

## Supporting Kids in Camp's

# Information for Parents

### Dear Parents of Guelph-Wellington:

The Canadian Mental Health Association of Waterloo, Wellington and Dufferin is proud to announce their continued participation in the "Supporting Kids in Camp" program. Supporting Kids in Camp (SKIC) will provide children who have special needs with trained and experienced one-to-one workers-- called Support Counsellors-- so that they may attend specialized and/ or integrated community camps. There is no cost to families for this service!

This project is funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) and will address one-to-one support needs during summer camps, March Break camps, Winter Break camps, and Professional Development Day camps. If you are interested in applying for a support counsellor so that your child may be fully included and supported at a camp program, please read the following information:

### Who Can Apply?

If you have a child under the age of 18 with 2 or more identified areas of need (physical, cognitive or behavioural challenges), who lives and wants to attend a day camp in Guelph-Wellington-- but needs support for successful inclusion-- you are eligible to apply for a Support counsellor. All eligible applicants must follow the process described below.

- i. Choose a camp program for your child and register for that program.
- ii. Fill out the attached application and return it to the Project Coordinator.
- iii. The Project Coordinator will contact the camp, to ensure they are committed the philosophy of inclusion and will contact your family regarding acceptance.

### Contact:

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You can also fax us at **(519) 767-5309**.

In fairness to all, this program is based on first come first serve basis. Applications for Support Counsellors are limited to a one week during the summer. Families may request to be placed on a waiting list for a second week.

