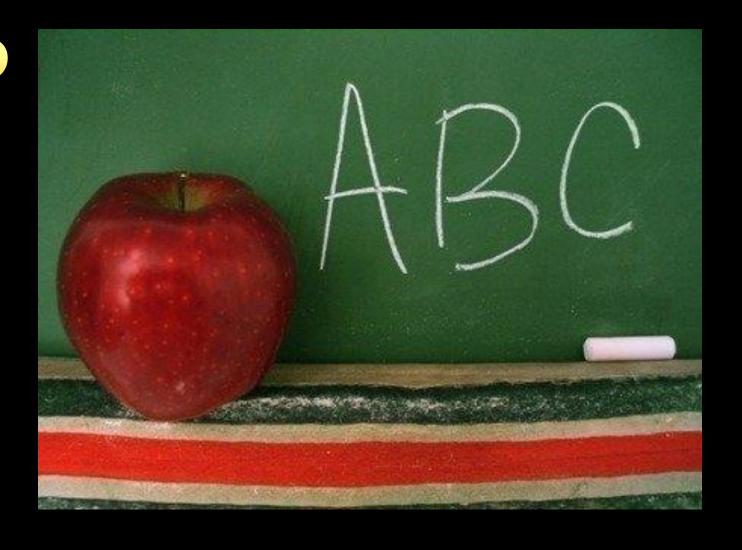
IPRC & IEP Success and Understanding your child's Legal Rights



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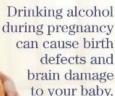
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- Co-chair Hamilton FASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group
- Frequent participation IPRC and IEP School meetings
- Convinced Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) to recognize FASD under Exceptionalities (+ other Support Groups).
- Vice Chair HWDSB SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee)
- Convinced Government of Ontario that grocery stores sale of alcohol is subject to Sandy's Law
- Assisted children in McMaster Psych Ward and Criminal Court Proceedings for FASD
- Member of the MCCSS FASD Website Advisory Committee

Hamilton FASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group

Providing assistance and support to Parents & Caregivers affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

Warning:





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Presentation Overview

- 1.Intro
- 2.FASD Incidence
- 3. Success Factors
- 4.Education
 - Challenges
 - Achieving Success the "process"
 - Understanding your legal rights
- 5. Questions



2. FASD Incidence

- LOW estimate is 2.9% in Ontario (1 in 33)
- CAMH (W.H.O.) Canadian Incidence study (April 2018)
 - Toronto District School Board
 - 46.9% of 8,209 completed consent form (53.1% did not)
 - 30.1% refused to allow child to participate
 - 40.9% biological mothers agreed to be interviewed (59.1% did not)
 - Not one child identified had a prior FASD diagnosis
- Down Syndrome, Spina Bifida, and Autism <u>combined</u> incidence is less than FASD incidence

3. Success Factors

- 1. Early diagnosis
- 2. Appropriate accommodations & support
- 3. Stable environment
- 4. Structure
- 5. Social integration
- 6. Abilities & expectations match
- 7. Validation and Understanding
- 8. Help them make sense of themselves
- 9. Others see them as having organic brain damage
- 10. Empathetic and compassionate interventions

3. Success Factors

Making Mental Shifts about Students with FASD

https://education.alberta.ca/media/385140/re-defining-success-supporting-students-with-fasd-2009.pdf

From seeing the student as	To understanding the student as	
Won't	Can't	
Bad, annoying	Frustrated, challenged	
Lazy, unmotivated	Trying hard, tired of failing	
Lying	Storytelling to compensate for memory	
Fussy	Hypersensitive	
Acting young	Developmentally younger	
Trying to get attention	Needing contact, support	
Inappropriate	Displaying behaviours of young child	
Not trying	Exhausted or can't get started	
Mean	Defensive, hurt	
Not caring	Unable to show feeling	
Refusing to sit still	Overstimulated, overwhelmed	
Resisting	Doesn't "get it," lacks understanding	
Trying to annoy me	Can't remember	
Showing off	Needing contact, acceptance	
From personal feelings of	To feelings of	
Hopelessness	Hope	
Fear	Understanding	
Chaos, confusion	Organization, comprehension	
Power struggles	Working with	
Isolation	Networking, collaboration	
Rethinking FASD can shift how school staff see their roles and relationships with students. It could result in professional shifts such as the examples below.		
Professional shifts from	То	
Stopping behaviours	Preventing problems by identifying	
Behaviour modification	what student needs	
Changing people	Modelling, using visual cues	

