

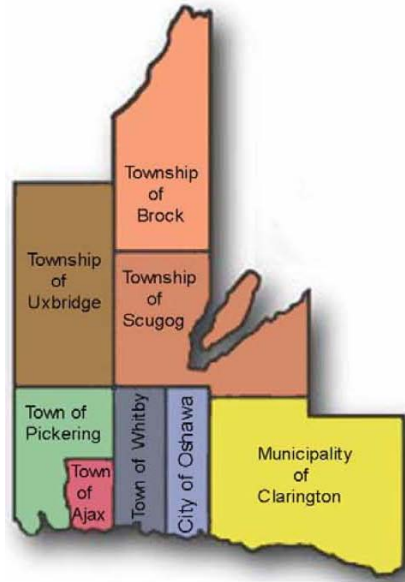
Mission Statement

Resources for Exceptional Children and Youth - Durham Region will:

- Assist the family to enhance their child/youth's participation in their community, and support the family to advocate for services that they require.
- Work in partnership with agencies and organizations to foster an inclusive continuum of services and facilitate the community's capacity to respond to the families' needs.
- Deliver services in accordance with the mandate and the resources available to us.

Values

- We recognize the family as the primary support and decision-maker for their child/youth.
- We respect each family's values and make a commitment to provide a flexible service that is responsive and accountable to the family within the policies of the Agency.
- We recognize that each child/youth is an individual and value his or her potential.
- We believe that the child/youth has the right to participate fully in their home and community.
- We believe that priority access to services is based on the individual needs of the child/youth.
- We believe that the child should be safe from abuse and neglect.



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**Proudly Supporting Children and Youth
with Special Needs in Durham Region
Since 1987**

Services

Child Care Centre

Our unique centre offers a safe, nurturing setting for preschool children with special needs. Our staff to child ratio is beyond legal requirements allowing for personalized care that is tailored to the individual needs of each child.

Community Development

This program is designed to increase the community's ability to respond to children and youth with special needs. This is done through the provision of workshops, student placements, and participation and leadership on external committees.

Consultation

Families of children 2 - 12 years with a special need can receive strategies, developmental programming, case management, and assistance to link with other services in order to enhance their child's skills and their inclusion in the community. Our staff work with Boards of Education, licensed child care providers, and other community agencies to assist the family to achieve the goals they set for their child.

Multi-Sensory Environment

Located at RFECY, clients can visit the Multi-Sensory Room which provides a variety of experiences that can lessen anxiety, increase responsiveness and focus, and build motor skills.



Co-ordination Services for Children and Youth - Durham Region

CSCY works in collaboration with families and community service providers to respond to the needs of children and youth up to 18 years of age when the complexity of their needs requires supports beyond the normal service system. The program facilitates the service planning required to meet the unique needs of their clients. CSCY also acts as an access point for Central East services that are not available in Durham Region.



Enhanced Staffing

This program provides additional staffing in licensed child care centres or recreational programs to facilitate the inclusion of children with high needs. Staff may be hired directly by the centre or by RFECY to ensure the safety and well being of children with special needs ages 0 - 12 years.



Family Networking

This program provides formal and informal opportunities for families to share ideas and information. Formal workshops on specific topics are offered in conjunction with facilitated support groups. RFECY hosts family events such as an Annual Christmas Party and Family Day to support our philosophy of family-centred services.

Mental Health Supports

Funding is available to provide the following supports:

Community Training

To provide resources to ensure appropriate training for professionals working in Children's Services in Durham Region.

Dual Diagnosis Respite Support

Children with both a developmental disability and a mental health diagnosis can receive respite funding support.

T.A.M.I. (Talk About Mental Illness)

T.A.M.I. is an outreach program offered in schools throughout Durham to eliminate the stigma of mental illness. Volunteers share information about where to go for help and their own experiences with mental illness during this unique educational experience.

Transition Support

Activation Workers assist a child/youth diagnosed with serious mental illness as they return to the community after being in a hospital or residential setting.

Resource Library

RFECY houses an extensive library of books, DVD's and videos available to both clients and the community at large.

