



**Dufferin Child & Family Services**

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March 15, 2018

Dear Parent/Caregiver

In early February 2018, letters from both Community Living Dufferin (CLD) and Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS) were sent out to parents/caregivers confirming the transition of the existing Pre-School Resource Program at CLD to the I-CAN (Inclusion for Children with Additional Needs) Program at DCAFS.

Beginning April 1, 2018, the I-CAN Program will be working with licensed Child Care Centres in Dufferin County in supporting children with special and additional needs up to and including the age of 12 years.

Along with the I-CAN Program, DCAFS will now be responsible for the delivery of the Behaviour Support Program and the Summer Inclusion Program.

We are currently in the process of hiring the required staff to ensure that summer inclusion supports are in place for children with special needs. **As in previous years with CLD, parents should register their children in the desired camp(s).** Effective, the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>, parents and caregivers can go to the DCAFS website to download an application for a Summer Inclusion Worker. Follow the directions below:

Go to [www.dcafs.on.ca](http://www.dcafs.on.ca), click the ☰ symbol (top right corner of website) click *Developmental Support Services*, then click *Summer Inclusion*

Please submit completed applications to the address below to the attention of the **Summer Inclusion Team**. Once we receive your application, you will be contacted by a member of the Summer Inclusion Team for follow up.

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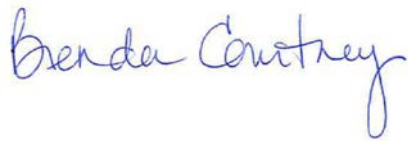
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tel: 519-941-1530 fax: 519-941-1525 web: [www.dcafs.on.ca](http://www.dcafs.on.ca)

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The Behaviour Support Program for children with special needs has served a number of families in Dufferin County for many years. Our community has grown and changed substantially since this time. Before DCAFS' begins delivering this program we would like to take this opportunity to complete a review of the service to determine if there are other ways to support children and their families in gaining the behaviour supports required. Decision and delivery of the program will commence at the beginning of July 2018.

We understand that change in service for families can be concerning. If you have questions about any of the above changes, you can call **519-941-1530, ext.385** and leave a detailed message with your name, phone number and please indicate a best time to return your call. A team member will return your call within 24 hours.

Sincerely,



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