

Grey Bruce Community Resources for Children, Youth and Families
Re: Special Needs

Developmental Services/Autism Resources		
Agency/Organization	What They Do	Website/Contact Info
Autism Ontario Grey Bruce Chapter	Support for families with a child/youth who has autism	https://www.autismontario.com/chapters/grey-bruce Jessica Steele, Service Navigator Phone: 1 800-472-7789 ext 344 Email: jessica@autismontario.com
Bruce Peninsula Association for Community Living	Support for children and adults with an Intellectual Disability and their families	Phone: 519-534-0553 http://bpacl.com/
Community Living Hanover and Area: HARC	Support for adults with an Intellectual Disability	Phone: 519-364-6100 http://www.clhanover.com/
Community Living Kincardine & District	Support for children and adults with an Intellectual Disability and their families. Houses Infant Development/Preschool Resource	Phone: 519-396-9434 http://clkd.ca/
Community Living Meaford	Support for adults with an Intellectual Disability	Phone: 519-538-4165 www.communitylivingmeaford.ca
Community Living Owen Sound & District	Support for children and adults with an Intellectual Disability and their families. Houses Infant Development/Preschool Resource	Phone: 519-371-9251 www.communitylivingowensound.ca
Community Living Walkerton & District	Support for children and adults with an Intellectual Disability and their families. Houses Infant Development/Preschool Resource	Phone: 519-881-3713 www.clwalkerton.org
Grey Bruce Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Program	The FASD program provides child/youth and family centred support to children and youth with FASD or suspected FASD, while also providing education and awareness within the community	http://www.keystonebrucegrey.org/specialized-services/fasd-program/ Phone: 519-371-4773 ext 194 Toll free: 1-800-567-2384, ext 194
South-East Grey Support Services	Support for adults with an Intellectual Disability	Phone: 519-924-3339 www.southeastgreysupportservices.com

Thames Valley Children's Centre	Services offered support a range of special needs including physical disabilities, communication disorders, developmental delays and autism spectrum disorders	Phone: (519) 370-0777 Toll Free: 1-866-590-8822 http://www.tvcc.on.ca/
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Child, Youth and Family Services

Agency/Organization	What They Do	Website/Contact Info
Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services	Keystone is a family engaged counselling and coordinating Lead Agency that is dedicated to providing compassionate, responsive services to children, youth, families, and community members	Phone: 519-371-4773 Toll Free: 1-800-567-2384 http://www.keystonebrucegrey.org/
Bruce Grey Child and Family Services	Child Welfare Agency responsible for protecting children from abuse, neglect and other forms of maltreatment. BGCFS is committed to working with parents to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children. They provide counselling, teaching and support programs as well as referrals to other community services, all designed to keep children safe and well at home.	Phone: 519-371- 4453 https://www.bgcfs.ca/

Financial Supports/Government Programs

Program/Service	What They Do	Website/Contact Info
Ontario Government	Government website outlining Special Needs Supports and Services	http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/index.aspx
Assistance for Children with a Severe Disabilities (ACSD)	ACSD helps parents with the financial costs of caring for a child with a physical disability, a development disability, and/or a mental health issue	Phone: 519-376-1951 Toll Free: 1-800-265-3790
Special Services at Home (SSAH)	SSAH provides funding directly to families so they can purchase services to provide personal development and respite relief support to children with a developmental disability and/or a physical disability	Phone: 519-376-1951 Toll Free: 1-800-265-3790
Assistive Devices Program	Help to pay for customized equipment and specialized supplies	https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program

