



Supporting Children With Special Needs

A child with special needs may require extra supports when attending a child care program. The following information will support your family and child with special needs.

My Child Attends a Licensed Child Care Program

Halton Region's Infant and Child Developmental Services (ICDS) staff provide early intervention services to families of children who have been diagnosed with, or are at risk of a developmental delay. A variety of services are available to assess development and support intervention in licensed child care program and nursery schools. Resource Consultants assist in the coordination of services between your home and child care program. Halton Region Children's Services, Community Living Burlington and Community Living North Halton all provide Inclusion Services in our community. To ask about services, please call 311.

My Child Does not Attend a Licensed Child Care Program

Infant and Child Development Services (Halton Region), provides intervention and service coordination for children birth to 5 years who are born with a disorder, are at risk for delays or demonstrate a developmental delay and are not attending a program. For more information, please call 311.

My Child is Diagnosed with a Developmental Disability and Lives at Home

Central West Specialized Developmental Services (CWSDS) is the initial contact point for children up to the age of 18 years and their families to access services, resources, and support from the children's developmental services sector in Halton. For more information, call 905-844-7864 or check online at <http://cwsds.ca/our-services/halton-support-services/>

My Child Has Social, Emotional, Behavioural or Developmental Difficulties

Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK) is an accredited children's mental health centre. A multi-disciplinary approach is provided in the assessment and treatment of children and families in difficulty. Most services for children 0 to 17 years and their families can be accessed by attending the walk-in therapy clinics offered in various locations across Halton, or for children ages 0 to 6 years, by calling the numbers below:

Milton/North Halton.....	905-875-2575
Burlington	905-634-2347
Oakville	905-339-3525
ROCK crisis line	905-878-9785

More information can be found online at: www.rockonline.ca

My Preschool Child has Physical, Developmental and Communication Disabilities

ErinoakKids Centre for Treatment and Development is one of 21 accredited children's treatment centres in Ontario, offering services for children with autism, spina bifida, cerebral palsy and other developmental challenges. It also has programs for children with blindness or low vision, hearing loss and speech delays. ErinoakKids serves almost 10,000 children in Peel, Halton, Dufferin and for some programs in Wellington and Waterloo. For more information, call 905-855-3557 or toll-free at 1-877-374-6652 or visit their website <http://www.erinoakkids.ca/>

My Child Has a Developmental Disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ages 2-21 years)

Halton Region's Family and Community Behaviour Services staff work with families/caregivers to address concerns related to their child or youth's ability to function successfully in their environment. Services are provided by Behavioural Consultants in family homes, child care programs, schools or other community settings. For more information, call 311.

For more information, please contact the Child Care Directory and Information Line at childcaresearch@thrc.ca or 905-875-0235.