

# Waterloo Region Special Needs Strategy Planning Table

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On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Waterloo Region Special Needs Strategy Planning table submitted its proposal for the Integrated Delivery of Rehabilitation Services. We are pleased to report that all of our table members unconditionally supported the recommendations contained in the proposal. Having said that however, we know that there is a lot of work ahead of us to bring the ideas to life. But first we wait... The Ministries have advised us that the proposals are considered recommendations and as such, subject to approval from the Province. Officials are currently reviewing all 34 proposals and will advise us when they are ready to proceed with the next steps (we have heard this will be sometime in the Spring). In the meantime, we have been asked to hold the recommendations in confidence.

The Ministries' timelines notwithstanding, we have learnt some very valuable lessons about ourselves and our partners through this process. We know that there are some practice changes that we can implement without waiting for Ministry approvals that will improve the system experience of families. So our Planning Table is continuing to work on new ideas and approaches while we await the official response from Government.

With regard to Coordinated Service Planning, we received a letter from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services on November 26<sup>th</sup>. In that letter, several questions of clarification were asked. We are now preparing for a follow up meeting with the Ministry toward the end of February (the exact date has not yet been set). So the Planning Table is back at work after our (brief) hiatus.

Stay tuned....

**Special Needs Strategy Vision:**  
A Waterloo Region 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.

## Planning Table Members

- Aboriginal Peoples of Waterloo Region
- Carizon/Lutherwood
- Children's Planning Table
- Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud (CSDCCS)
- Conseil scolaire Viamonde
- Developmental Services Resource Centre (Sunbeam)
- Erinoakkids
- Family and Children's Services
- Kerry's Place
- KidsAbility Centre for Child Development
- KidsAbility School Authority
- KW Habilitation
- Region of Waterloo
- Waterloo Catholic District School Board
- Waterloo Region District School Board
- Waterloo Region Family Network
- Waterloo Wellington Community Care Access Centre (CCAC)
- Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

For more information on the Waterloo Region Special Needs Strategy please contact one of our Chairs or visit <http://waterlooregionspecialneedsstrategy.weebly.com/>. This document is available in alternative formats upon request and questions in French can be answered via our Chairs.

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