6275

### **Mackenzie Health's Behavioural Management Services**

Provides care for individuals living in York Region or Simcoe County who have a developmental disability, autism or an acquired brain injury. Services address general management issues, aggression, self-injury, skill promotion, and social problem solving. 13311 Yonge St., Suite 115, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 3L6 (905) 773-2362

### **Markham Stouffville Hospital (12-18 yrs)**

Child and Adolescent Outpatient Mental Health Program provides assessment and treatment for youth up to age 18 years with moderate-to-severe mental health conditions.  
381 Church Street, PO Box 1800, Markham, ON L3P 7P3 (905) 472-7530

### **Southlake Regional Health Centre (Up to 18 yrs)**

The Child and Family Clinic for Specialized Mental Health Services is a regional outpatient service for children up to 18 years of age who live in York Region.  
596 Davis Drive, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2P9 (905) 895-4521 Ext. 2976

### **York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families (Up to 18 yrs)**

Offers a range of mental health services for children up to 18yrs and their families.

- 402 Bloomington Rd., Aurora, ON L4G OL9 **Head Office** (905) 503-9560
- 11225 Leslie St., Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1N5
- 2354 Major Mackenzie Dr. W., Unit 4, Maple, ON L6A 1W2
- 10350 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, ON L4C 5K9

### **York University Psychology Clinic - Psychological Assessments (4 yrs and up)**

Provides neuropsychological assessments from 4 years of age and up. Fees based on a sliding scale.  
104 Behavioural Science Building, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, ON M3J 1P3 (416) 650-8488

## **Identification Supports**

### **GPS SmartSole**

A GPS monitoring system implanted into a removable sole that can be worn in most shoes. Monthly or quarterly monitoring and tracking fee applicable.

### **York Regional Police Project Lifesaver**

Program combines radio technology with a coordinated police response to locate wandering and disoriented loved ones due to Alzheimer's, Autism or disability. 1-866-876-5423 Ext. 6668

### **Vulnerable Persons Registry**

In the event a vulnerable person requires police assistance, valuable caregiver contact and vulnerable person descriptive information can be accessed by police. If the vulnerable person is under 16 years old, the profile will need to be renewed every year on their birthdate. [Online registration](#) is preferred.

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### [Accessible Parking Permit](#)

An accessible parking permit is issued to a person with a temporary or permanent disability who meets the eligibility criteria to park in an accessible parking space. There are 2 parts to the application form: Part A- completed with customer information; Part B- completed by a healthcare practitioner. Download the fillable application [here](#). 1-800-387-3445

### **Air Travel**

Discounted rates or free travel is available for attendants accompanying individuals identified with a disability that prevents them from travelling alone safely. Contact the medical assistance department of air flight carriers of your choice for further details. Some airlines include but are not limited to the following:

[Air Canada & Air Canada Jazz](#) 1-800-667-4732

[West Jet](#) 1-877-737-7001

[Air Transat](#) 1-877-872-6728 #1

### [Dignity Transportation Inc.](#)

Provides accessible transportation for wheelchairs, scooters, individuals with mobility impairments, cognitive disabilities and children with special needs. Servicing the greater Toronto area as well as York, Peel and Durham Regions. Available 24 hours a day 7 days a week and will provide hand to hand service when requested. (416) 398-2222 or 1-866-398-2109 [info@dignitytransportation.com](mailto:info@dignitytransportation.com)

### [iRide Plus](#)

Offers affordable, door-to-door, non-emergency community transportation that enables those with disabilities to access health care programs and services. 1-844-474-3301

### [The BTS Network](#)

Specializing in dedicated taxi sedan, minivan, shuttle van, and wheelchair accessible transportation. 9024 Keele St., Concord, ON L4K 2N2 1-877-284-7433

### [Routes Connecting Communities](#)

Facilitates transportation for those living within York Region who cannot, because of their financial, physical or mental challenges, travel by conventional transit or taxi. Not wheelchair accessible. 20849 Dalton Rd., Sutton, ON L0E 1R0 (905) 722-4616

### **Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)**

[TTC Support Person Assistance Card](#): Identifies the cardholder as a person who, because of their disability, needs to be accompanied by a support person. The Support Person Assistance Card permits a support person to travel on TTC with the eligible fare-paying customer (cardholder) for free. (416) 393-3030



**TTC Wheel-Trans**: Eligibility is based solely on the presence of a disability that impacts a person's ability to travel on conventional transit. This service is honoured at no additional cost when traveling to destinations within the regions of Peel, York and Durham. (416) 393-4111

