

Directory of Services and Supports for Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Southwestern Ontario

About this Directory / Inclusion Criteria

Thames Valley Children's Centre (TVCC) is pleased to share this Directory of Service and Supports for Children and Youth with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This Directory includes services, supports, groups, clubs, recreational activities and support groups specific to children and youth with ASD, and their families. The Directory is divided according to the ten counties of Southwestern Ontario. Each agency or individual was contacted and confirmed that the information provided is accurate. Many agencies provide services and supports to various people with disabilities, including children and youth with ASD, but not specific to this population; for example, local Community Livings. These agencies were not included in this Directory because they were beyond the scope and focus of this research project.

Although every effort was made to provide a comprehensive and current listing of programs and services, we also recognize that the field is dynamic and ever changing. Please note that inclusion of a service does not imply endorsement of the agency or service, nor does exclusion indicate a lack of endorsement. Thank you to all the people, agencies and clubs who contributed to the development of the Directory. This Directory was made possible due to funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS).

You are welcome to share this information with families, service providers and anyone else seeking information about services and supports for children and youth with ASD. You do **not** require specific consent from TVCC or MCYS to share this information.

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Autism Canada Foundation	Supporting families, building capacity, advocacy, supporting research	Autism Canada's mission critical activities include: 1.Supporting families looking for information and direction on helping their children with autism with a special focus on behavioural and biomedical interventions, 2. Reaching out and building capacity in the medical community by expanding physician's knowledge and awareness of autism as a disorder affecting the whole body with many treatable features, 3. Working to influence policy within governments to provide public health initiatives and policy change, 4. Supporting research into the causes and treatments for autism	All Canadians	P.O. Box 366 Bothwell, ON N0P 1C0 519-695-5858	info@autismcanada.org	www.autismcanada.org	Call or e-mail for further information	Personal and Corporate donations and independent fundraising events	English
Autism Ontario Grey Bruce	Potential Program, Special Events, Family Support Resource Library	The Potential Program is designed to directly support families of children with ASD through the support of skilled clinical professionals. They have a Family Support Coordinator and Community Event Coordinator. They offer workshops, training, seminars and family support that focuses upon social learning opportunities. A number of special events are provided by the Chapter to the ASD community including recreational and educational events. Consult the "upcoming events" tab on the Chapter website. A Resource Library is available that includes videos, books and resources.	0-99 years	350 10th Street East, Unit 611 Owen Sound N4K 6T8 519-377-9530	autismgreybruce@gmail.com	www.autismontario.com/GreyBruce	Call or e-mail Chapter for further information	Donors, foundations, corporate support, fundraising activities, grants	English and French
Bruce County Social Services	Parents Supporting Parents Coffee Group	An informal group of parents networking, supporting and sharing information over coffee. Parents discuss real life situations and occasionally have a guest speaker.	No age limits	30 Park Street, Walkerton ON N0G 2V0 519-881-0431 or toll free at 1-800-265-3005		www.brucecounty.on.ca	Call the Preschool Resource Program Intake at the listed phone number	Not applicable	English