Child Disability Benefit	A tax-free benefit for families who care for a child under age 18 with a severe and prolonged impairment in mental or physical functions	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/cdb/
Disability Tax Credit	The disability tax credit (DTC) is a non-refundable tax credit that helps persons with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html
Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)	A registered disability savings plan (RDSP) is a savings plan that is intended to help parents and others save for the long term financial security of a person who is eligible for the disability tax credit (DTC)	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-disability-savings-plan-rdsp.html
Incontinence Supplies Grant Program	Administered by Easter Seals Ontario, the Incontinence Supplies Grant Program provides grants contributing to the cost of incontinence supplies for children and youth between the ages of 3 to 18 with chronic disabilities (physical or developmental), lasting longer than six months and requiring the use of such supplies	http://www.easterseals.org/services/incontinence-supplies-grant/
Easter Seals Ontario	Provides programs and services to children and youth with physical disabilities across Ontario to help them achieve greater independence, accessibility and integration	http://www.easterseals.org/about-us/what-we-do/
March of Dimes HVMP	March of Dimes' Home & Vehicle Modification Program (HVMP) provides funding for basic home and/or vehicle modifications. The program is intended to assist permanent Ontario residents with substantial impairment expected to last one year or more	https://www.marchofdimes.ca/en-ca/programs/am
Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy	Providing and initiating a wide range of services, resources and programs for people with CP and their families as well as professional organizations. Services range from education and recreation to housing and life planning	https://www.ofcp.ca/
Grey County Day Care Subsidy and information on other county programs	Grey County Children's Service offers programs, subsidies and information for parents and a range of supports for agencies and child care providers. Fee subsidy is available in either a licensed Home Child Care and / or Child Care Centres programs.	https://www.grey.ca/childrens-services Phone: 519-376-7112

Bruce County Day Care Subsidy	Bruce County offers a wide range of children's programs including assisted daycare and learning programs.	http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/childrens-services Phone: 519-881-0431
Second Chance Kids	Second Chance Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families of Grey and Bruce Counties who have a child requiring lengthy out-of-town hospitalization. Offers both financial and emotional support, as well as advocacy.	http://secondchancekids.com/ apply online or Email: sckgreybruce@gmail.com
Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity	JACC has helped over 15,000 seriously ill children and their families with funding for hospital and household costs, specialized care, medical treatments and therapies	https://jenash.org/
Ability Gives	Creating life-changing experiences for young people with disabilities by helping their families obtain much-needed medical devices and mobility aids	http://abilityonline.org/
Make a Wish Canada	The Make a Wish Foundation grants wishes to children in need from coast to coast. This Canadian affiliate makes dreams and wishes come true for children with life-threatening medical conditions, with the intention to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy	https://makeawish.ca/
Sunshine	The Sunshine Foundation is the only Canadian charity to provide individual wishes to children with severe physical disabilities as well as life threatening illnesses. Sunshine encourages children to dream big and then helps make that dream come true	http://www.sunshine.ca/dreams

Mental Health Supports		
Agency/Organization	What They Do	Website/Contact Info
Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services	Keystone is a family engaged counselling and coordinating Lead Agency that is dedicated to providing compassionate, responsive services to children, youth, families, and community members	http://www.keystonebrucegrey.org/ Phone: 519-371-4773 Toll Free: 1-800-567-2384

Choices	Choices is a counseling service for youth who are wondering about their use of alcohol or other drugs and/or worried about someone else's problems of alcohol or drugs.	https://greybruce.cmha.ca/addictions/choices-drug-and-alcohol-counseling-for-youth/ Phone: (519) 371-5487 Toll Free: 1-800-265-3133
Wes for Youth Online	To provide wellness and emotional support for youth through online professional counselling in a safe, secure, and confidential manner	https://wesforyouthonline.ca/who-we-are/
School Mental Health and Addictions Nurses (accessed through your child's school, provided through the LHINs)	Mental Health and Addictions Nursing is available to children and youth in schools who may have mild to complex mental health and/or substance abuse issues. As well, this program supports students who are transitioning back to school from the hospital or other care setting.	Contact your child's school resource teacher, school guidance counsellor, principal or VP
CPRI (Child and Parent Resource Institute)	Provides highly specialized trauma-informed mental health and developmental services. These services include Assessment, Consultation, Treatment, Research and Education. Provides Inpatient and Outpatient services as well as online educational tools	www.cpri.ca 1-877-494-2774

Medical Health Supports

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Thames Valley Children's Centre	Services offered support a range of special needs including physical disabilities, communication disorders, developmental delays and autism spectrum disorders	http://www.tvcc.on.ca/ Phone: (519) 370-0777 Toll Free: 1-866-590-8822
LHINs Home and Community Care (formerly CCAC)	Provides health care services in the home, at school and in the community. This care is focused on optimizing health and independence; support through a health-care transition (for example, from hospital to home); or providing care following an illness or compromised health status.	Southwest LHIN 1-800-811-5146 https://healthcareathome.ca/southwest/ Waterloo Wellington LHIN toll free at 310 2222 – no area code required http://www.waterloowellingtonlhin.on.ca/ North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN 1-888-721-2222 http://www.nsmlhin.on.ca/

Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre: SOAHAC	Innovative, Aboriginal specific, Indigenous informed health care agency. They provide a combination of health and social services to on and off reserve Aboriginal people (First Nation, Inuit, Métis) who live in the city, in surrounding rural areas, and to those from nearby communities including Saugeen, and Chippewas of Nawash.	733 9th Ave East Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 3E6 Phone: 519.376.5508 Toll Free: 1-877-454-0753 http://soahac.on.ca/service/owen-sound/
Healthy Smiles Ontario	A government-funded dental program that provides free preventive, routine, and emergency dental services for children and youth 17 years old and under from low-income households.	www.ontario.ca/page/get-dental-care
Trillium Drug Program	The Trillium Drug Program provides financial help for people who spend approximately 3 to 4% or more of their after-tax household income on prescription-drug costs.	https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs

Specialized Supports

Agency/Organization	What They Do	Website/Contact Info
Coordinated Service Planning Grey Bruce	Support for families of children and youth from birth to leaving school (up to 21) with multiple and/or complex special needs; to bring together service providers who are all working with the family and child/youth; to develop one Coordinated Service Plan that outlines the family's and child/youth's goals, strengths and needs, as well as all of the services they are working with; and to help connect families to additional services and supports	Phone: 519-371-4773, ext 233 Toll Free: 1-800-567-2384, ext 233 Email: cspgreybruce@kcyfs.com Webpage: http://www.keystonebrucegrey.org/specialized-services/csp/
M'Wikwedong Native Cultural Resource Centre	Established to address the social, spiritual, mental and physical needs of the Urban Aboriginal population of Owen Sound and surrounding area by providing a safe environment for the Aboriginal peoples to participate in their community and to	519-371-1147 https://mwikwedong.com/

	break down the cultural and systemic service barriers between local Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal populations. The Centre is host to a wide range of programs and services for all ages, beginning with pre-natal all the way through to senior citizens that holistically address the needs of the individual and the community	
Youth Court Program (housed at Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services)	Provides support to youth aged 12-17 who are charged with a criminal offence under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, and have a diagnosed or suspected mental health illness or developmental disability. This program is available to youth whose charges are being brought before the Owen Sound court.	Phone: 519-371-4773 Toll Free: 1-800-567-2384 http://www.keystonebrucegrey.org/youth-justice/

Respite Funding/Providers/Recreational Services/Therapy
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Special Services at Home (SSAH)	SSAH provides funding directly to families so they can purchase services to provide personal development and respite relief support to children with a developmental disability and/or a physical disability	Phone: 519-376-1951 Toll Free: 1-800-265-3790
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Respite	Provides respite funds to families who have a child with a diagnosis of autism living in Grey and Bruce Counties. These funds are to assist in the cost of planned respite for children and youth from 0 – 17 years	This program is administered by Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services Phone: 519-371-4773 ext 165
Out of Home Respite	Provides funding to parents for out of home respite services for the highest needs children in Bruce/Grey. Have to have a confirmed developmental disability	This program is administered by Community Living Kincardine Phone: 519-396-9434 ext 225 (Jane)

Enhanced Respite	This grant is paid to families who are caring for a child who is medically fragile and/or depends on a technological device, and requires care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is provided in addition to other respite services. Families may be eligible for up to \$3,500 per child, per year.	Apply through the Ministry of Children and Youth Services Regional Office Phone: 1-800-265-4197 or through your LHINs Care Coordinator
Children's Mental Health Respite	Provides respite support to individuals and their families who have significant mental health issues. Please contact your case manager at Keystone to discuss potential respite opportunities	This program is administered by Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services Phone: 519-371-4773
Rural Home Care	Provides privately hired 1:1 respite support workers on a fee-for-service	http://www.ruralhomecare.ca/ Phone: 519-395-3982 Email: kylie@ruralhomecare.ca
Bartimaeus	Specialized behavioural support for children, adolescents, adults, and seniors who are experiencing behavioural, social, emotional, and psychiatric difficulties. This is a privately hired, fee-for-service agency	www.bartimaeus.com Toll Free: 1-866-226-2565
Supported Choices	Offers year round social recreation programs and support for children, young adults and adults with disabilities. These programs offer individuals and families with life enriching experiences by providing social, physical and recreational skills. Also provide 1:1 respite workers on a fee-for-service	http://www.supportedchoices.ca/ Phone: 519-506-8886 Email: admin@supportedchoices.ca
Recreational Respite	Respite providers are trained recreational therapists. Usually see clients for 1.5hrs at a time, in home or community. Play based therapy. Discovery of needs assessment and then develop program. Able to teach other respite providers the program. Don't provide personal hygiene or feeding support but are flexible around this. This is a privately hired, fee-for-service agency	www.recrespite.com Toll Free: 1-877-855-7070 Email: info@recrespite.com

