

Special Education Advisory Committee

LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION, YORK REGION

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As non-profit volunteer organizations, we provide information, support, guidance and resources for parents and professionals. Our aim is to further the educational, social, recreational, legal, medical, vocational and employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

VOICE FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN

161 Eglinton Ave. E., Suite 701, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1J5
(416) 487-7719; (fax) 416-487-7423

Voice provides information and support to parents and teachers of hearing impaired children. Voice supports and provides early and intensive audio-verbal therapy for hearing impaired children.

NEWMARKET ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

757 Bogart Avenue, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 2A7
(905) 898-3000; (fax) 898-6441;
General e-mail: clnad@clnad.com

YORK SOUTH ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

101 Edward Avenue, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 5E5
(905) 884-9110 or (905) 889-5239
E-mail: info@ysacl.ca

The goal of these associations is to assist people with developmental handicaps to live in a state of dignity, share in all elements of living in the community, and have the opportunity to participate effectively. These associations work in conjunction with the school, student and their families to plan for the transition from school to community.

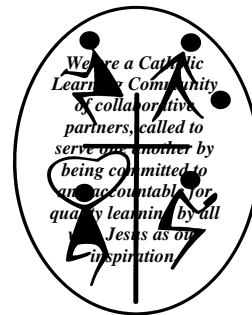
YORK SUPPORT SERVICE NETWORK

102 Main St. S., Unit 3, Newmarket, L3Y 3Y7
(905) 898-6455

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With the understanding of our mission statement, the York Catholic District School Board is attempting to meet its legislated responsibility to provide appropriate programs and services for all its students. The major educational needs of most students are met within the regular classroom. However some students are exceptional, ie those students whose behavioural, communication, intellectual or physical need or a combination of these, are such that the student is considered to need special educational support programs and services. The Special Education Advisory Committee of the York Catholic District School Board was established, in accordance with the Education Act, to make recommendations to the Board with respect to any matter affecting the establishment and development of special education programs and services for students with exceptional needs.

This brochure has been prepared to inform students, parents, guardians, educators, school trustees and the community of how to access the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). We seek your assistance in ensuring the best possible programs are available for all our students.



York Catholic District School Board

Elizabeth Crowe
Chair of the Board

Susan F. LaRosa
Director of Education

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THE MANDATE/ROLE OF SEAC

SEAC is responsible for examining, reviewing and making recommendations and offering advice to the Board with respect to any matter affecting the establishment and development of special education programs and services and facilities for exceptional students of the Board.

Some of the areas of focus are philosophy and goals, program delivery systems, services and facilities, policies and procedures, funding, Annual Review of Special Educational Plan, interaction with other Board committees in related areas and any other matters concerning special education as determined by the committee or requested by the Board.

This role of SEAC will ensure that the Board is aware and keeps pace with changing community and professional views and concerns.

MEMBERSHIP OF SEAC

The composition of SEAC is outlined in the Education Act and is composed of three school trustees; one representative from each of the local parent associations, not to exceed 12, in the area of jurisdiction of the Board, as nominated by the local association and appointed by the Board; and one or more Board appointed additional members who are not representative of the above and are not members of the Board or on a committee of the Board.

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HOW CAN SEAC HELP ME AND HOW CAN I HELP SEAC?

SEAC members are available as a resource for students with exceptional needs, parents/guardians of such students, schools, educators, trustees and the community. Many members are parents themselves of students with exceptional needs and are aware of the educational needs and abilities such students may experience. If you have questions regarding special education, please see the reverse of this brochure for contact associations who will provide you with the name of your current SEAC representative.

SEAC holds regular monthly meetings which are open to the public. We invite all parents and interested members of the public to attend these meetings. For more information on SEAC or special education services in the York Catholic District School Board, please contact the Superintendent of Education: Exceptional Learners & Safe Schools (905) 713-2711.

SEAC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

ASSOCIATION FOR BRIGHT CHILDREN (ABC)
2 Bloor Street West, Suite 100, Box, 156, Toronto, Ontario,
M4W 2G7
(416) 925-6136

Through the local chapter, A.B.C. works to provide information about the social, emotional and intellectual needs of bright and gifted children at home, school and in the community and encourages appropriate educational programs. Speakers, discussion groups, newsletters and annual conferences are available for the family and interested community members.

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AUTISM SOCIETY ONTARIO –YORK REGION CHAPTER
Loyal True Blue & Orange Home, 11181 Yonge Street, Suite
303, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4S 1L2
(905) 780-1590; e-mail: york@autismontario.com

DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF YORK REGION
1100 Gorham Street, Suite 11B-345, Newmarket, Ontario,
L3Y 8Y8
(416) 410-DOWN; 1-800-649-DOWN;
e-mail: info@dsayr.on.ca

This association is a non-profit, charitable organization made up of a group of parents, educators, and community support professionals who firmly believe in the inherent equality of persons with Down Syndrome. We are committed to promoting a positive image of people with Down Syndrome as being valued community members.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES, YORK REGION
17250 Yonge Street, P.O. Box 147
Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 6Z1
1-888-703-5437(KIDS)

THE EASTER SEAL SOCIETY
1185 Eglinton Avenue East, North York, Ontario, M3C 3C6
(416) 421-8377 or 1-800-668-6252

This society is dedicated to helping children with physical disabilities achieve their full potential and future independence, through medical, physical and educational assistance to parents and children.

KINARK
1100 Gorham Street, Unit 12
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 8Y8
(905) 898-4572; FAX (905) 836-2890

The Kinark Child and Family Services Program provides a day treatment service available to students over 12 years old who are residents of the geographic Region of York.

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