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Child and Parent Resource Institute	Autism Spectrum Disorders Clinic	The Child and Parent Resource Institute (CPRI) provides voluntary services to children and youth with complex mental health and/or developmental challenges. They have a range of services for children and youth with ASD including: screening clinic for ASD, diagnostic assessment, clinical consult, educational workshops, consultation, sibling workshops, and ASD Connector publication.	Children and youth up to their 18th birthday	600 Sanitorium Road, London ON N6H 3W7 519-858-2774		www.cpri.ca	The intake department handles referrals for outpatient services for 17 counties including the 10 counties of Southwestern Ontario. Referrals are made directly to the intake office. Referrals are reviewed from any source including parents, physicians, schools, or social service agencies with a supporting letter of referral from a physician. Consent forms are available on their website. Essex referrals are processed through their single point of access agency. Intake department is extension 2024.	Ministry of Children and Youth Services	English
	Autism Spectrum Disorders 2 Enhanced Service	Children and youth with ASD who present with complex diagnostic and behavioural needs who have not been responsive to previous treatment interventions. Each client will receive a comprehensive interdisciplinary diagnostic assessment and functional assessment of behaviour. The ASD team provides community capacity building. Education sessions focus on ABA-based strategies and are intended for families, educators, and/or other community service providers. The ASD 2 program provides short-term services	Children and youth up to their 18th birthday	600 Sanitorium Road, London ON N6H 3W7 519-858-2774		www.cpri.ca	This service is offered to families and communities within the province of Ontario. See website for eligibility. Referrals for the ASD 2 program are accepted from Local Access Mechanisms. Referrals can be submitted directly to the ASD 2 team at asd2@ontario.ca or via fax at 519-858-8789.	Ministry of Children and Youth Services	English and French
Community Living Kincardine & District	Autism Parent Group	An informal group of parents networking, supporting and sharing information over coffee. Parents discuss real life situations and occasionally have a guest speaker. Planned special events for the kids include PD Day and March Break activities like Kindergym events, crafts, and bowling	Preschoolers and school-aged kids	286 Lambton Street, Box 9000, Kincardine ON N2Z 2Z3 519-396-9434		www.clkd.ca	Call to be put on the e-mail information list	Community Living Kincardine	English
Independent	Autism Grey Bruce Roadmap	A new website designed to help families navigate Autism supports in Grey and Bruce counties. The website offers practical information in a number of categories: autism defined, getting a diagnosis, agency support, therapies, learning approaches, the school system, adult services, recreation, tips, and local events.	Children, teens, and adults		info@agbr.ca	www.autismgreybruceroadmap.ca		Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services and South-East Grey Support Services	English

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Independent	Grey-Bruce Autism Awareness and Support Group	Group meets the first Monday of every month (with the exception of holidays) at Family Ties Restaurant in Owen Sound from 7-8:30 pm. Professionals, family, friends and individuals living with autism are welcome. This support group provides an opportunity for networking with others, a forum for discussing special topics and an opportunity to interact with guest speakers.		519-378-6742			Please call the listed phone number for any further information and / or to make any inquiries		English
Keystone Child, Youth, and Family Services (in partnership with Thames Valley Children's Centre)	Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)-based services and supports for children and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders	Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services are a voluntary, non-profit prevention and counseling agency, which has been providing free help to children, youth and families in Bruce and Grey Counties since 1974. This program provides a collaborative process to support children and youth with a confirmed ASD diagnosis, by offering consultation and training for parents/caregivers and community providers. This service will focus on one priority goal in one of four areas of development: communication, social/interpersonel, daily living, and behaviour management/emotional regulation using ABA strategies. Whether you are a parent/caregiver, community member, or service provider wanting to learn more about working and playing with this unique population, you can participate in ABA-based services and supports.	Birth up to youth's 18th birthday	845 2nd Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H2 519-371-4773 or toll free at 1-800-567-2384		www.keystonebrucegrey.org	Call the Thames Valley Children's Centre (TVCC) Intake at 519-685-8700 or toll free at 1-866-590-8822. This is the central intake number to call no matter where families live in Southwestern Ontario	Ministry of Children and Youth Services	English
Keystone Child, Youth, and Family Services	ASD Respite Funding	Local Respite Network. Respite services that provide temporary relief from the physical and emotional demands involved in caring for children and youth with ASD and allow the child/youth to engage in meaningful and purposeful activities that promote the continuity of skills and/or help to develop new skills and relationships. Limited camp funding opportunities are available, based upon resources.	Birth up to youth's 18th birthday	Grey Bruce Local Respite Network Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services 845 2nd Ave East, Owen Sound ON N46 2H2 519-371-4773	msmart@bmts.com	www.keystonebrucegrey.org	Contact Local Respite Network	Ministry of Children and Youth Services	English
Regional Support Associates (RSA)	Clinical service provider to individuals with a diagnosis of intellectual disability	RSA in association with Woodstock General Hospital, is a clinical service agency, that supports individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities across the South West Region of Ontario, inclusive of Grey and Bruce counties. In 1998 RSA assumed the clinical responsibilities previously provided by the Mid-Western Regional Centre Community Services Team. In transitioning their service model RSA has continued with a small amount of service provision to children, when capacity is available, as a means of complimenting other available and funded children's services in Grey and Bruce counties. For example, RSA supports that meet a transitional-aged youth's clinical service needs, as they approach the age of 18 and enter into adult developmental services, can complement the efficiency of the overall children's service system in Grey and Bruce counities.	Children and youth with primarily a focus on transitionally-aged youth	Regional Support Associates 333 Athlone Ave., Suite 201 Woodstock, ON N4V 0B8 1-800-640-4108		www.regionalsupport.on.ca	Contact RSA directly at the listed phone number	Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS)	English