Changing environments

Teaching many ways many times

Teaching one way

4. Education — Challenges Cause

- Lack of identified or suspect
- Lack of IPRC/IEP (vast majori
- Teachers / EA not trained to
- Support Group member / Sp
- Neuro-psych testing (multi yed)
- Suspensions (OHRC improper
- OHRC Ontario schools rife with Ableism





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OBJECTIVES

- 1. Identification of Exceptionality / Required support
- 2. Determine best placement option

Identification of Exceptionality - Exceptionality categories

Exceptionalities	Characteristics
1. Behaviour	Behaviour disability
2. Communication	Autism, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Speech Impairment, Language Impairment, Learning Disabilities
3. Intellectual	Gifted, Mild Intellectual Disability, Developmental Disability
4. Physical	Physical Disability, Blind and Low Vision
5. Multiple	Multiple Exceptionalities (2 or more prominent)

Ministry of Education – Dec 19, 2011 memorandum

Ministry of Education

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depending on the presentation, and the degree of the impact that ADD/ADHD has on that student's learning. Some of the areas in which a student with ADD/ADHD may have demonstrable learning needs include (but are not limited to) attention/focus, organization, processing speed, working memory, executive functioning weaknesses, mathematical processes and skills, and expressive and receptive language. A student who presents with such learning needs can be identified within the Communication (learning disability) exceptionality category, regardless of whether the medical criteria for a Learning Disability are met. In other cases involving students with ADD/ADHD where

Inclusion of some medical conditions (e.g., autism) in the Guide's definitions of the five categories of exceptionalities is not intended to exclude any other medical condition that may result in learning difficulties, such as (but not limited to) Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD), Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Tourette Syndrome, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, and Fibromyalgia Syndrome

The broad categories of exceptionalities set out in subsection 1(1) of the Act (Behaviour Communication, Intellectual, Physical and Multiple) are designed to address the wide range of



student. The Ministry welcomes feedback to assist in the continuous improvement of the development and implementation of effective IEPs.

Thank you for your on-going support

The determining factor for the provision of special education programs or services is not any specific diagnosed or undiagnosed medical condition, but rather the needs of individual students based on the individual assessment of strengths and needs.

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PLACEMENT OPTIONS

- 1. A regular class with indirect support where the student is placed in a regular class for the entire day, and the teacher receives specialized consultative services.
- 2. A regular class with resource assistance where the student is placed in a regular class for most or all of the day and receives specialized instruction, individually or in a small group, within the regular classroom from a qualified special education teacher.
- 3. A regular class with withdrawal assistance where the student is placed in a regular class and receives instruction outside the classroom, for less than 50 per cent of the school day, from a qualified special education teacher.
- 4. A special education class with partial integration where the student is placed by the IPRC in a special education class in which the student-teacher ratio conforms to Regulation 298, section 31, for at least 50 per cent of the school day, but is integrated with a regular class for at least one instructional period daily.
- 5. A full-time special education class where the student-teacher ratio conforms to Regulation 298, section 31, for the entire school day.

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Regulation 298, section 31 Maximum enrolment student/teacher ratio

The maximum enrolment in a special education class shall depend upon the extent of the exceptionalities of the pupils in the class and the special education services that are available to the teacher, but in no case shall the enrolment in a self-contained class exceed,

- a) in a class for pupils who are emotionally disturbed or socially maladjusted, for pupils who have severe learning disabilities, or for pupils who are younger than compulsory school age and have impaired hearing, eight pupils;
- b) in a class for pupils who are blind, for pupils who are deaf, for pupils who have developmental disabilities, or for pupils with speech and language disorders, ten pupils;
- c) in a class for pupils who are hard of hearing, for pupils with limited vision, or for pupils with orthopaedic or other physical handicaps, twelve pupils;
- d) in a class for pupils who have mild intellectual disabilities, twelve pupils in the primary division and sixteen pupils in the junior and intermediate divisions;
- e) in an elementary school class for pupils who are gifted,
 - i. twenty pupils, if the class consists only of pupils in the primary division,
 - ii. twenty-three pupils, if the class includes at least one pupil in the primary division and at least one pupil in the junior division or intermediate division, and
 - iii. twenty-five pupils, if the class consists only of pupils in the junior division or intermediate division;
- f) in a class for aphasic or autistic pupils, or for pupils with multiple handicaps for whom no one handicap is dominant, six pupils; and
- g) on and after the 1st day of September, 1982, in a class for exceptional pupils consisting of pupils with different exceptionalities, sixteen pupils.

