

## 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](http://www.contacthamilton.ca)

### Ottawa

Service Coordination Ottawa  
150 Montreal Road, Ottawa  
613.748.1788  
[www.scsottawa.on.ca](http://www.scsottawa.on.ca)

### Peel Region

Child Development Resource Connection Peel  
#103 - Watline Avenue, Mississauga  
905.890.9432  
[www.cdrcp.com](http://www.cdrcp.com)

### Toronto

Developmental Services Toronto  
A collaboration of over 30 agencies  
[www.dsto.com](http://www.dsto.com)

### York Region

York Support Services Network  
102 Main Street South, Newmarket  
1.888.695.0070  
[www.yssn.ca](http://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](http://www.christian-horizons.org)

An evangelical Christian organization serving people with exceptional needs

### L'Arche Daybreak [www.larchedaybreak.com](http://www.larchedaybreak.com)

Jean Vanier's vision for community where L'Arche began in North America

### Mary Centre [www.marycentre.com](http://www.marycentre.com)

Integrated support services for individuals, families and the Catholic community

### Reena [www.reena.org](http://www.reena.org)

Integrating people within a framework of Jewish culture and values

### Salvation Army [www.salvationarmy.ca](http://www.salvationarmy.ca)

Community living and day supports provided through holistic ministry and Christian values

### Spirit of Life [www.spiritoflifeon.org](http://www.spiritoflifeon.org)

Information & support services, including Chinese language

### Tamir [www.tamir.ca](http://www.tamir.ca)

Integrated living in a supportive Jewish environment in Ottawa

### Vita Community Living Services [www.villacharities.com](http://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](http://www.cfcs.gov.on.ca)

### Central East Region

465 Davis Drive  
Newmarket  
905.868.8900  
1.877.669-6658

### North East Region

621 Main Street West  
North Bay  
705.474.3540  
1.800.461.6977

### Central West Region

6733 Mississauga Road  
Mississauga  
905.567.7177  
1.877.832.2818

### South East Region

11 Beechgrove Lane  
Kingston  
613.545.0539  
1.800.646.3209

### Eastern Region

347 Preston Street  
Ottawa  
613.234.1188  
1.800.267.5111

### South West Region

217 York Street  
London  
519.438.5111  
1.800.265.4197

### Hamilton Niagara

119 King Street West  
Hamilton  
905.521.7280  
1.800.561.0568

### Toronto Region

477 Mount Pleasant  
Toronto  
416.325.0500

### Northern Region

199 Larch Street  
Sudbury  
705.564.4515  
1.800.461.1167



**Dedicated to the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities within faith and/or cultural communities.**

**Engaging Government leaders towards innovation in the area of inclusion.**