

Early Years Niagara Planning Council Meeting (EYNPC)
March 28, 2008 9:00 – 11:30 PM
Niagara Catholic District School Board

Present: Margaret Andrewes (Co-Chair), Anne Biscaro, Janet Booth, Stephanie Cox (Guest), Carol Germyn, Bonnie Filipchuk, Pat Heidebrecht, Crystal LaForme, Dawne Mach, Patti Moore, Sandra Noel, Kathryn O'Hagan-Todd, Judy Reid, Lynda Reinhart, Glory Ressler, Barb Sockovie, Michelle Thacker, Pat Thacker (for John Crocco), Sandy Toth, Dr. Mary-Louise Vanderlee, Kaarina Vogin, Tracy Zachariah

Regrets: Dr. R. Williams (Co-Chair), Angela Alfieri-Maiolo, Jocelyne Blais-Breton, John Crocco, Donna Cunningham, Elke El Farsi, Christine Graham, Brian Hutchings, Odette Lamontagne, Linda Langston, Tammy McCormick-Ferguson, Catherine Mindorff, Florence Ngenzebuhoro, Jackie Van Lankveld, Tim Wright

Item	Discussion	Action	Timeline
1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	Welcome and introductions were made.		
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The agenda was approved.		
3. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES	Moved by J. Booth Seconded by B. Sockovie <i>That the EYNPC notes of February 8, 2008 be adopted as written. Carried.</i>	Moved by J. Booth Seconded by B. Sockovie <i>That the EYNPC notes of February 8, 2008 be adopted as written. Carried.</i>	
4. SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	M. Andrewes acknowledged E. Dolan's great work in the child care sector and across the community. A copy of the book, Not a Box, has been provided on behalf of the group. L. DeGasperis was welcomed to Council as the new representative for YMCA Children's Services. T. Cosco was welcomed as the new representative for OEYC St. Catharines at EYN committee tables. A. Biscaro announced that T. Gartner has moved to the role of ISCIS Specialist with Niagara Region Public Health.		
5. CORRESPONDENCE M. Andrewes, Chair	M. Andrewes highlighted the following correspondence items received since the last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Child Care Niagara Conference will be held on June 20-21'08 at White Oaks. • The first annual Port Colborne Family Literacy Event was held on February 9'08. Kathy Stinson, author of 'Red is Best' attended and led storytelling sessions in English. A teacher from St. 		

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	<p>Joseph Public School also provided storytelling sessions in French. There were 89 families in attendance, including 136 children and 114 adults.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memo has been received from the Provincial; Advisory Team for the Models of Collaborative Service Delivery for Students with ASD. A copy will be included in the next news digest. • DSBN Community Consultation Breakfast Forum on for Character Education in schools will be held on April 2'08. • Save the date for P. Heidebrecht's retirement celebration on June 25, from 5:30-7:30 PM at Niagara College Courtyard, Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus. • B. Charron's retirement celebration is scheduled for April 30'08 from 4:00-7:00 PM at White Oaks. Interested members should RSVP with FACS. • This year's Annual Gala for AFSSN will be hosted by Anna and Michael Owen on Friday April 11'08. AFSSN is also planning a golf tournament for August 27'08. 		
<p>6. INTEGRATED COMMUNITY TASK GROUP REPORT</p> <p>Bonnie Filipchuk, FACS</p> <p>Lisa DeGasperis, YMCA</p>	<p>B. Filipchuk and L. DeGasperis reported on behalf of the Integrated Community Task Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2007 the EYNPC undertook a comprehensive planning process to develop the Niagara Best Start Network 2007-08 Integrated Community Plan in which the vision and strategic directions of the Network were defined. A status update is now required. • At the February EYNPC meeting, a task group was established to identify the next steps in completing this update. In order to ease this process, the task group has developed a work plan template and samples for updating the plan. Leads have also been identified to represent each group responsible for completing the template. • This update will need to address the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accomplishments to date (key activities), percentage toward completion, and timelines; ○ Additional strategies that have been implemented since 2007-08 update and ongoing plans; ○ Unique local issues; and ○ Ongoing challenges, opportunities, and insights gleaned through the past year • This is a 'moving forward' document that should not repeat things that were provided in previous updates. It is essential that the work plan is clearly linked and aligned with our goals and strategic objectives as a Network (found in the introduction of the work plan template) as well as with the broader priorities of Best Start initiatives including: Inclusivity of Francophone and 		