### **York Region Transit (YRT)**

**Support Person Assistance Card**: Identifies the cardholder as a person who, because of their disability, needs to be accompanied by a support person. The Support Person Assistance Card permits a support person to travel on YRT/Viva with the eligible fare-paying customer (cardholder) for free. The card is valid for a maximum period of three years and must be renewed upon expiry. (905) 762-2112 or 1-866-744-1119 #0

**Mobility On-Request Paratransit**: Provides door-to-door, shared ride, accessible public transit service for individuals with disabilities. This service is available to registered users who are unable to use regular public transit due to a physical or functional disability. (905) 762-2112 or 1-866-744-1119

## **Online Community Databases**

### **211 Ontario**

A helpline and online database of Ontario's community and social services. Call 211

### **Centralhealthline.ca**

Operated by Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) as a source of health and social services information.

### **MyCommunityHub**

An online registration of activities, classes, programs, workshops, respite and camps offered by Developmental Service Agencies (DSO) and their partners across Ontario.

### **Special Need Products**

Database for money matters, news, events as well as discounted prices for many GTA and Toronto attractions, camps, recreational services and respite supports.

## **Family Support Services**

### **Community Living York South Family Network**

Provides educational workshops that help guide/inform/empower and support parents/family members and people with intellectual disabilities. Monthly meetings are held at CLYS from 7 pm.-9 pm. and offer networking opportunities. 101 Edward Ave., Richmond Hill OR 144 Main St., Markham (905) 294-4971

### **Down Syndrome Association of York Region**

Provides support and information to individuals identified with Down Syndrome and their families. 1-800-649-3696

### **Family Support Network (FSN)**

A parent/family network created to support families who care for a child or adult with an intellectual disability. Monthly meetings are held at Community Living Newmarket and Aurora District on the second Wednesday of each month. Susan Popper at [info@familysupportnetwork.ca](mailto:info@familysupportnetwork.ca)

### **Parent 2 Parent**

Assist parents and caregivers of children, youth and adults with developmental needs to select providers for respite and support services. Fill out the online contact information form for a free 15 minute phone consultation.

### **Partners For Planning Resource Network**

A future planning resource for people with a disability, their families and caregivers. Learning modules include: relationships and networks, community and contribution, options for home, wills, estate and financial planning. 276 Carlaw Ave., Suite 308, Toronto, ON M4M 3L1 (416) 232-9444

### **Spirit of Life Heep Chi Association** 協智

Heep Chi Association follows the principle of Person Directed Planning and observes the needs of families in the context of their cultural background, with a focus on the needs of Chinese speaking families (Cantonese and Mandarin speaking). (905) 474-9500

### **York Region Lifetime Independent Facilitation (YRLIF)**

A person-focused service to connect families with individuals or groups to assist with transition planning and building networks of support to achieve individualized goals. 314 Botsford St., Newmarket, ON L3Y 1S5 (289) 803-0336

### **York Resource Family Network**

A resource network providing support and direction to families with children who have disabilities. This committee stays up to date to the changes of legislation affecting developmental services in an effort to ensure that all families are aware of current updates. 1111 Davis Dr., Unit 1, Suite 167, Newmarket, ON L3Y 7V1 (905) 478-2888 Sandra Palmisano [yrfn@neptune.ca](mailto:yrfn@neptune.ca)

## **Service Dogs**

### **Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides**

Lions Foundation of Canada's mission is to assist Canadians with a medical or physical disability by providing dog guides at no cost. Dog guide programs offered: Canine Vision, Hearing Ear, Autism Assistance, Service, Seizure Response, Diabetic Alert. 152 Wilson St., Oakville, ON L6K 0G6 (905) 842-2891 or 1-800-768-3030

### **National Service Dogs**

Enriches the quality of life and enhances the independence of children and families living with autism and special needs by providing them with specially trained Labradors and Golden Retrievers. Training Centre, 1286 Cedar Creek Rd., Cambridge, ON N1R 5S5 (519) 623-4188

## Life Skills and Educational Programs

### [Accessible Chef](#)

A collection of visual recipes and other resources to help teach cooking skills to individuals with disabilities.

### **Coulson Centre for Enhanced Education**

Direct instruction programs in various subjects including math, reading, writing, spelling and language.

457 Jevlan Dr., Unit 11, Woodbridge, ON L4L 7Z9 (289) 657-9633