

Program-Based Support for School Age Programs

Resource Consultants now provide program-based support for school age programs to support the full inclusion and participation of all children.

Resource Consultants:

- Consult to the school age programs, usually every two weeks
- Provide program-specific consult reports with observations and strategies for the educator/group
- Attend meetings with parents and educators if/when invited by the program or parent
- Participate in the development of an Individual Support Plan at the request of the program/parent
- Provide training and resources for the teaching team/program (e.g. furniture, equipment and toys)

School Age Programs will:

- Inform parents when a Resource Consultant is supporting their teaching team
- Invite the Resource Consultant to participate in program-specific discussions and/or meetings
- Invite parents to participate in the development of Individual Support Plans to support the individual needs of specific children (in accordance to Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA).
- With parent permission, invite the Resource Consultant to participate in child-specific discussions and meetings and/or to participate in the development of the Individual Support Plan with parent permission
- Request training and resources as needed

Parents can connect with the teaching team of their child's School Age Program to share information, to ask questions and/or raise concerns about their child. They can request meetings if they want to share information and/or discuss any issues. Parents will be invited to participate in the development an Individual Support Plan for their child.

Enhanced Staff Support funding will continue to be provided for children who meet the eligibility criteria for this support.