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	<p>Aboriginal populations; Integration; Hub development; Parent engagement; High needs/high risk; and Evaluation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All completed work plans are to be submitted to M. Thacker by April 23'08. The task group will review and summarize the content for recommendation at the June 13'08 meeting of the EYNPC. Sign off will be required by June 30'08. <p>It was noted that the Joint Implementation Planning Committee (JIPC) and the Special Needs Steering Committee (SNSC) should also be considered in the development of the update. It was recommended that this be addressed in the update required from the Coordination of Education and Screening for the Purposes of Early Identification (COESEI).</p>	<p>All 'leads' to submit completed work plan templates to M. Thacker by April 23'08.</p>	
<p>7. REPORTS OF INTEGRATED PLANNING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS:</p> <p>7.1 Agenda Planning & Accountability</p> <p>M. Andrewes, Chair</p>	<p>M. Andrewes reported on behalf of the Agenda Planning & Accountability Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans are underway for the April 11'08 special meeting of the with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services' Expert Panels. The meeting has been moved the Four Points Sheraton Hotel & Conference Centre, Brock Room. Members are reminded to RSVP by April 4'08. EYN/EYNPC Committee Terms of Reference were circulated. All members are asked to review their terms of reference package in preparation for discussion and approval at the next EYNPC meeting (May 9'08). Members are also welcome to indicate their interest in participating at any of the committee tables upon reviewing the terms of reference. Terms of reference are still required by the Agenda Planning and Accountability Committee. 	<p>Agenda Planning and Accountability Committee to develop terms of reference.</p>	
<p>7.2 Coordination of Education, Screening and Early Identification Committee (COESEI)</p> <p>J. Van Lankveld, Lead</p>	<p>An update on behalf of the Coordination of Education, Screening and Early Identification Committee (COESEI) was deferred to the next meeting.</p>		
<p>7.3 Hub Development</p> <p>L. DeGasperis, Lead</p>	<p>L. DeGasperis reported on behalf of the Hub Development Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hub Development Committee meeting has been deferred to April 2'08 due to inclement weather. T. Gartner has continued to hold focus groups at a variety of child care settings in developing a communications strategy for hubs. A survey is also being distributed through ECCDC to help identify 		

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	<p>where parents and ECEs go for information on early learning and care.</p>		
<p>7.4 Early Learning and Parenting</p> <p>7.4.1 JK/SK 2010 Task Group (attached)</p> <p>Barb Sockovie, Lead</p>	<p>B. Sockovie reported on behalf of the JK/SK 2010 Task Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the work of the task group and recommendations were presented (attached). • The EYNPC will be asked to endorse the report once it is completed. • It is felt that the Early Learning and Parenting Committee and Hub Development Committee could eventually merge. <p>It was recommended that Aboriginal children's programs be identified in best practices.</p> <p>B. Sockovie, P. Thacker, and the JK/SK 2010 Task Group were thanked for their leadership and work on this strategy.</p>		
<p>7.5 Niagara Aboriginal Children's Planning Council</p> <p>T. Hill for Crystal LaForme & T. Zachariah</p>	<p>C. La Forme reported on behalf of the Niagara Aboriginal Children's Planning Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NACPC is continuing to move forward with the development of a work plan; with a SWOT analysis to be carried out. • The council is also looking at establishing committees. 		
<p>7.6 Niagara Best Start Francophone Advisory Committee</p> <p>M. Andrewes for Jocelyne Blais-Breton, Chair</p>	<p>M. Andrewes reported on behalf of J. Blais-Breton and the Niagara Best Start Francophone Advisory Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional HNHB BS French Language Network meeting which was to be held in March was cancelled due to weather and is rescheduled for April 8'08 in Hamilton. The terms of reference, membership, and work plan will be reviewed. R. Lafonde and J. Blais-Breton will be attending from Niagara. • The Niagara Francophone Best Start Advisory Committee met on February 26'08: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft Terms of Reference and membership for the advisory committee which are being proposed by MCYS/MCSS (through F. Ngenzeuhoro) were discussed. The Committee will be reviewing them more closely at the next meeting. ○ An inventory prepared by MCYS/MCSS (through F. Ngenzeuhoro) of services available in French shared 		