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HOW TO OBTAIN AN IPRC

- 1. Provide a written Request (Principal, Parent/Caregiver)
- 2. Principal must respond within 15 days
- 3. Student 16 years or older can also attend



IEP - Individual Education Plan

It doesn't have to be a challenge!!



IEP - Individual Education Plan

What is an IEP? (per the Ontario Ministry of Education)

The IEP must be developed for a student, in consultation with the parent. It must include:

- specific educational expectations;
- an outline of the special education program and services that will be received;
- a statement about the methods by which the student's progress will be reviewed; and
- for students 14 years and older (except those identified as exceptional solely on the basis of giftedness), a plan for transition to appropriate postsecondary school activities, such as work, further education, and community living.

The IEP <u>must be completed within 30 days</u> after the student has been placed in the program, and the principal must ensure that the parent receives a copy of it.

IEP - Individual Education Plan

- 1. Active participation (do not
- 2. Collaborative effort
- 3. Ensure the IEP includes
 - Specific details of method
 - What works / what does n
 - Early signs of being overw
 - Approach to address
 - SMART goals
- 4. Legally binding

5 Principles from Legal Rulings on IEPs

- Address all unique needs, not just academics
- **Write the IEP based on needs, not availability** of services
- q IEP is a binding commitment of resources
- q IEPs must be individualized
- All required components of the IEP must be included

-- Barbara Bateman

IEP - Individual Education Plan

It is CRITICAL to establish

SMART goals!!!



Sample "POOR" IEP content *** warning of a lack of FASD training

Annual Program Goals:

will continue to develop skills to express his disappointment and frustration while abiding by the school and classroom rules and using strategies that promote positive co-operation between his peers and adults.

Learning Expectation

- understands and follow expectations during familiar school routines
- understands and follows expectations in non-preferred social situations
- minimize speaking out of turn

*** warning of a lack of parent input (review and sign)

Consultation

Activity Date	Activity	Outcome
2017- 10-17	Parent consultation for IEP Review	The following is an updated Individual Education Plan (IEP) for the school year 2017/2018. Please review the IEP and sign that you have received a copy. Keep a copy of the IEP for your records. If you have any further concerns or would like to meet regarding the IEP, feel free to contact the classroom teacher or me at the school. Thank you. Ms. M. Di Placido, Special Education Resource Teacher (905-560-7616).

Example of Human Rights Challenge

Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board - Ontario Human Rights violation

(Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (Commission Settlement

The Commission mediated a positive settlement of four complaints with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. The settlement followed a Commission investigation of concerns that the application of school discipline policies was having a discriminatory impact on students from racialized communities and students with disabilities. Through cooperation and good will, the parties reached a very positive agreement, which will result in increased education and understanding around race and disability-related issues for the Board and the staff and students at its schools

One of the key issues raised in the complaints was that mitigating factors were not being sufficiently considered before imposing a suspension or expulsion on a student. In one case, a student with attention deficit disorder asserted that his inability to sufficiently control his behaviour due to his disability was not considered nor accommodated before he was suspended. In other cases, students related that they were the target of racial or other harassment. It was agreed that such mitigating factors are to be taken into account in determining whether discipline or measures less severe than suspension or expulsion are more appropriate

