

SUMMER!nc 2022

With summer around the corner, and camp registration now open, we wanted to update about summer funding that is available to support our children, youth and families in Dufferin County this year. We will be distributing funds to support children and youth (up to 18yrs) with additional needs who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Financial support is needed to cover camp registration costs (can be a virtual or in-person camp program)
- An Inclusion Support Worker is needed to provide individual support to attend a camp program in-person
- A respite worker is needed to provide individual support to participate in virtual programming at home

Please note that only one week of camp can be requested per child, and families will need to secure a camp spot and seek out their own respite provider if that level of individual support is needed. If you are in receipt of other sources of funding that may be used to pay for these costs (i.e., subsidy, SSAH/Passport/OAP), then we please ask that you access that funding first.

We Believe:

- Children have different ways of learning and participating, and we respect these differences.
- Inclusion begins with an attitude and approach – it is not a segregated place or program.
- Inclusion should guide all camp planning and programming, regardless of the activity being offered.
- Inclusion means there is an opportunity for every camper to fully and actively participate and be successful in all camp programming and activities.
- All children and adults will benefit from inclusion. Everyone feels like they belong when we anticipate differences and plan for inclusion up front.
- We can maximize camper's independence by focusing on their abilities and assuming that they can do things for themselves rather than assuming they cannot and need one-to-one support.

Requests for funding can be made on behalf of any child or youth involved with any of our programs and service areas at DCAFS. Please connect with your DCAFS worker and they can support you by submitting the request form on your behalf. If you are a camp provider who would like to inquire about opportunities for staff training and professional development, please contact Danon Hennessey danon.hennessey@dcafs.on.ca (519-941-1530, ext. 382).