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	<p>with committee. Feedback to be provided by committee directly to F. Ngenzebuhoro.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee developed a draft visual diagram of the various existing committees and flow of information, present and future. A draft will be shared at next meeting for further discussion and adjustments as needed. K. O' Hagan-Todd contributed to this discussion. ○ The next meeting date has not been set. It will probably occur after meeting of the Regional Network (April 8th) and May meeting of the EYNPC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on Niagara BS projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ École Lamarsh in Niagara Falls: good progress being made - number of children increasing on a regular basis – survey being done to determine needs for a summer program – challenges: critical staffing shortages in general due to various leaves – requirement from licensing body to have qualified staff in place by March 31'08 posing an unexpected and considerable challenge to administration ○ École Immaculée Conception in St. Catharines: no report 		
<p>8. REPORT: Ministry of Child & Youth Services – Hamilton/Niagara Region</p> <p>Patti Moore, Program Supervisor</p>	<p>P. Moore provided an update on behalf of the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Special Advisor for Full Day Learning for Four and Five Year Olds, Dr. Pascal has visited Hamilton and is currently touring Ottawa, Kingston, Peterborough. • Brantford, Haldimand Norfolk, and Hamilton are composing a joint report to be submitted to Dr. Pascal in June. Niagara has been invited to participate; K. O'Hagan-Todd has been attending meetings with this group. • There are no details available on the child care allocation of the provincial budget at this time. 		
<p>9. REPORT: Regional Municipality of Niagara – Community Services Department</p> <p>Pat Heidebrecht, Director, Children's Services</p>	<p>P. Heidebrecht provided an update on behalf of Niagara Region Children's Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Report on Pro Kids (attached) was accepted by Regional Council. • Working with BEC and NTAB on the Youth Forum scheduled for April 23'08. • The local budget has been approved. • 'Niagara Week' begins April 21'08. Projects involving newcomers will be brought forward from Niagara; poverty initiatives may also 		

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	<p>shared.</p>		
<p>10. REPORT: NIAGARA CHILD CARE SECTOR</p> <p>Judy Reid, Manager, Labour Force Development</p>	<p>B. Sockovie provided an update on behalf of the Niagara Child Care Sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Niagara Child Care Sector held a community meeting on March 26'08. Over 65 members of Niagara's Early Childhood Community attended to discuss the proposed full day early learning for children 3.8 to 5. The information gathered was forwarded to the JK/SK 2010 Task Group to inform their report. • D. Edgar, representing the Special Needs Steering Committee, has provided an update to the group on changes to educational support for children with special needs in child care and the development of the Level of Service Tool. • The Child Care Sector is awaiting the results of their first Survey of Early Childhood Educators. The survey will provide information on the range of services provided to children in our child care centres as well as the link/collaboration between child care centres and Early Years Centres/family resource centres. The information will be used to inform Niagara's Child Care Plan and the ongoing development of Early Learning and Care Services for families and children in Niagara. • A second survey will be distributed in the next few days to all parents of children in child care centres. This survey will provide information on those families' knowledge and use of Early Years Centres. The information gathered will be used to improve Niagara's Early Learning and Child Care Services. 		
<p>11. REPORT: Business Education Council of Niagara</p> <p>Judy Reid, Manager, Labour Force Development</p>	<p>J. Reid provided an update on behalf of the Business Education Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Understanding the Early Years Project has updated the Early Years Research Inventory. Additional hardcopies or electronic copies are available through G. Ressler. • There are five literacy events planned throughout Niagara in 2008. • Touch a Truck Event is planned for October 4'08, from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at Niagara College, Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus. • Copies of the award-winning title for the Debbie Zimmerman Early Years Niagara Literary Award <i>Not a Box</i>, by Antoinette Portis, have been purchased for distribution to all licensed child care centres in Niagara. • BEC Annual Partners Breakfast was held on February 15'08. The poverty video is now available to download from becon.org. Appreciation was extended to Niagara Region Children's Services and Niagara Region Public Health for leading the development of the video. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 guests completed commitment cards; with 41 new contacts indicating their interest in endorsing the Niagara Children's Charter of Rights. • Over \$3, 500 was donated from the audience for the Small Business Club's Pajama Program and BEC contributed an additional \$7, 000 to Niagara Nutrition Partners during the event. 		

