Background

A Network of seven agencies was formed in 1996 dedicated to faith and cultural inclusion. It promoted faith and culture choices in the Ministry of Community and Social Services' document "Making Services Work for People" (1997). Now with member organizations throughout Ontario, it supports faith and cultural choices in community and service planning and makes recommendations to provincial advisory groups and government.

The Faith and Culture Inclusion Network is a member of the Provincial Network, which is a coalition of umbrella organizations representing service providers, families and self-advocates on behalf of persons with an intellectual disability.

Achievements

- Defining expectations
- Bringing people and leaders together to raise awareness
- Recognizing community capacity for increased inclusion
- The symposium

For information and Intake for Developmentally Challenged Individuals in these areas:

Hamilton
Contact Hamilton for Children's and Developmental Services
140 King Street East, Hamilton
905.570.8888
www.contacthamilton.ca

Ottawa
Service Coordination Ottawa
150 Montreal Road, Ottawa
613.748.1788
www.scsottawa.on.ca

Peel Region
Child Development Resource Connection Peel
#103 - Watline Avenue, Mississauga
905.890.9432
www.cdrcp.com

Toronto
Developmental Services Toronto
A collaboration of over 30 agencies
www.dsto.com

York Region
York Support Services Network
102 Main Street South, Newmarket
1.888.695.0070
www.yssn.ca

For other areas in Ontario, please contact your local Ministry of Community and Social Services office listed on the back.

Faith and Culture Inclusion Network Member Agencies

Providing services for developmentally challenged individuals

Beth Tikvah Foundation of Hamilton **905.523.0411**	Residential service provider in a Jewish environment
Christian Horizons **www.christian-horizons.org**	An evangelical Christian organization serving people with exceptional needs
L'Arche Daybreak **www.larchedaybreak.com**	Jean Vanier's vision for community where L'Arche began in North America
Mary Centre **www.marycentre.com**	Integrated support services for individuals, families and the Catholic community
Reena **www .reena.org**	Integrating people within a framework of Jewish culture and values
Salvation Army **www.salvationarmy.ca**	Community living and day supports provided through holistic ministry and Christian values
Spirit of Life **www.spiritoflifeon.org**	Information & support services, including Chinese language
Tamir **www.tamir.ca**	Integrated living in a supportive Jewish environment in Ottawa
Vita Community Living Services **www.villacharities.com**	Residential and day services within an Italian environment

Goals

- To support families and individuals' right to select and receive services that reflect their faith or cultural values.
- To support and promote initiatives that provide person-centred approaches for developmentally challenged individuals within a faith or cultural context.
- To promote the continued availability of services for those who want support within a particular faith or cultural framework.
- To ensure that families and individuals will not be penalized for requesting services from a preferred agency.
- To educate and promote community understanding on the need to respect and understand other faiths and cultural backgrounds.
- To engage faith communities to include people with disabilities in their congregations.

The right to access services meeting your cultural and faith needs

Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services www.cfcs.gov.on.ca

Central East Region
465 Davis Drive
Newmarket
905.868.8900
1.877.669-6658

Central West Region
6733 Mississauga Road
Mississauga
905.567.7177
1.877.832.2818

Eastern Region
347 Preston Street
Ottawa
613.234.1188
1.800.267.5111

Hamilton Niagara
119 King Street West
Hamilton
905.521.7280
1.800.561.0568

Northern Region
199 Larch Street
Sudbury
705.564.4515
1.800.461.1167

North East Region
621 Main Street West
North Bay
705.474.3540
1.800.461.6977

South East Region
11 Beechgrove Lane
Kingston
613.545.0539
1.800.646.3209

South West Region
217 York Street
London
519.438.511
1.800.265.4197

Toronto Region
477 Mount Pleasant
Toronto
416.325.0500

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Engaging Government leaders towards innovation in the area of inclusion.