Launched in 2005, Child Care SNAP-Peel is a single point of access developed to help families with children with special needs (0-6 years) receive referrals for special needs resources.

SNAP-Peel continues to focus on three priorities:
1. Connecting families and children with special needs to appropriate resources to help them participate in licensed early learning programs and/or maintain child care placement
2. Promoting SNAP to parents and community professionals, especially child care staff
3. Refining SNAP services based on the needs of a changing community

2012 Distribution of Referrals
Each referral is sent to one of the agencies noted below.

- In 2012, Child Care SNAP-Peel made 673 referrals to the community; a 26% increase from 2011 (536)
- In 2012, total number of calls to SNAP-Peel was 2,627 – a 27% decrease from 2011 (4,096)
- Referrals were made for 3 times the number of boys (285) compared to girls (96)
- Each agency maintains their own wait list
- Waiting periods vary according to a variety of factors such as:
  - The type of support/resources needed
  - The child’s age
  - The child’s needs or diagnosis
  - Where the family resides
  - The family’s financial situation
  - The family’s ability to find a community child care space
  - Current funding available

Diagnosis
Of the 673 referrals made for children in 2012:
- 155 children were on a waitlist for a Developmental Assessment to determine a diagnosis
- 89 children had a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- 24 children had a diagnosis related to genetics such as Down syndrome (DS)
- 50 children had a diagnosis of Developmental Delays or Global Developmental Delays
- 8 children had a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy or mobility issues
- 12 diagnoses of serious medical conditions, including 3 Failure to Thrive
- 256 other
- Referrals for VIPP (42) and PCC (37) do not require a diagnosis to meet criteria for resources
- 114 children were in child care when the referral was initiated; a medical professional recommended child care for the remaining 258 children

Partnering Agencies and Programs
- Brampton Caledon Community Living (BCCL)
- Community Living Mississauga (CLM)
- Peel Children’s Centre (PCC)
- ErinoakKids Preschool Rehabilitation Services (Erinoak)
- Region of Peel, Children’s Services Operations (ROP)
- The Valley Infant Parent Program (VIPP)
- Kids Pathway Peel (KPP)

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2012 Redirections

A redirection is made to a community resource agency when the child or family does not meet any of the criteria of the special needs resourcing partner agencies. This happens when:

- A child is over 6 years of age
- The family is not ready to place their child in a licensed child care centre

In 2012, 1,462 redirections were made (compared to 1,577 redirections in 2011) to the following agencies:

- CDRCP
- HPPSLP
- PBS
- KP
- OPR
- S
- OTHER

**Total: 1,462 Redirections**

Consent to Disclose

The Child Care SNAP-Peel “consent to disclose” package is available at peelregion.ca/children/programs/special-needs/snap.htm.

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