EYNPC Meeting Schedule	
DATE	LOCATION
May 9, 2008 9:00-11:30 AM	Niagara Catholic District School Board 427 Rice Road, Welland



REPORT TO: Co-Chairs and Members of Public Health and Social Services Committee

SUBJECT: Pro-Kids Program - Providing Recreational/Cultural Opportunities for Children/Youth
2007 Year End Report

RECOMMENDATION

That this Committee recommend to Regional Council that this report be received for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 9,166 is the cumulative total of children/youth who participated in recreation/cultural activity of their choice since program inception in January 2000
- 200 recreational/cultural service clubs have supported Pro-Kids placement opportunities since program inception (see Appendix I)
- 16 agencies/service clubs are members of Pro-Kids Advisory Committee (see Appendix II)
- The YMCA of Niagara along with Niagara Region Children's Services is hosting the sixth annual Pro-Kids Program celebration on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
- Regional Councillors are invited to participate in the celebration and hear testimonials from children/youth and service providers who have participated or sponsored a Pro-Kids recreational/cultural activity
- Pro-Kids partnerships will be further extended in collaboration with youth outreach agencies to include "at risk" youth participation in programs of their choice.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The National Child Benefit (NCB) savings contributed \$245,396 with additional in-kind supports of \$169,569 for a total investment of \$414,965 in 2007.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Pro-Kids program activities in 2007 as well as to highlight the upcoming Pro-Kids celebration taking place Tuesday, March 18, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

BACKGROUND

As outlined in COM 20-2007, the Pro-Kids initiative continues to be funded through NCB savings with a budget of \$245,396 for 2007. Pro-Kids was implemented in Niagara based on research conducted by McMaster University under the direction of Dr. Gina Browne which concluded that spending dollars to promote the involvement of children/youth in subsidized recreation/culture opportunities is a sound investment with concrete returns for families and children/youth. Given the success of Niagara's model, Community Services staff in Children's Services, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities Service Areas and Niagara Regional Housing in partnership with community recreational/cultural service providers continue to provide a subsidized community-based recreational/cultural program initially for children/youth whose parents were in receipt of social assistance.

REPORT

The success of the Pro-Kids program (see Appendix III) continues to be based on extensive community collaboration since the program's inception in January 2000. Niagara Region has implemented a service delivery model that utilizes the existing Children's Services infrastructure as well as partnerships represented by a number of recreational/cultural, private sector businesses and social service organizations. The following represents components of the Pro-Kids program:

- Pro-Kids supports equitable participation of all eligible children/youth from birth to 18 years of age in the recreational/cultural activity of their choice across all Municipalities within Niagara
- Eligibility through Children's Services continues to include families in receipt of social assistance, subsidized child care and tenants residing in social housing units provided through the Niagara Regional Housing tenants
- A 16 member community-based Pro-Kids Advisory Committee provides advice and guidance to the initiative with representatives from recreational/cultural service providers, service clubs, private sector businesses and social service agencies
- The YMCA of Niagara continues to be the program placement coordinator as selected by community representatives from Niagara Community Foundation, Ministry of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Trillium Foundation
- The YMCA of Niagara seeks out matching donations to more than double the \$100 allocated per year through NCB savings in order that eligible children/youth can participate in the recreation/cultural activity of their choice
- Outcome measurements continue to be documented and testimonials from children/youth/service provider agencies and service club members reinforce the benefits of the Pro-Kids program
- The Pro-Kids partnership will be further extended in 2008, in collaboration with youth outreach agencies, to include "at risk" youth participation in recreation/cultural programs of their choice

- The focus for delivery of the “at risk” youth programming will be within affordable housing community locations with pilot projects in Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, with the intention being to extend this program option within all communities across Niagara
- Pro-Kids program will continue to be funded based on NCB savings for 2008
- Alternative funding options are being explored throughout 2008 however; changes to the NCB funding allocation are anticipated in 2009.

The Pro-Kids initiative has:

- Successfully complimented recreational/cultural infrastructures which have long existed throughout Niagara
- Supported the principle of shared community responsibility and collaboration between organizations/agencies and private sector service clubs and business
- Utilized existing community programs and infrastructures to provide program placement opportunities and to encourage in-kind contributions
- Supported research which documents that participation in recreational/cultural activities contributes to the development of happy, healthy and more resilient children and youth.

