

*Special Needs Programming Survey, Spring 2018*

Special Needs Programming Open House Spring 2018

**General Survey**

The Town is committed to offering barrier free, accessible opportunities for all. It is well known that all experiences are enhanced via diverse participation in programs and activities. There has been great support from the community as well as those who volunteer, to assist with programming needs of those requiring assistance. With understanding comes acceptance.

Accessible programming for those with special needs has been a focus to be able to include all those who may not otherwise be able to be included. It is our intent to be able to increase awareness in our adapted programming options as well as to be able to increase opportunities for social experiences for those with special needs, their friends and families.

Through partnerships and networking opportunities in the past, the Town has been able to put together a variety of programs and opportunities that fit the needs of our residents. Things like adapted camp for adults, special Olympics and youth social club have grown out of the grass roots interests of the community. Other opportunities like the Stouffer street parkette, accessible washroom trailer, wet wheels in motion, and the playbuddies program also grew out of the need for such programs.

It is our intent today to be able to gather current information on the needs and wants of those who require adapted programming and opportunities. We want to grow what we are doing in the direction where it is needed. Networking with families who know what is required is the key to be able to discover and meet the demand. Meetings of the community help to lead and shape the direction and allow growth on initiatives.

Information collected today will be used to help guide the overall planning for our residents of varying needs. Programming times/ locations/ content, will all be addressed in the General survey and used in the creation of future programs

The purpose of this portion of the survey is to get an understanding of the population of individuals with special needs in the community. Caregivers are welcome to complete the survey on behalf of an individual with special needs.

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Background Information**

1. Number of Individuals with special needs in the household (please circle).

1      2      3      4+

2. Ages of individual(s) (please circle).

0-4      5-12      12-19      19-20      21+

3. Nature of Disability (please circle).

Developmental/Cognitive      Physical      Other (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Participation**

1. Has the individual attended any Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville special needs programs?

Yes      No

2. If yes, what programs has the individual participated in:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Social Club                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Adapted Aquatics                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking in the Chef's Corner         | <input type="checkbox"/> Adapted Skating                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Social Club              | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics (FUN-damentals/Active Start) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Living March Break Camp    | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Living Summer Camp                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Camps | <input type="checkbox"/> General programs                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General programs with support staff  | <input type="checkbox"/> General programs without support staff        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) : _____       |  |

If applicable, please comment on your experience in these programs: \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you have not attended any of these programs in the past, what was the reason (please check all that apply)?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did not know about them                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of funds                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of interest in any                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs times were inconvenient    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time for programs                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Program locations were inconvenient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of transportation                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Care needs too high for program     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of support person to assist in program |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) : _____              |  |

4. What programs would be of interest in the future (please check all that apply)?

- |   |                                      |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Skills                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre/Drama        | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Skills                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming    | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Experience |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) : _____ |                                      |   |                                      |

5. When is the best time for the individual to attend these program (please check all that apply)?

- Weekday Day Time     Weekday Evening     Weekend Day Time     Weekend Evening

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Can the individual be successful in the following environments (please check all the apply)?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 staff for every 4 participants | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 staff for every 3 participants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 staff for every 2 participants | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 staff for every participant    |

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_