

A message to parents:

- We are committed to inclusive child care that promotes healthy child development.
- We believe parents should be involved in all decisions about the well-being of their family.
- We believe children and families should receive similar services no matter where they live in Waterloo Region.
- We believe in the strength of children and families.

Who will help me through the process?

The special needs agency, the child care program and the SNAP Coordinator can all assist you with the referral and service process.

What happens once the referral has been made?

The agency/agencies receiving the referral will contact you and the child care program to discuss the service options for your child.



Child Care Special Needs Resourcing Partnership



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Cambridge**
Preschool Services



**Developmental
Services Access Centre**
Preschool Assessment Services



**Elmira & District
Association for
Community Living**
Preschool Services



**Family and
Children's
Services**
Preschool Support Program



KidsAbility
*SPOT and ECE
Outreach Services*



kidsLINK
Preschool Support Services



**K-W Habilitation
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All children and their families can participate in quality inclusive child care services

Who provides child care special needs resourcing services?

Special needs resourcing services are delivered by a partnership (see back panel) of seven community agencies funded by the Region of Waterloo Children's Services Division to provide supports for children with special needs to attend licensed child care settings in Waterloo Region.



What services are available?

We offer varying levels of support to licensed child care programs including both child care centres and licensed home child care to meet the diverse needs of children and their families. Some of our services include:

- Education and training for child care staff and parents
- Consultation and monitoring by a visiting Resource Consultant or specialized professional
- Additional classroom support for children with complex needs
- Developmental assessments to support planning in the child care program



Who is eligible for service?

Children (up to six years of age) with a developmental concern who attend or plan to attend licensed child care in Waterloo Region are eligible for service. These developmental concerns may include cognitive, communication, physical, sensory, behavioural, emotional and social. No concern is too minor as we want to ensure the inclusion of every child who needs support.

All children regardless of their abilities are supported to safely participate in quality, inclusive child care.



How do I make a referral?

If you have concerns about your child's development, you can make a referral to our child care Special Needs Access Point (SNAP) by calling SNAP at:

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Child Care programs and other agencies can also make a referral by:

- Having the parent complete the SNAP Consent to Release Information available on the website at www.ccsnap.com.
- Calling the SNAP Coordinator who will collect the necessary information and forward the referral to the appropriate agency/agencies.