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Safeguards Training for Children and Adult Services	The Respite Learning Portal	The Respite Learning Portal is a program of Safeguards Training for Children and Adult Services. In addition to an on-line Respite Services Training Certificate Program and <i>Autism and Your Child, A Parent's Guide</i> , you can also take a Respite Care for People with Autism Certificate Course. The <i>Parent's Guide</i> is a free on-line resource designed to assist parents in searching out a respite worker that is a good fit for their family, and compiling information they may need to best support their child. As a result, parents will have a binder of information that could be relevant to anyone involved or providing services to their child. This organization also provides webinars, in-person training, and other on-line training.	All Ages	100 York Blvd., Suite 120, Richmond Hill ON L4B 1J8 905-889-5030 Ext. 123	caroline@safeguards-training.net	www.safeguards-training.net	To access the Respite Learning Portal or the <i>Autism and Your Child A Parent's Guide</i> resource go to www.safeguards-training.net and you can link to either the English or French Respite Learning Portal.	Ministry of Children and Youth Services and Ministry of Community and Social Services, South West Region	English and French
Silver Lake Mennonite Camp	Summer Camp	A traditional faith-based summer camp offering homemade meals, great facilities and exceptional staff. Activities include: swimming, canoeing, sailing, kayaking, nature, crafts, archery, campfires, sports, initiatives, low ropes, and much more! Community living, personal discovery, outdoor skills, and environmental stewardship are of primary focus. Children and youth with special needs including autism spectrum disorders are welcome. Camp is affiliated with Reach for the Rainbow.	Birth up to youth's 18th birthday	72 Pine Forest Drive, Sauble Beach ON N0H 2G0 519-422-1401	silverlake@slmc.ca	www.slmc.ca	Registration Forms are available on their web-site		English
South West Region Respite Network	Regional Coordinator	Provides coordination for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) respite services and supports and provides information about respite services and supports available. Comprised of nine Local Respite Networks (LRNs) in Bruce/Grey, Elgin, Huron, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth, Chatham-Kent, Essex, and Lambton counties. Respite supports Community of Practice meets quarterly and is a gathering of all local respite networks with representatives from all administering agencies of ASD respite funding and community partners.	Birth up to youth's 18th birthday	15 Rattenbury St East, Box 1581 Clinton ON N0M 1L0 519-606-3600		www.southwestrespitenetwork.com	Contact Local Respite Network	Ministry of Children and Youth Services	English
Thames Valley Children's Centre	Autism Services, Southwestern Ontario	Thames Valley Children's Centre is a regional rehabilitation centre for children and young adults with physical disabilities, communication disorders, developmental delays and autism spectrum disorders, living primarily in Southwestern Ontario. This program provides intensive behavioural intervention (IBI) to children who have been diagnosed toward the severe end of the autism spectrum. IBI is designed to help children change behaviours, improve their skills, and prepare them for learning in school and other settings. The program covers all areas of child development and is based on the scientific principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA).	Birth up to youth's 18th birthday	779 Base Line Road East, London ON N6C 5Y6 519-685-8700 or toll free 1-866-590-8822		www.tvcc.on.ca	Referrals can be made by calling Intake at 519-685-8700. If you are calling from outside the London area, you can call toll free at 1-866-590-8822. You could also print and complete a Referral Form (found on the TVCC web site under the Referrals tab) and mail it to TVCC, Attention: Intake or fax the form to 519-685-8705	Ministry of Children and Youth Services	English

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The Redpath Centre	Individual, couple, and family therapy	The focus of this practice is providing clinical services to children, teens, and adults with Asperger Syndrome (AS) and autism. Services include: individual, couple, and family therapy using a cognitive behaviour therapy approach; preparing students for the transition into highschool, university, or college; treating anxiety, depression, and obsessive-compulsive disorder; stress management and strengthening family relationships; effective family advocacy; psycho-diagnostic assessments; presentations and workshops. The Redpath Centre actively participates in research.	Children, teens, and adults	341 Talbot Street, Suit 212, London ON N6A 2R5 519-266-3474		www.redpathcentre.ca	Self-referral or by a mental health professional. There is a fee for service and a sliding scale is available. The fee is covered by some insurance plans. Services are usually tax deductible	Funded by individuals, families, and insurance plans	English