With the implementation of the Pro-Kids initiative financial disadvantage is reduced for children/youth participation in the recreational/cultural program of their choice.

The following chart represents the number of children who have participated in Pro-Kids since its inception:

Year	Number of Children Placed
2001	716
2002	812
2003	1,311
2004	1,260
2005	1,575
2006	1,797
2007	1,695
Total	9,166

The Pro-Kids model is one that is being delivered in approximately 50 communities across Ontario. Documented research (health, crime prevention, sports/recreation and social service sectors) indicates that child/youth participation in the recreation/cultural activity of their choice promotes:

- development of skills and competencies
- exposure to program leaders and positive adult role models
- improved physical and emotional health outcomes
- development of psychosocial skills
- improved self-esteem, academic performance, peer and family relationships

- acquisition of pro-social values and development of life skills such as leadership, decision making and problem solving
- opportunities to have fun and be with as well as make friends
- Children/youth's participation in the recreation/cultural activities of their choice has proven to show a marked improvement in many areas of their development

Investment in Pro-Kids as a component of a preventive health model is a good investment which reaps positive returns for participating children and their families.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Brian Hutchings, Commissioner
Community Services Department

Mike Trojan
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared by Janice Horner, Manager, and reviewed by Patricia Heidebrecht, Director, Children's Services.

Appendix I - Service Providers by Municipality 2000 - 2007
Appendix II - Advisory Committee Membership
Appendix III - Pro-Kids Testimonials

Service Providers by Municipality 2000 - 2007

Fort Erie Service Providers

- I CAN T.E.R.
- YMCA of Fort Erie
- Baden Powell Scouts
- Black Panther Studios
- Boys & Girls Club of Niagara
- Carroll's Bowling Lanes
- Crystal Ridge Figure Skating
- Fort Erie Public Library
- Fort Erie Figure Skating Club
- Fort Erie Golf Club
- Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Assoc.
- Fort Erie Lacrosse Association
- Fort Erie Native and Friendship Centre
- Fort Erie Secondary School
- Fort Erie Tennis Club
- Girl Guides of Canada
- Greater Fort Erie Youth Soccer
- Greater Fort Erie Minor Baseball Assoc.
- Irish Dance
- Niagara Catholic District School Board
- Niagara Falls Art Gallery
- Niagara Falls Lightning Gymnastics Club
- Niagara Regional Minor Football Assoc.
- Niagara Softball Association
- Ontario Conservatory of Music
- Peacock School of Dance
- Ridgeway Minor Hockey Association
- Rio Vista Golf Course
- Rob Rolston Music
- Scouts Canada
- Suzanne Huard Music
- Town of Fort Erie – Parks and Recreation

Grimsby Service Providers

- Expressions Dance Company
- Grimsby Amateur Baseball Assoc.
- Grimsby Minor Hockey Assoc.
- Grimsby Skating Club
- Grimsby Town Youth Soccer Club
- Town of Grimsby
- Grimsby Bowling Lanes

Lincoln Service Providers

- Beamsville Minor Baseball
- District School Board of Niagara
- Expressions Dance Company
- Jordan Lions Minor Softball
- Lincoln Lacrosse Assoc.
- Lincoln Soccer Assoc.
- Niagara Catholic District School Board
- Niagara Conservatory of Music
- Niagara Instrumental Music
- Scouts Canada
- St. Catharines Minor Baseball Assoc.
- Town of Lincoln
- YMCA of Niagara

Niagara Falls Service Providers

- Audrey Watkins Highland Dance
- Bond School of Music
- Boys and Girls Club of Niagara
- Brock University
- Cataract Bowling
- Centre Stage Dance Studio
- Chippawa Martial Arts
- City of Niagara Falls
- Club Roma Minor Soccer
- Niagara Falls Badminton Club
- Niagara Academy of Tennis
- Niagara Falls Art Gallery
- Niagara Falls Minor Hockey Assoc.
- Niagara Falls Boxing Club
- Niagara Falls Boys Soccer Club
- Niagara Falls Girls Soccer Assoc.
- Niagara Falls Lightning Gymnastics
- Niagara Falls Red Raiders Basketball

