



Tip sheet: Understanding school supports for your child

There are school supports available. This document explains where you can find them.

Here are some topics you might be looking for information about:

- Ministry of Education guidelines
- Individual Placement Review Committee (IPRC)
- Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Building parent–teacher relationships
- Sharing information about your child
- Getting ready for kindergarten
- Getting ready for change (transition planning) (e.g. junior high high school, high school, college, university or work)
- Teaching tips

You can find information on these topics at:

<http://www.parents-as-partners.ca/>

<http://connectability.ca/2011/03/25/parent%E2%80%99seducationhandbook/>

Resource guides:

Learn about school services and supports by reading resource guides from childhood disability agencies. Check the agency websites below for more information.

Autism Ontario: Navigating the Special Education System in Ontario (<http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/Durham/Special+Education+Resources?OpenDocument>): A handbook for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Down Syndrome Association Toronto (<http://dsat.ca/>): A Parent-Teacher Resource Guide.

The Advocate's Journal (<http://www.caddac.ca/cms/page.php?41>): a manual and diary for school advocacy.



At the school board

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

SEAC guides special education activities. Committee members focus on different disabilities (e.g. acquired brain injury, developmental disability, autism spectrum disorder, spina bifida, learning disabilities). Some of the agencies are listed below:

- Toronto Brain Injury Association
- Community Living Association (helps people with developmental disabilities)
- Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy
- Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association
- Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario
- Association for Bright Children
- Autism Ontario (Toronto local chapter)
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Contact your school board's special education office for more information about this committee or if you would like to speak to a committee member about your child's needs.

School Trustees

Your vote helps choose the trustee who will speak up for your child's education at the school board. The trustee can help you find information on available services or put you in contact with someone who can answer your questions. Contact your local school board office for the name of the trustee in your area.

If you have questions, please call or email us.

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