

The Ontario Special Needs Strategy

Parent/Caregiver Survey

The Province of Ontario is working to improve how children and youth with special needs and their families receive services. This strategy is a collaboration of four ministries and many service providers. They are working towards an Ontario where children and youth with special needs get the timely and effective services they need to participate fully at home, at school, in the community, and as they prepare to achieve their goals for adulthood. This work is being done through "The Special Needs Strategy". The Special Needs Strategy places the needs of children/youth at the centre of all policy, program and service delivery decisions.

The ministries require that youth with special needs and families of children with special needs be engaged in the proposal development process. How can you be involved? The planning process begins by asking parents/caregivers for their ideas and feedback about how to improve coordination and access to services that are provided to children with special needs in Windsor and Essex County. We want to hear from you about your experience with local services, community supports and the changes we should consider to help make good decisions for our community.

Please click here for the [online survey](#) which will be active through to April 22, 2015.

If you cannot use the electronic survey, please call us for a printable version of the survey. Return your completed survey by April 22, 2015 to:

**Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board
1325 California Ave, Windsor, Ontario Canada, N9B 3Y6
Attention: Cathy Geml**

Our Local Planning Table will be hosting a number of family gatherings to offer families and youth the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Planning Table to provide input into our local plan for Coordinated Service Planning for families of children with complex special needs. The dates and locations for these family gatherings are:

Caregiver Engagement Sessions:

Location	Date	Time
Essex Centre Sports Complex 60 Fairview Avenue West Essex, Ontario	May 14	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Place Concorde 7515 Forest Glade Drive Windsor, Ontario	May 12	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
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Youth Engagement Session:

Place Concorde 7515 Forest Glade Drive Windsor, Ontario	May 16	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
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