



Our Vision

Community Living Hamilton believes that all children should experience equitable learning opportunities that help them to achieve their full potential.

Special Needs Resourcing Services are provided by Community Living Hamilton through funding and support from the City of Hamilton and the Ministry of Education.



Resource Consultants

Consultative support and resource coordination for licensed child care programs and families.

"We are diverse, all of us. We all have strengths, we all have stretches and we all need to get better at something. The difference in teaching to diversity, however, is that we don't start with our deficits, we start with our strengths. "

- SHELLEY MOORE

What is the role of the Resource Consultant in my program?

Resource consultants provide support to educators and supervisors through the provision and coordination of resources. They assist the program in building on inclusive practices to ensure all children are meaningfully included in their child care classroom and experience a true sense of belonging.

With the consent of the family, resource consultants are able to discuss specific children and their development with you. They are able to make referrals to our services and community partners, that will assist you in creating goals for the child and the classroom. They can also help to coordinate the child's health care team to make visits to the centre if needed.

At times, you may have children in your classroom who require support as they enter Kindergarten. Resource consultants are key players in supporting the transition to school process.

Invested in your success

Resource consultants are invested in the success of you and the children you care for. Your engagement during visits is a critical part of the success of your classroom.

Resource consultants visit with the purpose of assisting you in ensuring you have the knowledge and resources needed to meet the developmental needs of all the children in your classroom.

During their visit, the resource consultant may engage in conversations with you, at appropriate times, to discuss observations or strategies. They may ask clarifying questions to assist in the development of meaningful Individualized Program Plans or suggest professional development opportunities to help you build on your knowledge and understanding of inclusive practices.

Resource consultants can also model and guide you in having conversations with families and help you to determine additional supports that may be useful in your classroom.

How do I access a Resource Consultant for my program?

A resource consultant is assigned to every program that has a funding agreement with the City of Hamilton. That means that one has already been assigned to your program.

A resource consultant visits both child care and school age programs as needed. We encourage you to share with the resource consultant what frequency and time of day will best suit your needs. Every effort will be made to arrange visits during those times.

You can connect with your centre's resource consultant via phone or email between visits or to arrange a visit sooner than scheduled.