Niagara Falls Service Providers cont'd

- Dayboll Fitness
- District School Board of Niagara
- Doranne Cooper Music
- Fascination Dance Studio
- Fairview Bowling
- Fleur de lys Dance Troup
- Girl Guides of Canada
- Greater Niagara Baseball Association
- Hardbodies
- Imagination Dance and Fitness
- John Mergel Music
- Kindermusik Melodies
- Mark Rodgers Music
- Martial Arts Centre
- Mikes Music
- Miss All Canadian Starmakers
- Murphy's Music
- Music For Young Children
- Musically Inclined
- Niagara Catholic District School Board
- Niagara Falls Ringette Association
- Niagara Falls School of Drama
- Niagara Girls Minor Softball
- Niagara Regional Minor Football Assoc.
- Niagara Regional Street Hockey Centre
- Niagara Sportsplex
- Niagara Twirling Maple Leafs
- Ontario Conservatory of Music
- Peterson Community Workshop
- Quantum Niagara Gymnastics
- Scouts Canada
- Seido Kan Karate
- Shamrock Boxing Club
- Sherry Norris Highland Dance
- St. John's Ambulance Cadets
- Tigers Lair Studio
- United Family Martial Arts
- Wilderness Trust
- Won Son Tae Kwon Do
- YMCA Of Niagara
- Zenshiin Martial Arts

Niagara-on-the-Lake Service Providers

- Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Assoc.
- Niagara-on-the-Lake Soccer
- YMCA of Niagara

Pelham Service Providers

- Fenwick Softball Association
- Girl Guides of Canada
- Pelham Figure Skating Club
- Pelham Minor Baseball Assoc.
- Pelham Minor Hockey Assoc.
- Pelham Youth Soccer Club
- Pioneers Group
- Scouts Canada
- Town of Pelham
- Town of Pelham Public Library
- YMCA of Niagara

Port Colborne Service Providers

- Bel Air Figure Skating Club
- City of Port Colborne
- Community Living Port Colborne
- Dance Expressions
- Dance Place
- Dayboll Fitness
- Equipment
- Finess Dance Studio
- G & M Fitness
- Girl Guides of Canada
- Jolis Dance Studio
- Lakeside Karate Club
- Music Depot
- Navy League
- Ontario Conservatory of Music
- Port Colborne Minor Hockey Assoc.
- Port Colborne Judo Club
- Port Colborne Minor Baseball Assoc.
- Port Colborne Basketball Assoc.
- Port Colborne Soccer Assoc.
- Scouts Canada
- Still River Music
- YMCA of Niagara

St. Catharines Service Providers

- All Purpose Tae Kwon Do
- Baby and Me Studio
- Ballet Etc.
- Body Shop
- Broadway Lights
- Brock University
- Burtnik Karate
- Cedar Ridge
- Champion Martial Arts
- City of St. Catharines
- Club Roma Soccer
- Concord Soccer club
- CYO Basketball
- CYO Minor Hockey
- Dance Designs
- Dance FX
- Defensive Arts Training Centre
- District School Board of Niagara
- Fascination Dance Studio
- Fairview Bowling Lanes
- Garden City Kiwanis Hockey
- Glenridge Martial Arts
- Golden Tiger Kung Fu
- Grantham Optimist Baseball
- Great Big Theatre Company
- Gymnastics Energy
- Inner Peace Yoga
- Janice Luey Dance Co.
- Jeongs Martial Arts
- John Lumen School of Music
- Kindermusik Melodies
- Laura Secord Banff Music
- Laurie Ewart's Danceworks
- Mademoiselle Womens Fitness
- Merritton Athletic Association
- Musically Inclined
- Mustard Seed Children's Theatre
- Niagara Catholic District School Board
- Niagara Academy of Tennis
- Niagara Conservatory of Music
- Niagara Dome Ball Hockey
- Niagara Instrumental Music
- Niagara Rapids Volleyball
- Niagara Regional Minor Football Assoc.
- Niagara Native Centre
- Noelia Bonato Music
- Ontario Conservatory of Music
- Pioneers Group
- Port Dalhousie Legion Softball
- Port Weller Residents Assoc.
- Port Weller Soccer
- Rodman Hall Arts Centre
- Rysons Music Inc.
- Scouts Canada
- Seido Kan Karate
- Soccer Niagara
- Spartan Lacrosse
- St. Catharines Ladies Softball League
- St. Catharines Squash and Tennis Club
- St. Catharines Ball Hockey
- St. Catharines Boxing Club
- St. Catharines Jets Girls Soccer
- St. Catharines Minor Baseball Assoc.
- St. Catharines Minor Hockey
- St. Catharines Minor Lacrosse Assoc.
- St. Catharines Recreational Skate
- The Winterclub of St. Catharines
- Twinkle Toes Dance Centre
- Walter Ostanek's Music
- Won Son Tae Kwon Do
- YMCA of Niagara
- YWCA of St. Catharines

