

Program Descriptions & Additional Supports

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Aboriginal Health Centre	905-544-4320	• Assists Aboriginal people in accessing culturally appropriate preventive and primary healthcare programs and services. www.aboriginalhealthcentre.com
Alcohol, Drugs & Gambling Services	905-546-3606	 Public Health professionals provide outpatient counseling for alcohol and/or drug issues to individuals 23+ years, and problem gambling services to individuals 12 years and older. www.hamilton.ca/adgs
Blind/Low Vision Program	905-385-7927 x221	 Gives blind/low vision children from birth to Grade 1 and their parents education and support. www.earlywords.ca/blv_intro.htm
Catholic Children's Aid Society	905-525-2012	Provides child welfare services to Catholic families and children in Hamilton. www.hamiltonccas.on.ca/
Catholic Family Services	905-527-3823	 Provides a range of services related to social problems that disrupt individual and family living. Individuals of all denominations welcome. www.cfshw.com/
Check It Out Drop Ins	905-524-4884	• Free drop-ins across Hamilton for families w/ children 0-6 featuring a team of community professionals who can answer questions & provide information regarding a child's growth, development and/or behaviour. www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices/PublicHealth/Nutrition/ChildDevelopmentScreeningClinic.htm
Child Care Information Hamilton	905-528-0591	• First point of access to information for parents, caregivers, centre operators, early childhood educators and anyone else with a child care question. http://www.cafcc.on.ca/ccil.php
Child Care Subsidy	905-546-4870	 Financial assistance for eligible families who need child care for children aged 0-12 years old. www.hamilton.ca/childcare
Children's Aid Society	905-522-1121	• Works to protect children from physical, sexual and emotional abuse and neglect, and with parents to address concerns and resolve issues that impact a child's safety and well-being. www.hamiltoncas.com
COAST	905-972-8338	• 24-hour crisis line for Hamiltonians who have serious mental health issues and are in crisis. www.coasthamilton.ca
Community Information Hamilton (CIH)	905-528-0104	• Free online database of community, government, non-profit, voluntary and health sector programs and services in Hamilton. www.inform.hamilton.ca
Contact Hamilton	905-570-8888	• This is the first point of access for children's mental health services, youth with emotional, behavioural or developmental concerns and adults with developmental disabilities. www.contacthamilton.ca
EatRight Ontario (Info Line)	1-877-510-5102	 Easy-to-use information on food and nutrition, meal planning advice, healthy eating tips and recipes. Nutritionists can also answer nutrition-related questions and provide feedback by phone/email. www.eatrightontario.ca
Francophone Health Centre	905-528-0163	• Centre de Santé is a multi-service agency providing health and social services to French-speaking clients in Hamilton. www.cschn.ca
Growing Together	905-521-2100 x74243	• Growing Together is a community directory that lists current, local prenatal and parenting information sessions. www.communityed.ca
Health Connections	905-546-3550	 Public Health Nurses provide expectant parents and families of children under age 6 w/ information on various health topics, make referrals & connect parents to info sessions in the community. www.hamilton.ca/publichealth
Healthy Babies, Healthy Children/Nurse Family Partnership	905-546-3550	• Public Health Nurses (PHN) visit families in their home during pregnancy, after the birth of a child, and with children up to to 6 years of age. Eligible families receive regular visits from a PHN and/or Family Home Visitor (FHV) to support healthy growth and development, positive parenting and connections with community resources. www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices/PublicHealth/Parenting/HBHC-HomeVisits.htm
Home Management Program	905-546-4804	 Teaches individuals, families and groups, through practical instruction and coaching, the skills necessary to be more successful and independent in their day to day living. www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices/SocialServices/SupportPrograms/Home+Management+Program.htm
Access to Housing	905-524-2228	 Access to Housing provides the point of access for people wishing to apply for subsidized housing in Hamilton. www.hamilton.ca/housing
Infant Hearing Program	905-381-2828	 Identifies and provides services to young children born deaf, hard-of-hearing, or at risk for developing a hearing impairment in early childhood. www.earlywords.ca/hear_intro.htm
McMaster Children's Hospital– Children's Developmental Rehabilitation Program	905-521-2100 x77950	 Provides habilitation/rehabilitation to children ages 0-18 with neurological and/or developmental disabilities. The interdisciplinary team offers assessment, treatment and consultation. www.mcmasterchildrenshospital.ca/body.cfm?id=218
McMaster Children's Hospital— Feeding and Swallowing Clinic	905-521-2100 x75013	 This clinic requires a physician referral and provides outpatient care for children with feeding and/or swallowing difficulties. http://www.mcmasterchildrenshospital.ca/body.cfm?id=76
McMaster Children's Hospital – Infant Parent Program	905-521-2100 x77406	 Supports families of children ages 0-3 who are at risk because of developmental, medical, or other problems. The team's goal is to help the infant and their parents develop to the best potential. www.mcmasterchildrenshospital.ca/body.cfm?id=221
McMaster Children's Exercise and Nutrition Centre	905-521-7967	 Clinical programs involve consultation, education, medical care, and prescription of physical activity, nutrition, and lifestyle alterations to modify health-related behaviours of patients, their families, and caregivers. www.mcmasterchildrenshospital.ca/body.cfm?id=70
Ontario Early Years Centres	905-524-4884	• Children 0-6 and parents/caregivers can take part in programs and activities together. Parents and caregivers can also get information about their children's development and supporting services. www.ontarioearlyyears.ca
Ontario Works	905-546-4800	Provides income and employment assistance for those in temporary financial need. www.ontario.ca/socialassistance
Parenting & Family Literacy Centres	905-524-4884	 Parenting and Family Literacy Centres are school-based programs for parents and their children, aged birth to six years of age, that operate during the school day. http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/pflc.html
Preschool Speech and Language Program (Early Words)	905-381-2828	• Umbrella organization of Hamilton's preschool speech & language services for young children. Parents, childcare providers & other professionals can call for info about children's speech/language development & workshops. www.earlywords.ca
Therapeutic Referral for Child Care	905-546-2424 x4872	• By referral from a professional, families may be eligible for a child care placement, when a child is deemed at risk. www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices/SocialServices/ChildCareAndParenting/Child-at-Risk.htm