

Children at Risk

Report On Services – 2019

Children at Risk offers services and supports for families of children between the ages of 4 and 18+ who have been diagnosed within the Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

Our main activities have included our Summer Day Camp, Camp Kaleidoscope, March Break Camp, Site- Based Social Skills Groups/Outing-Based Teen Groups, Sibling Support Workshops (currently on hold) and Activity-Based Saturday Fun Club/Family Fun Night Respite Sessions.

For our Supports, the objective is to “Fill in the Gaps” in Publicly-Funded Services and Programs. This means what has been offered over the Years changes and morphs with what the Autism Community – Parents raising one or more ASD children – indicate what is missing and if it is a critical need.

Both our Site-Based Social Skill Therapy Groups and the Outing-Based Typical Teens Groups are not currently being offered due to other Groups or Agencies now offering these Supports. For these – we had hired trained, experienced facilitators to design and run age appropriate social, support and life skills groups, usually working with a ratio of 1 facilitator for every 3 to 4 children. We had run three seasonal sessions throughout the year, Fall, Winter and Spring. The type and number of groups being offered was dependent on funding available at the time. Each session was from 8 to 10 weeks, with the group meeting once a week for approximately 1.5 - 2 hours. Some groups are more outing-based than others, but most group activity is based in a fixed setting, either at the main office in CAR or other satellite location.

Since 2011, Children at Risk has solicited funding for All-Day Summer Camp. We have grown from: 4 weeks-89 spots in 2011, 5 weeks-146 spots in 2012, 5 weeks-230 spots in 2013, 5 weeks-284 spots in 2014, 5 weeks – 301 spots in 2015, 5 weeks-305 spots in 2016, 5 weeks-334 spots in 2017, 5 weeks-356 spots in 2018 This was an incredible **increase of 400%** since our 1st year!! 2019 again was 5 weeks – with a Registration of 334 spots – down a bit due to late confirmation of Provincial Funding that supports the use of schools for non-profit and charitable groups.

In the Fall of 2012, with funding from the City of Ottawa, we successfully launched our Saturday Fun Club Respite Sessions. With continued donations from the Ottawa Community Foundation and the Unity for Autism Foundation, we have carried this through twice/monthly to March 2020 – including a March Break Camp in 2013-2020 – and adding on our Family Fun Night - started Fall 2014. In our 2019 Camp we introduced a Group called “Do More, See More” for our high-functioning ASD and Asperger Teens with Funding from The City of Ottawa. This resumed in January 2020 but is now on hold until 2021, waiting for Venues to re-open for this Outing-Based Group.

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Camp Kaleidoscope - Summer Full-Day Camp (Camp Week Spots - ages 4-26): 334 Spots (Hours=11,116)

Saturday Fun Club - Respite Sessions (16 Saturdays from January-December): 781 Spots (Hours=3,905)

March Break Camp: 52 Spots (Hours=1,813)

Family Fun Night: (2 Nights): 64 Spots (Hours=288)

17,122 HOURS = GRAND TOTAL OF NUMBER OF HOURS FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING DIRECT SERVICES FROM CHILDREN AT RISK IN 2019

In addition – we sent 13 children to Walt Disney World through Dreams Take Flight in 2019!

**TO BETTER REFLECT THE ACTUAL SERVICE - THE CALCULATION OF SERVICE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO NUMBER OF HOURS – AS EACH PROGRAM IS DIFFERENT IN SCOPE.