

## 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. Phone: 519-252-7281

### 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. ABA services and supports are provided to children and their families who live in Southwest Ontario.

Phone: 1-866-590-8822

## 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 support 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 (New Essex location)

Qualified therapeutic riding instructors who are teaching horseback riding, providing improved co-ordination, posture and physical exercise. Phone: 519-726-7682

### Windsor Parks & Recreation

Programs offered in community centres and pools are available to all in the community. Individuals with disabilities can be accompanied by a caregiver. Contact the community centre directly or Phone: 519-253-2300

### Special Olympics Ontario-Windsor

Year-round athletic training and sports competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. For details visit [www.specialolympicswindsor.ca](http://www.specialolympicswindsor.ca) or Phone: 519-790-8714 or 519-250-4024

### 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

### Special Stars Autism and Aspergers Soccer League

A league for children and young adults ages 6 to 18 with Autism or Asperger's. The program runs on Sunday afternoons. Phone : 519-974-2833

### Speqtra

#### Special Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Association

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

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### Autism Services Incorporated

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Windsor, ON N9E 2T6

519-966-7283

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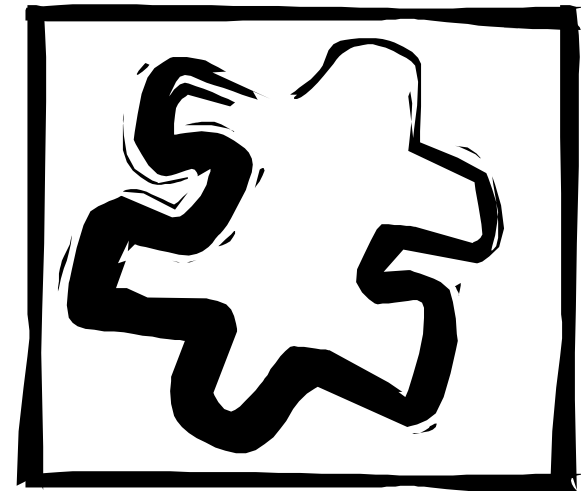
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## RESPIRE SERVICES

### 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 N8Y 1R4

Phone: 519-259-4860

### WECD 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 N8T 3P5

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 Spectrum Disorders 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 or 519-257-5437

### 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: 519-250-9410

### Autism Ontario Potential Program

A variety of family events and informational seminars are held throughout the year. Phone: 226-787-0333

### 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.

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 the office for more information.

Phone: 519-972-9688

### Summit Centre

Parent and Sibling Groups are available. Contact the 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 the office for more information. Phone: 519-257-5215