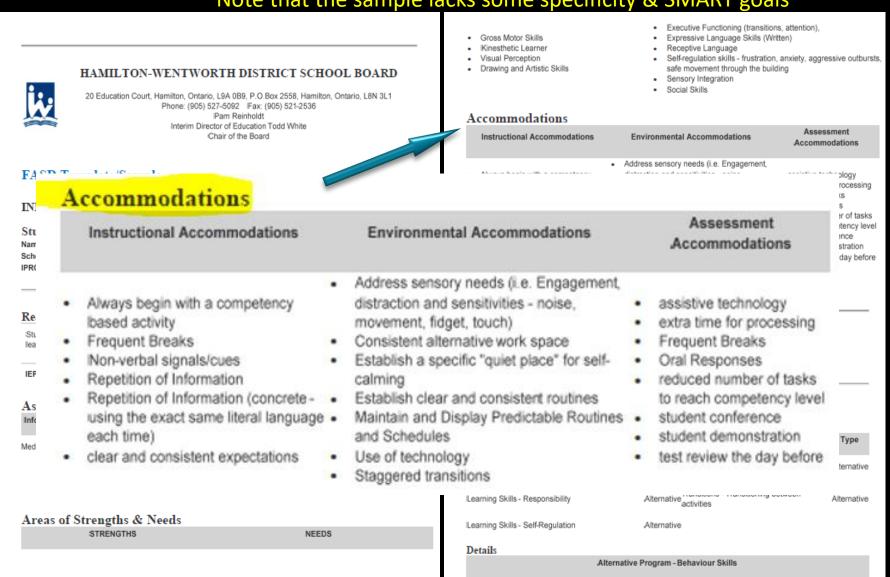
As part of the resolution of these cases, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has committed to undertake a number of measures ranging from anti-racism awareness and disability accommodation training, to sharing information on accessing the appeal process. Other initiatives include making alternative educational programs and services available to all students under suspension or expulsion, and working with the Commission to look at gathering statistics and ensuring measures undertaken respect the principles set out in the Code

4. Education – the "Process" IEP-Individual Education Plan

- 1. <u>Specific</u> Write a goal in a targeted academic, behavioral, or functional area (i.e. reading, writing, social skills, etc.), include clear descriptions of the skills being taught or observed, how progress will be measured, direction of behavior (i.e. increase, decrease, maintain, etc.) and what environment progress will be measured in, and level of attainment (i.e. to age level, without assistance, with one adult reminder, etc.)
- 2. <u>Measurable</u> You can count or observe it, basically you must use numbers and they must be meaningful. It is important that the baseline measurement is comparable to the goal measurement, this way we can see how much progress has been made in a year.
- 3. <u>Attainable</u> It is best to write a goal you feel the child can and will achieve with the appropriate services and supports rather that to shoot too high. Remember, if the student exceeds expectations and meets their goal early, you should add a new goal to continue on the progress already made.
- **4.** Relevant Although we often pull from a goal bank, it is important to modify and individualize your goals to address the unique needs and disability of that particular student.
- 5. <u>Time-Bound</u> Start by considering the baseline and present levels of the student, then decide what exactly they need to be able to do after a year of special education. You should be able to progress monitor goals at regular intervals.

HWDSB – Sample FASD IEP (pg 1-2)

*** Note that the sample lacks some specificity & SMART goals



HWDSB – Sample FASD IEP (pg. 3-4)

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Alternative Curriculum: Increasing Appropriate Behaviours

Annual Program Goals:

Teaching Strategy

- Use of a daily visual so
- Provide praise continue
- Redirection and distrar
- Alterna
- Use of Alternative Curr
- Social Annual Program

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Alternative Curriculum: Responsibility

Annual Program Goals:

XXXX will accept help when offered (step by step support), ask

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Current Level of Achievement:

XXXX is refusing to accept assistance saying "no I can do it". They are shutting down and being unresponsive. They are making poor choices and acting out and are often off task and unfocussed.

Learning Expectations:

XXXX will accept the help from others by saying yes, nodding or allowing the person to help.

Teaching Strategy

- Assessment Method
- Give step by step directions
- Phrase tasks to be completed in simple direct sentences not formed in a question
- Offer support in a positive way (not "you need help with your shoes again?" rather say "good job I can help you with that let's do it together."
 - XXXX will ask for help instead of demonstrating frustrating behaviours.

Teaching Strategy

Teaching Strategy

- Modelling of correct phrases to use
- . Praise all requests for support ("I'm so glad you asked for help and I am happy to do that for you")

XXXX will ask and accept help from 3 other people (list who the people are in your building).

- Use of simple literal language and consistent scripting by all named.
 - · Praise all attempts at asking and accepting help for the above.

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Assessment Method

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HWDSB – Sample FASD IEP (pg. 5-6)

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Learning Expectations:

XXXX will use a Role. Rule and Prop to support their transitions while being successfully dependent.

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Teaching Strategy

 Role, Rule and a Prop (Role - last person to shut the door, Rule - must hold adult hand when transitioning, Prop - taking a transitional object)

 Direct modelling of moving to a new activity, turn taking, lining up with frequent practice

Constant supervision

- Using first/then prompts consistently (competency based)
- Using consistent verbal praise
- Frequent positive interaction
- Provide transitional warnings (timer, visual, musical, physical) avoid the abstract warnings of "in five minutes"

Assessment Method

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XXXX will use socially acceptable habits (ie. using words, personal space, asking permission) when seeking attention during social interactions.