Participation Lodge	Respite stays for up to one month for youth and adults with complex needs	http://www.participationlodge.com/ Phone: 519-794-3201 Toll Free: 1-888-353-5542
GRACE (Georgian Riding Association for Challenged Equestrians)	Therapeutic horseback riding lessons for challenged children, youth and adults	www.graceriding.ca Phone: 519-372-2721 Email: contactus@graceriding.ca
PRANCE (Pegasus Riding Association Nurturing Challenged Equestrians)	Therapeutic riding program to promote rehabilitation and treatment of physically, developmentally or emotionally challenged persons through experiential activities with or on a horse or horses	www.prance.ca Phone: 519-832-2522 Email: info@prance.ca
Hope Haven Therapeutic Riding Centre	Therapeutic horseback riding programs for children and adults with physical, behavioural, cognitive and emotional disabilities	http://www.hopehavencentre.org/ Phone: 519-986-1247
Kid's Country Club	Provides extended relief for families of children described as Medically Fragile and/or Technologically Dependent by offering quality care in a home-like setting for a small fee. This service is available to families in Grey and Bruce at the London home.	https://www.kidscountryclub.org/ Phone: 519-473-1598 Toll-free: 877-550-5613
Snnozelen Room – Community Living Hanover	A therapeutic and recreational room beneficial to people with sensory, cognitive and physical disabilities	Phone: 519-364-6100
Snnozelen Room – Participation Lodge	A therapeutic and recreational room beneficial to people with sensory, cognitive and physical disabilities	Phone: 519-794-3201 Toll Free: 1-888-353-5542
Events for Life Centre Inc. (EFL)	See below: they offer a summer program in July/August for developmentally-challenged youth and adults over the age of 13 and School PD Days. This is a fee for service program, limited subsidies available	https://eventsfor.life/ Email info@eventsfor.life Phone: 519-270-1538
Special Olympics	Special Olympics Ontario is a sports organization dedicated for people with an intellectual disability, ages 8 years and older	http://owensound.specialolympicsontario.ca/home/ http://www1.specialolympicsontario.com/

Specialized Camps		
Agency/Organization	What They Do	Website/Contact Info
Camp Awakening	Camp Awakening offers summer camp programs that give youth with physical disabilities the opportunity to increase independence, make lasting friendships and accomplish things they never thought possible	www.campawakening.com
Easter Seals Ontario Recreational Programs	Helping kids with physical disabilities succeed by providing them with a multitude of physical and emotional benefits including the development of social skills, independence, self-esteem and confidence.	http://www.eastersealscamps.org/
Camp Winston	Camp Winston provides inspiring recreational opportunities for kids with complex neurological disorders who need highly specialized support. This camp is located in Muskoka, Ontario and offers a summer camp, weekend retreats and week-long retreats throughout the year	https://campwinston.com/
Kinark Outdoor Centre (KOC)	KOC provides a variety of programs for children and youth on the autism spectrum and their families. These programs cater to varying levels of support, family goals and individual needs.	http://www.koc.on.ca/

Transition to Adulthood/Adult Supports		
Agency/Organization	What They Do	Website/Contact Info
Ontario Disability Support Plan (ODSP) and ODSP Employment Supports	ODSP offers two types of support: <u>Income support</u> - Financial assistance provided each month to help with the costs of basic needs, like food, clothing and shelter. Income support also includes benefits, like drug coverage and vision care, for clients and their eligible family members.	Phone: 519-376-1951 Toll Free: 1-800-265-3790

