

## **FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**

Family Support Groups are offered to provide family members an opportunity for mutual support and to share experiences, challenges, successes and hope. Outside speakers are occasionally provided around topics requested. (i.e. education, advocacy, long term planning, etc.)

## **RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Resource Centres lend materials such as books, journals, newsletters and DVDs / videotapes on a wide range of topics including:

- Autism/Pervasive Developmental Disorder
- Asperger's Syndrome
- Education
- Long-term Planning
- Communication Strategies
- Social Skills Strategies
- Behaviour Strategies
- Recreation & Leisure
- Other related topics

In addition, we have:

- Internet Access for researching information relating to Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Access to Picture Communication Symbol Boardmaker computer program.
- Space for individuals and families to meet informally and formally.

## **RESPIRE**

Kerry's Place Autism Services offers a range of respite opportunities for both children and adults such as assistance in finding and training community respite workers, camps, and out of home respite for children and adults with complex and multiple special needs.

## **INTENSIVE CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT PROJECT**

This initiative provides intense support to children with ASD and their families in the areas of intense in home consultation and out of home respite support. This project provides a more intensive support and is aimed at supporting a limited number of families where there has been an identified risk of family breakdown.

## **REFERRAL**

An individual or parent/guardian may call Kerry's Place Autism Services to make a referral

Referrals will be taken by telephone and, if required, an appointment will be arranged to complete the intake process.

A diagnosis under the ASD / Pervasive Developmental Disorder Spectrum is required.

Please note that there may be wait lists involved for any of the services offered.

**SERVING INDIVIDUALS WITH  
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER  
IN PEEL AND HALTON REGIONS**



*KERRY'S PLACE AUTISM  
SERVICES  
COMMUNITY SERVICES  
PEEL HALTON*

## **RESOURCE CENTRES**

### **BRAMPTON**

**153 Queen St. West  
Brampton Ontario L6Y 1M4  
Ph: (905) 457-1130  
Fax: (905) 457-1157**

### **LAKESHORE / MISSISSAUGA**

**1834 Lakeshore Rd. W. # 7  
Mississauga Ontario L5J 1J7  
Ph: (905) 855-4984  
Fax: (905) 855-3510**

### **MALTON / MISSISSAUGA**

**3233 Brandon Gate Drive # 4  
Mississauga Ontario L4T 2V8  
Ph: (905) 293-9788  
Fax: (905) 293-9776**

**INTAKE CALLS**  
**Ph: (905) 457-1130 Ext.250**

**ENGLISH**

## **KERRY'S PLACE AUTISM SERVICES**

Kerry's Place Autism Services (Central West Region-Peel/Halton) has been providing support and consultation to children, adolescents and adults with a diagnosis under the Pervasive Developmental Disorder Spectrum and their families since June 1993. The diagnoses under the ASD / Pervasive Developmental Disorder Spectrum includes:

- Autism
- Pervasive Developmental Disorder—Not Otherwise Specified
- Asperger's Syndrome
- Rett's Syndrome
- Childhood Disintegrative Disorder

From our Resource Centres staff provide service to residents of Peel and Halton Regions.

As a community based service, we are committed to the development and empowerment of all individuals with a diagnosis under the ASD /Pervasive Developmental Disorder Spectrum to actively participate within their respective communities.

Experienced community services staff can provide consultation and teaching to the individual, his/her family, schools and other agencies.

## **IN-HOME CONSULTATION**

In-home consultation provides intense, short-term assistance from an Autism Consultant who can teach the family strategies to deal with a specific situation or to teach a new skill. These areas can include, but, not limited to:

- Support / behaviour strategies
- Communication strategies
- Teaching life skill
- Social skills
- Long-term planning
- Connecting families with one another
- Information on family support groups

## **SOCIAL GROUPS**

Social groups are offered for various age ranges. The groups are held at various locations in the community as well as at the Resource Centres. The groups provide an opportunity for social interaction and developing friendships. These groups are based on an integrated peer learning model where children with and without autism participate in the group together.

## **SIBLING GROUPS**

Sibling groups are run in conjunction with partner agencies in both Peel and Halton. These groups provide an opportunity for children who have siblings with ASD, to meet and share learning and experiences together in a safe structured environment with the facilitation of Kerry's Place Autism Services and Partner Agency staff.

## **MEANINGFUL DAY / PASSPORTS & EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS**

Employment Supports provides assistance to youth and adults wishing to prepare for or begin employment. Meaningful Day Supports / Passports supports individuals in identifying and pursuing their goals relating to meaningful day activities such as employment, volunteer work, social and recreation / leisure activities. Resource support is provided to those who wish to pursue opportunities such as ODSP Employment Supports and wage subsidies.

## **FAMILY RESOURCE DAYS**

Family Resource Day appointments provide an opportunity for individuals and/or their families to discuss issues and concerns specific to their situations with a community services staff.

Appointments can be booked on a first-come, first served basis.

## **WORKSHOPS**

Workshops are offered to groups of people, schools, and agencies. Workshops can be tailored to specific areas of interest within the Pervasive Developmental Disorder Spectrum.