Thorold Service Providers

- Brock Golfland
- Brock University
- City of Thorold
- Concord Soccer
- CYO Minor Hockey
- Girl Guides of Canada
- Glenridge Martial Arts
- Niagara Catholic District School Board
- Niagara Regional Minor Football Association
- Scouts Canada
- Thorold Amateur Athletic Association
- Thorold Community Activities Group
- Thorold Figure Skating Club
- Thorold Legion Baseball
- Thorold Soccer Club
- Wendy Milinkovich Modelling
- YMCA Of Niagara

Wainfleet Service Providers

- Niagara Catholic District School Board
- Wainfleet Minor Baseball
- Wainfleet Minor Hockey Assoc
- Wainfleet Skating Club
- YMCA of Niagara

Welland Service Providers

- Aereo Gymnastics
- Andy Bissonette Judo
- Big Sisters
- Brian Stocking
- Boadway Lights
- Bulletproof Baseball
- Camp Huronda
- Camp Wehanowin
- Canadian Motorcycle Association
- Central Music
- Cheryl Stranges Sewing Studio
- City of Welland
- Club Roma Soccer
- Dance Place
- District School Board of Niagara
- Eastside Lanes
- Jolis Dance Studio
- Kick It!
- Kingsway Bowling Centre
- La Boite A Soleil
- Midwest Karate
- Miss All Canadian Starmakers
- Nappers Boxing Club
- Niagara Catholic District School Board
- Niagara Children & Youth Services
- Niagara Splash Volleyball
- Niagara Razorbacks
- Niagara Regional Minor Football Assoc.
- Ontario Conservatory of Music
- Personal Best Martial Arts
- Plymouth Park Soccer League
- Salvation Army
- Scouts Canada
- Seido Kan Karate
- Sherwood Activity Centre
- Southend Neighbourhood Committee
- Sparkles Dance
- Sparklez Baton Twirling Club
- St. John's Ambulance
- Tonic Music Studios
- Welland Association of Community Living
- Welland Figure Skating Club
- Welland Historical Museum
- Welland Judo Club
- Welland Karate Studio
- Welland Basketball Association
- Welland Minor Hockey Association
- Welland Music Academy
- Welland Mustangs Baseball
- Welland Raiders Lacrosse
- Welland Soccer Club
- Welland Tennis Club
- Welland Wado Kai Karate Club
- Won Son Tae Kwon Do
- X Fitness
- YMCA of Niagara

West Lincoln Service Providers

- West Lincoln Baseball Assoc.

Advisory Committee Membership

Boys and Girls Club of Niagara
City of Niagara Falls – Parks, Recreation & Culture
City of St. Catharines - Parks & Recreation
Folk Arts Council
Fort Erie YMCA
Heart Niagara
John Howard Society
Ministry of Child and Youth Social Services
Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation
Niagara Regional Housing
Niagara Region Community Services –Children’s Services
Niagara Region Public Health
Port Colborne Community Services
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Pro-Kids Testimonials

Pro-kids has allowed me to play my music- thank you. When I play my violin it takes me to all the concerts that I see on television. One day I am going to be in one of those orchestras

Sara

"Pro-Kids has made a big difference in my families life- thank you, thank you.

Recently my son told me that he was so happy that he could play soccer like all of his friends and that he is not teased any more because we haven't had the money for him to join.

I don't mind if I have to go without but it's hard when your children have to and it's through no fault of their own are."

*Sincerely
A Mum*

"Pro-Kids has been an excellent program for my two grandchildren. I never thought that I would be raising children at my age but I am and on a fixed pension it is really helpful to know that the children can participate in healthy activities

It's nice to see big smiles on their faces when they are taking their swimming lessons

*Sincerely,
A Grandparent*