	<u>Employment supports</u> - Services and supports to help clients with disabilities find and keep a job, and advance their careers.	
Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)	Developmental Services Ontario helps adults with developmental disabilities connect to services and supports in their communities.	https://www.dsontario.ca/ Phone: 519-371-8428 Toll Free: 1-855-437-6797
Adult Protective Services	The APS workers advocate for the rights of developmentally challenged adults. APSW's assist them to live & function independently and promote their inclusion as valued members within the community. Must be 18 years or older and able to make their own decisions.	Phone: 519 371-4453 ext 4248 Toll Free: 1-855-322-4453 ext 4248 Email: inquiries@bgcfs.ca
Dual Diagnosis Program at Grey Bruce Health Services Owen Sound	Support for adults with an Intellectual Disability and Mental Health Needs including assessment, consultation, treatment and support to hospitals, doctors, service providers, patients and families	Phone: 519-376-2121 ext 2857 Toll free: 1-888-525-0552
Participation Lodge	Long-term care for people with physical and intellectual disabilities. Houses Acquired Brain Injury program. For ages 16 to 65	Phone: 519-794-3201 Toll Free: 1-888-353-5542 http://www.participationlodge.com/
Canadian Mental Health Association Grey Bruce: Mental Health and Addictions (CMHAGB)	Provide programs and services that support the resilience and recovery of people experiencing mental disorders, and to enhance, maintain, and promote the mental and emotional health of all individuals in Grey and Bruce Counties	https://greybruce.cmha.ca/
Facile Perth	Assists people with disabilities and their families in Perth, Huron, Grey, and Bruce Counties to plan for and build a good life in community through independent planning and facilitation, on an hourly fee-for-service basis. Subsidies for those requiring assistance may be available	http://facileperth.ca/ Phone: 519-271-6565 Email: info@facileperth.ca
REACH Centre Grey Bruce	The REACH Centre provides programming for youth and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are focused on skill acquisition to foster independence in whatever form that looks like for our participants	http://www.reachcentre.org/ Phone: 519-377-9204 Email: reachcentre123@gmail.com

Events for Life Centre Inc. (EFL)	A non-profit registered charity which offers a wide variety of educational, recreational and social day programs geared towards lifelong learning for developmentally-challenged youth and adults living in the community of The Town of the Blue Mountains and surrounding areas. There is a daily cost for this service with limited subsidies available. EFL offers: September to June program – over the age of 21 and a Summer program – adults and youth over age of 13 and School PD Days	https://eventsfor.life/ Email info@eventsfor.life Phone: 519-270-1538
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Online Resources/Parent Organizations/ Miscellaneous

Agency/Organization	What They Do	Website/Contact Info
Grey Bruce Family Network	The mission of Grey Bruce Family Network is to be an autonomous group that strengthens families living with disabilities through: Family-to-Family connections; learning opportunities; the sharing of information and resources; and an enhanced collective voice.	https://www.facebook.com/Grey-Bruce-Family-Network-245020602210360/ Phone: (519) 385-1246 Email: gbfnetwork@hotmail.ca
Partners for Planning Network (P4P)	Free online planning resources for families	www.planningnetwork.ca
FASD ONE	A group that works together to address issues related to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in the province	www.fasdontario.ca
Ontario Independent Facilitation Network (OIFN)	OIFN envisions people with developmental disabilities being supported to direct their own lives, and live as valued community members and citizens	http://www.oifn.ca/
ConnectABILITY	A website and virtual community dedicated to lifelong learning and support for people who have an intellectual disability, their families and support networks.	http://connectability.ca/
Plan Institute	Plan Institute supports individuals with disabilities and their families by providing educational material	https://planinstitute.ca/

	and initiatives, collaborating on community-based projects and engaging with a wide array of partners to host innovative initiatives for change	
Community Integration through Co-operative Education (CICE)	CICE is an inclusive and integrated two-year post-secondary certificate program designed for learners who require additional academic support for college success. Applicants must be at least 19 years of age OR have an OSSD/OSSC. They must require academic support and be sufficiently independent	Jennifer Boucher CICE Program Coordinator, Owen Sound 519-376-0840, ext. 2374 Email: Jennifer.Boucher@georgiancollege.ca Webpage: https://www.georgiancollege.ca/academics/full-time-programs/community-integration-through-co-operative-education-cice/
211	Helps people find services in their community. In Canada, 211 offers live answer service 24/7. The number is free to call and interpreters are available in more than 170 languages	Toll Free: 211 https://211ontario.ca/

Disclaimer: This resource list is for information purposes only. This is not meant to be a recommendation of any service listed. Parents or individuals should scrutinize any service they choose to contact. This is not an exhaustive list of services in Grey and Bruce counties, but it will be updated regularly.

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