

## Neighbourhood Resource Centres

### New Beginnings

17-359 Darling St., Brantford N3S 3Y6  
519-759-8134

### Northland Gardens

11-56 Memorial Drive., Brantford N3R 5R9  
519-754-1309

### Stepping Stones

36-50 Pontiac St., Brantford N3S 2A7  
519-751-3915

### Family Resource Centre

14 Henry St., Brantford N3R 1Z8  
519-754-1309

## Best Starts

### Bellview School Best Start

97 Tenth Ave., Brantford N3S 1G5

### Branlyn-Notre Dame School Best Start

238 Brantwood Park Rd., Brantford N3P 1N9

### King George School Best Start

265 Rawdon St., Brantford N3S 5G7

### St. James Anglican Church Best Start

8 Burwell St., Paris N3L 3E3

Free interactive drop-in programs for children 0-6 years and their parents or caregivers.

With appreciation for content collaboration to:  
Family and Children's Services of Guelph & Wellington County

We are here to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with any child protection concerns you may have.

**Office Hours: 8:30 to 4:30**

Call us during business hours to learn more about our service programs, adoption, foster care and/or volunteering.

## The Mission of Brant FACS

The well-being and safety of children and youth is our primary focus. Together with our community we strive to protect children and youth, and strengthen families.

## Our Ten Year Vision

- All children, youth and families are valued.
- Together, with the entire community, we share the responsibility of nurturing, protecting, educating and guiding all children, youth and their families.
- Families possess the wisdom, abilities and resources to build a successful family plan. We support their journey towards self-determination, safety and care.
- Children and youth have a voice and are involved in decision-making; we ensure they have the necessary resources to be well supported for success.
- Mutual trust and understanding is built through listening and communicating with respect and compassion.
- Hope replaces fear and families are open to receive help early.

**POSITIVE SPACE**



Welcome to our positive and anti-oppressive space, where every individual, regardless of age, is valued and respected whatever their culture, faith, ethnicity, race, ancestry, class, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity.



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Since 1894

## Child Development

**Connecting People  
in the Community**



**Seven in a Series**  
**Working with Brant Family  
and Children's Services**



## Get the right help at the right time

Community centres provide a safe environment where families can learn and play together.

Many FREE programs are offered including Community Kitchens, crafts and game nights for adults, teens and kids.

### Sample Resource Centre Programs

Adult Baking and Community Kitchen - This is a cooking group for adults where you will either prepare a meal and take it home to your family or bake a yummy treat to bring home.

Community Chat - Offered once a month, this is an opportunity to share concerns you might have about what is happening in the community, offer program suggestions for the Resource Centre or simply meet your neighbours!

Family Drop in with Public Health Nurse - Offered weekly, and open to anyone, whether you have kids or not. Meet with a Public Health Nurse and ask questions about yourself, your loved ones, get your baby weighed or simply share a healthy snack.

Afterschool Kids Group - School-aged children participate in a variety of games and activities. Nutritious snacks are always provided.

Breakfast Program - School-aged children can pick-up a FREE grab-and-go nutritious breakfast from the centre three mornings a week. Registration is required and available any time in the school year!



### George Youth Centre 109 George St., Brantford, ON

Parenting Program (GPP) - A drop-in program for parents and children 0-6 years of age who have had involvement with FACS. This program combines parenting skills and personal growth opportunities. It is also a place to feel free to ask questions about the child protection system.

Path 2 Possibilities (P2P) - This program helps youth think through the basics of what it means to live on their own. Youth are encouraged to be self-reflective, talk about the emotional aspects of, and explore the different paths that can be taken to achieve independence. Referrals required.

Youth LEAD (Learning, Experiencing, Advocating, Doing) - This peer mentoring group is specifically for youth who are in care or who have recently left care. The goal is to provide support to one another, learn how to plan and run events, learn to advocate and have fun. Youth connecting to youth.

Garage Band - Youth aged 12-18 who have in care status, have an opportunity to develop skills on different musical instruments, with a focus on guitar. They are encouraged to share their musical preferences and develop a form of musical expression that has a personal meaning for them.

Coffee House - Drop-in, very relaxed gatherings that provide opportunities to engage in positive social interactions. Staff are on hand to guide any difficult topics that may arise.

### Family Resource Centre 14 Henry St., Brantford, ON

Teen Parenting Program - This is a FREE program for young parents. The focus is on providing a safe, nurturing environment in which parents and children can engage in play and learn from one another.

## Promoting healthy interactions with your child

### Support for families receiving protective services

Three programs offered to clients who currently have an open file with Brant Family and Children's Services (also known as Brant FACS, CAS, or Children's Aid Society) provide a hands-on approach to help parents learn about child development and how to build healthy relationships within families:

Parent Child Interactive Program (PCI) - Parents follow a set program routine, which is divided into free play, creativity, snack and circle time.

Snugglebugs - This group builds attachment through play, music and the five senses. The program is designed for parents of children 0-12 months of age.

In Home Family Support - Through the In Home Family Support Program, Brant FACS staff use a hands-on approach with helping parents learn about child development and parenting in their home environment.

