

Hi everyone

Welcome to our first newsletter for Developmental Support Services! We hope you find this to be an effective way to learn all about supports and services available to you or your child. Sometimes systems and resources can be challenging to navigate, particularly when you are already very busy people. Hopefully being able to access the information in our newsletter, at a time that is convenient for you will be helpful. The information contained in these newsletters will remain available for as long as the information is in effect. We will also be hosting monthly in person group sessions on a variety of topics, which you'll hear about in our newsletter – stay tuned! After a few newsletter editions we'll look for your feedback to help us understand what's been most helpful to you.

Have a great day,

Jennifer Moore, Executive Director

Upcoming Workshops

There are a variety of FREE workshops at DCAFS coming up over the next few month. We would love to have you attend and network with other families and individuals. Guest speakers and DSS staff will be there to help you understand the services.

Wed. Feb. 24th, 2016 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm -Special Services at Home and Respite Services: Special Agreements Officer from MCYS/MCSS will be available to provide participants with detailed information about this benefit including a step by step overview of the application form. Learn more about respite, how to find a provider, how payment works. Respite Service Coordinators from DCAFS and Kerry's Place will be on hand to answer questions. Please RSVP by Thursday, February 18 to Lynn Walbourne at lynn.walbourne@dcafs.on.ca or call at 519-941-1530 ext 441.

ABA information night for parents in Dufferin on Tuesday May 17th at Kerry's Place from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for more information contact: cwrabaintake@kerrysplace.org or call 1-800-668-6432.

Free specialized training for adult respite support, visit STARS at <http://www.eventbrite.ca/o/stars-7822843248> for more information.

Please visit www.dcafs.on.ca for any new workshops



Resources for Families and Individuals

Below is a variety of ongoing resources and contact information available for families and individuals. We will be adding to this amazing list of resources that Dufferin County has to offer so be sure to visit our website at www.dcafs.on.ca often.

- Ability Online - www.abilityonline.org
- Adult Dances at Masonic Lodge please contact katie.piitz@kerrysplace.org
- ALAS - Active Lives After School Adult Day Program --Contact sara@alasdufferin.ca or 519-938-7866
- Autism Ontario good information on a number of webinars addressing topics such as Educational Advocacy and Navigating the System after an Autism Diagnosis. Also provides information on March Break and Summer Funding
- Dufferin Autism Resource group on facebook
- Electricity Support Program for low-income households (1-855-831-8151)
- Friday Friendship Club - For more information please visit Orangeville Christian Reformed Church.
- Parent/Caregiver Support Group for those parenting an elementary school aged child with behaviour challenges - 1st Tuesday of every month at DCAFS - Contact Jennifer Campbell at 519-938-1497 or via email at jen_campbell@live.ca
- Special Olympics - Currently running Basketball and Curling - Contact Kim at kimboughton@hotmail.com or call 519-941-9090
- Teamworks - Zacchary's Camp 2016 contact Antje van Dipten - 519-215-6465
- Teen Club - for additional information call Bev at 519-942-2214



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