Current Level of Achievement:

XXXX has problems understanding abstract language, phrases, and concepts. This results in difficulties communicating with peers and teachers. This frustration and misunderstanding leads to 4-5 outburst and conflicts in a typical day.

Learning Expectations:

1. XXXX will use taught pro-social behaviours to replace outbursts and hands on difficulties.

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Assessment Method

student responses

checklist and data collection

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Teaching Strategy

Assessment Method

checklist student demonstration

· Use cues and visual aids

· Provide concrete instruction and modeling of pro-social skills

Human Rights & the Duty to accommodate is GLOBAL

United States



Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

https://www.ed.gov/essa?src=rn

Advances equity by upholding critical protections for America's disadvantaged and high-need students.

Office for Civil Rights (OCR): eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability against students with disabilities. OCR receives numerous complaints and inquiries in the area of elementary and secondary education involving Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794 (Section 504). Most of these concern identification of students who are protected by Section 504 and the means to obtain an appropriate education for such students.

Section 504 and the ADA

...designed to protect the civil rights of individuals with disabilities. The intent of these two laws is to prevent any form of discrimination against individuals with disabilities who are *otherwise qualified*.

... As well as individual State protections (Google search "Duty to accommodate student with disabilities ... and add the state or country name"

https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/504faq.html

http://www.ldonline.org/article/6108/

https://www.stimmel-law.com/en/articles/americans-disabilities-act-ada-and-educational-accomodation

Human Rights - Duty to accommodate is GLOBAL



It's against the law for a school or other education provider to treat disabled students unfavourably.

This includes:

- direct discrimination, for example refusing admission to a student because of disability
- indirect discrimination, for example only providing application forms in one format that may not be accessible
- discrimination arising from a disability, for example a disabled pupil is prevented from going outside at break time because it takes too long to get there
- harassment, for example a teacher shouts at a disabled student for not paying attention when the student's disability stops them from easily concentrating

An education provider has a duty to make 'reasonable adjustments' to make sure disabled students are not discriminated against. These changes could include providing extra support and aids (like specialist teachers or equipment).

Disability discrimination is when you are treated less well or put at a disadvantage for a reason that relates to your disability in one of the situations covered by the Equality Act.

The treatment could be a one-off action, the application of a rule or policy or the existence of physical or communication barriers which make accessing something difficult or impossible.

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Human Rights

- New Policy August 2018
- 163 pages
- Support group member use as a visual The policy:
- recognizes that education is vitally important to a person's social, academic and economic development
- reflects a broad definition of disability
- provides students and families with up-to-date information about their human rights and responsibilities
- offers practical guidance to education providers to meet their legal duty to accommodate
- reminds schools of their obligation to maintain accessible, inclusive, discrimination and harassment-free spaces.

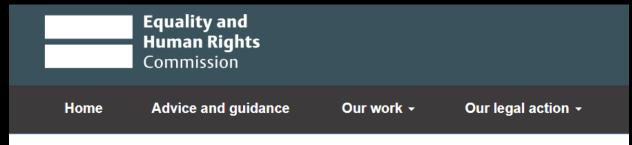
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Accessible education for students with disabilities







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Disability discrimination

ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

What is on this page?

What is disability discrimination?

What the Equality Act says about disability discrimination

Different types of disability discrimination

Circumstances when being treated differently due to disability is lawful

What else does the Equality Act protect against?

Who is this page for?

- employers
- employees
- individuals using a service
- any organisation providing a service
- public sector

4. Education – the "Process" Approach



- 1.Request IPRC (in writing) to the principal.
- 2.Ensure your School Board recognizes the characteristics of FASD under the Ministry of Education Exceptionalities.
- 3. Actively participate in the IPRC process (provide medical info, testing, prior report cards, collaborate to reinforce needs)
- 4. Exceptionality and placement defined
- 5.Prepare SMART IEP (collaborate with the school board). Include triggers, early signs, supports, accommodations, methods to de-escalate, etc)
- 6.Once you are satisfied with the IEP and it is signed... the school board, teachers and EAs are "legally" bound to comply.
- 7. Communicate / confirm any communication in writing

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