

## Early Intervention

### **Children First**

Provides early intervention program to families with children birth to 6 years of age who have special needs.  
Phone: 519-250-1850

### **John McGivney Children's Centre**

Is a treatment center, school and preschool, serving children birth to 21 yrs with physical and/or neurological disabilities. Temporary home - St. Anne High School in Tecumseh .  
Phone: 519-979-7788

### **Summit Centre for Preschool Children with Autism**

An intensive, behaviour therapy program is available to children between the ages of 18 months–4 years who have ASD and live within a one hour drive of the program site.  
Phone: 519-255-1195

### **Talk 2 Me**

#### **Essex preschool Speech & Language Services**

Offers screenings, information about speech/language development & channels children & their families to the most appropriate service provider for preschool-aged children (0-5 yrs.)  
Phone: 519-252-0636

### **Thames Valley Children's Centre**

#### **Autism Intervention Program Southwest Region**

Early intervention program for children who have been diagnosed with autism toward the more severe end of the autism spectrum. Services are provided to children and their families who live in Southwest Ontario.  
Phone: 1-866-516-5368, press 1, then ext. 58708

## Support

### **Windsor-Essex Brokerage**

Provide personalized information like housing, employment, community opportunities, legalities, finances and budgets. Review the option of portable and flexible support dollars and look at supports services from the widest range of options that anyone in the community could access.  
Phone 519-966-8094

### **Southern Network of Specialized Care**

Designed to promote improved services for individuals with developmental disabilities who need specialized care for co-existing mental illness and/or significant behaviours.  
Phone 519-974-9476

## Recreational Programs

### **Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding Association**

Qualified therapeutic riding instructors who are teaching horseback riding, providing improved co-ordination, posture and physical exercise.  
Phone: 519-969-1261

### **Windsor Essex Sensory Community Centre**

The Snoezelen Room provides a safe, comfortable environment in which the primary senses are stimulated by wonderful combinations of music, lighting effects, gentle vibrations, tactile sensations and aromatherapy.  
Phone: 519-945-8219

### **Special Olympics Ontario**

A year-round athletic training and sports competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. (bowling, swimming, gymnastics, soccer etc.)  
Phone: 519-520-4024

### **Windsor Vistas Gymnastics**

Offer an exclusive program to children with special needs. Their goal is to provide gymnastics training & competitive opportunities for athletes with intellectual or developmental disabilities.  
Phone: 519-948-4386

### **Speqtra**

#### **Special Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Association**

Therapeutic riding has been shown to improve balance co-ordination, muscle strength, muscle tone, self-confidence & self-esteem, attention span, social integration and independence.  
Phone: 519-322-2463

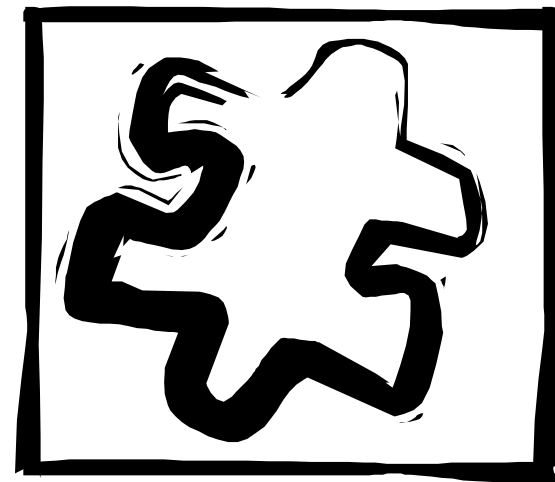
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### **Autism Services Incorporated of Windsor and Essex County**

3600 Curry Ave  
Windsor, ON N9E 2T6  
**519-966-7283**

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# *Windsor / Essex Community Resources For Individuals with Autism*



## Respite Services

### **Community Living Essex**

In-home support, respite care, co-ordination of services and advocacy are provided to families to meet their specific needs. An accessible transportation system and a resource library are also available.  
Phone: 519-776-6483.

### **Community Living Windsor**

This organization provides residential, vocational and other support services to adults who are developmentally handicapped.  
Phone: 519-974-4221.

### **Family Respite Services**

Vital service for families, helping to reduce stress, and supporting the family so that they can continue to care for their child at home. Respite support services were developed to enhance the quality of life for children with developmental and/or physical disabilities while encouraging participation in the community.  
Phone: 519-972-9688

## School Boards

### **GECD School Board**

#### **Greater Essex County District School Board**

451 Park St. W.,  
Windsor, ON N9A 5V4  
Phone: 519-255-3200

### **French Public Board**

Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre-Sud-Ouest  
1799 Ottawa ST.  
Windsor, ON  
Phone: 519-259-4860

### **W ECD School Board**

#### **Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board**

1325 California Ave.,  
Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6  
Phone: 519-253-2481

### **French Catholic Board**

#### **Conseil Scolaire de District des Ecoles Catholiques du Sud-ouest**

7515 Forest Glade Drive  
Windsor, ON  
Phone: 519-948-9227

## Local Agencies

### **Autism Ontario Windsor/Essex Chapter**

Autism Ontario is committed to increasing awareness and understanding about ASD and its effects on individuals and families in Ontario.  
Phone: 519-250-1893

### **Autism Services Incorporated**

Provides a 7-week Summer Program for individuals with a diagnosis of Autism/PDD aged 6–21 years. On site resource lending library with books, videos, DVD's, software, educational toys. Internet access is also available.  
Phone: 519-966-7283

### **Harmony in Action**

Serves adults who have a Developmental and/or physical disability, whom training for employment is not a realistic alternative, by providing opportunities to experience personal growth, social integration, and develop independence.  
Phone: 519-252-1207

### **Help Link Access Services for Children, Youth and Families**

Information and referral assists families with information, support and linkages to appropriate community services. Service Coordinators provide support while accessing relevant community agencies for developmentally delayed children.  
Phone: 519-252-2313

### **Ministry of Children and Youth Services**

Special Services at Home: Helps children and youth with developmental or physical disabilities to live at home with their families by providing funding on a time limited basis to address individual needs. Families can purchase services and supports which they could not normally provide themselves and are not available elsewhere in the community.  
Phone: 519-254-1651

### **Windsor Regional Children's Centre**

An accredited children's mental health centre serving children and adolescents, ages 6-18 years, who are dealing with social, emotional, developmental, and/or behavioural issues.  
Phone: 519-257-5215.

## Support Groups

### **All About Autism**

Introductory Workshops for parents/professionals/caregivers/extended family of children with a suspicion or diagnosis of Autism.  
Phone: 519-966-7283

### **Autism High Functioning Group**

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at St. Matthews Church Hall located at 1600 Norfolk. Parking is available at the rear of the church. All are welcome!  
Phone 519-972-8381 OR 519-972-9277

### **Ensemble**

Empowers parents with children who have disabilities by making resources and tools that provide ideas, coping mechanisms, and guidance available to them.  
Phone: 519-776-6486

### **Family Respite Sibling Group**

Contact Office for more information.  
Phone: 519-972-9688

### **Summit Centre**

Parent and Sibling Groups are available. Contact office for more information.  
Phone: 519-255-1195

### **Windsor-Essex Family Network**

Is a rapidly growing group of parents, brothers, sisters and friends who have come together to promote the well being of children who have disabilities.  
Phone: 519-974-1008

### **Windsor Regional Children's Center Developmental Disabilities Sibling Group**

Sibling Group available. Contact office for more information.  
Phone: 519-257-5215