

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.

PARENTS FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH (PCMH)
York Region Chapter—
c/o The York Centre for Children, Youth and Families
11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1N5
Website: www.pcmh.ca/york E-mai: york@pcmh.ca

PCMH is a provincial, parent-led organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. We are dedicated to ensuring that children, youth and their families have access to all the mental health services and community supports and provide them with direct knowledge and resources to help them navigate the mental health systems.

YORK SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK

240 Edward Street, Unit 3, Aurora, ON L4G 3S9
Phone: (905) 898-6455
Toll Free: 1-866-257-9776
Fax: (905) 898-1171
Website: www.yssn.ca

YSSN provides case management services to individuals who have a severe mental health issue and to children and adults who have developmental disabilities. YSSN also hosts the centralized process for access to Ministry of Community and Social Services funded programs for York Region.

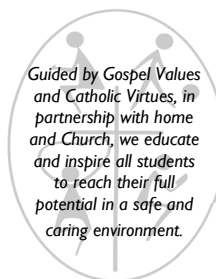
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With the understanding of our mission statement, the York Catholic District School Board is attempting to meet its legislated responsibility to provide appropriate programs and services for all its students. The major educational needs of most students are met within the regular classroom. However some students are exceptional, i.e. 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.



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE



York Catholic District School Board

Carol Cotton
Chair of the Board

Patricia Preston
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, 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.

The 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.

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.

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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 refer to the list of associations below 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 at (905) 713-2711 ext. 11630.

SEAC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

AUTISM ONTARIO –YORK REGION CHAPTER

Loyal True Blue & Orange Home, 11181 Yonge Street, Suite 215, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4S 1L2
(905) 780-1590; e-mail: autismyork@aol.com
Website: www.autismontario.com/york
AutismONTARIO website: www.autismontario.com

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF YORK REGION

Loyal True Blue & Orange Home, 11181 Yonge Street, #201 Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1L2
Website: www.yorkabi.ca Email: info@yorkabi.ca

COMMUNITY LIVING NEWMARKET/AURORA DISTRICT

757 Bogart Avenue, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 2A7
Phone: 905-898-3000; FAX 905-898-6441;
General e-mail: clnad@clnad.com
E-mail: aboden@clnad.com; Website: www.clnad.com

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COMMUNITY LIVING YORK SOUTH

101 Edward Avenue, Richmond Hill, L4C 5E5
Phone: (905) 884-9110 or (905) 889-5239;
FAX 905-737-3284
E-mail: info@ysacl.ca; Website: www.ysacl.on.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.

DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF YORK REGION

1100 Gorham Street, Suite 11B-345, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 8Y8, (416) 410-3696; 1-800-649-3696;
e-mail: info@dsayr.on.ca Website: www.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 Tele: 1-888-703-5437(KIDS)

Early Intervention Services of York Region offers services to children who have a developmental need, an established diagnosis, or are at risk of acquiring a developmental need. It provides consultation to families in their homes, as well as in community programs.

KINARK

24 Orchard Heights Boulevard, Unit 101A, Aurora L4G 6T5
Phone: (905) 713-0700; FAX (905) 713-0045
Central Intake: 1-888-454-6275
Website: www.kinark.on.ca

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