

- Lambton County Developmental Services, 339 Centre Street, P.O. Box 1210, Petrolia. N0N 1R0 Phone: 882-0933 Fax: 882-3386 Website: www.lcds.on.ca
- Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent, 285 E. McNaughton Avenue, Room 205, P.O. Box 1424, Chatham. N7M 5W8 Phone: 352-2024 Fax: 352-0734 e-mail: ldack@netrover.com
- Learning Disabilities Association of Lambton County, 560 Exmouth Street, Suite 109, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 5P5 Phone: 344-4919 Fax: 344-0380 e-mail: ldalc@xcelco.on.ca
- St. Clair Child and Youth Services, 129 Kendall Street, Point Edward. N7V 4G6 Phone: 337-3701 Fax: 337-7750 Website: www.stclairchild.ca
- VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children, 161 Eglinton Ave., East, Suite 701, Toronto. M4P 1J5 Phone: 416-487-7719 Fax: 416-487-7423 e-mail: info@voicefordeafkids.com

Other References (available from your local school or District School Board Office as copies or as reference):

- Your Exceptional Child, School, and Special Education (LKDSB Brochure)
- A Plan for the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services (LKDSB Reference Document)
- Identification, Placement, and Review Committee Procedures: Understanding the IPRC Process: A Parent Guide (LKDSB Brochure)
- Lambton Kent District School Board Website (Special Education section): www.lkdsb.net/Speced/
- Ministry of Education Website (Special Education section): www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/speced.html

The agencies listed above, SEAC Members, Trustees, and School Board personnel can be contacted for further information. For information on how to contact any of the above please call the Lambton Kent District School Board at (519)336-1500, or 1-800-754-7125, or visit our website at www.lkdsb.net.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(SEAC)

This brochure is intended to provide information about the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). SEAC advises the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) in regards to exceptional children and their education and is part of the partnership of students, school, family, and community support services that are essential to the success of all exceptional students.

SEAC members and the community groups that they represent are important resources to exceptional children and their families.

SEAC works to support the School Board in its Philosophy of Special Education:

“The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing educational opportunities that will assist every child in personal and intellectual development. To that end the Board believes and actively supports the provision of programs that will meet student needs in the most enabling environment.”

About Exceptional Children:

An exceptional child is “A pupil whose behavioural, communication, intellectual, physical or multiple exceptionalities are such that the pupil is considered to need placement in a special education program”.

The Education Act and its Regulations provides that all school-aged children are entitled to a publicly supported education. Pupils who are exceptional have a right to special education programs and services. The Act also provides for the formation of a Special Education Advisory Committee to assist the School Board in providing special education to these children.

About the Special Education Advisory Committee:

The Lambton Kent District School Board establishes a Special Education Advisory Committee to advise and make recommendations to the Board about any matter pertaining to the education of exceptional students.

SEAC is responsible to the Board for examining, reviewing and making recommendations regarding the provision of special education programs and services, including the following areas:

- philosophy and goals
- policies and procedures
- program delivery, methods, services and facilities.
- funding

Who are the members of SEAC?

SEAC members are appointed by the Board, for a four-year term.

SEAC membership includes representation from provincial community associations that represent exceptional children, the public at large, and school board trustees. The superintendent responsible for special education acts as a resource to SEAC.

Members must be Canadian citizens, at least eighteen years of age, a resident of the school board area, and a public school board supporter. Employees of the school board are not eligible to be members.

What is expected of SEAC members?

SEAC members are expected to represent the interests of all exceptional children, both their represented groups as well as those with other exceptionalities.

To fulfill this obligation, SEAC members through their role on SEAC must become informed on all exceptionalities, the school board's special education plan, programs and services, and the issues and challenges facing special education today and in the future.

SEAC members are also expected to provide information, advice and assistance to families of exceptional children as requested.

Members are available to speak to interested groups (i.e. school councils, parent groups etc.). Members and their associations can be contacted through the LKDSB (numbers at the end of this brochure) or through the Association numbers listed in this brochure.

More information about SEAC:

SEAC meets monthly during the school year, members of the community are welcome to attend. Meeting information can be obtained from the Board's website, or by contacting the board or SEAC members (contact information appears at the end of the brochure). Meetings are typically held at Wallaceburg District Secondary School at 7:00 p.m., on the third Thursday of the month (winter meetings are held via video conference from the Chatham and Sarnia Education Centres).

SEAC Member Associations:

- Autism Ontario, Sarnia-Lambton Chapter, 439 S. Palmerston Street, Sarnia. N7T 3P4 Phone: 332-0333 Fax: 332-6029 Website: www.sarniaautism.ca
- Community Living Chatham-Kent, 650 Riverview Drive, Unit #2, P.O. Box 967, Chatham. N7M 5L3 Phone: 352-1174 Fax: 352-5459 Website: www.clc-k.ca
- Community Living Sarnia-Lambton, 202-551 Exmouth Street, P.O. Box 610, Sarnia. N7T 7J4 Phone: 332-0560 Fax: 332-3446 Website: www.communitylivingsarnia.org
- Community Living Wallaceburg, 1100 Dufferin Avenue, Wallaceburg. N8A 2W1 Phone: 627-0777 Fax: 627-8905 Website: www.getintocommunityliving.com