

Supports Provided

Children's Inclusion Support Services (CISS) provides a range of supports to assist with the inclusion of children with special needs including **but not limited** to the following:

Resource Consultants:

The Resource Consultant provides consultative support on an ongoing basis to various child care programs by suggesting strategies for adapting activities and providing training to ensure a positive inclusion experience for everyone. Using a team approach, the Resource Consultant facilitates the development of a functional Team Service Plan.

Behaviour Consultants:

The Behaviour Consultant provides consultative support, in collaboration with the Resource Consultants, to child care program teaching teams to assist in the development of skills to meet the challenging behavioural needs of children.

Enhanced Staff Support Funding:

Enhanced Staff Support Funding may be available to child care programs in order to hire a program assistant to support the child care setting when enrolling a child whose needs meet the eligibility criteria for this level of support to ensure a positive inclusion experience.

Training and Presentations:

A variety of training opportunities and presentations are available for child care program teaching teams as well as for individuals involved with children who have special needs and parents/guardians. To access information regarding upcoming training opportunities log on to www.afchildrensservices.ca.

Newsletter:

The ACCESS *Inclusion* newsletter celebrates diversity and promotes inclusionary practices. Included in our publications are inspirational journeys of growth shared by children, families, child care educators, and providers. Our newsletter is a treasure trove of resources and helpful information to assist in resolving challenges, and to provide strategies and resources. To subscribe please go to www.cissnewsletter.ca

Resources:

Access to a comprehensive Resource Library which includes materials, equipment, books, DVDs, disability awareness kits as well as toys and other resources is available to child care programs and parents/guardians.

To access the Resource Library Catalogue, please visit: <https://18899.rmwebopac.com/>

Positive Outcomes Program:

The Positive Outcomes Program (POP) provides time limited behaviour management consultation support to licensed child care program teaching teams that have identified children who demonstrate challenging behaviours and **who do not qualify for CISS**.

The Behaviour Consultant works in collaboration with the Director and the teaching teams: to enhance all components of the child care program environment; to focus on skills development for the children and the teaching teams, and to address challenging behaviours through the implementation and maintenance of prevention strategies.