



Alternate Care Program (ACP) principles

- Promote inclusive relationships.
- Respond to families' need for respite.
- Respect the uniqueness of the child.
- The child will have fun and experience new adventures.

How to get involved

Contact the Brant FACS Alternate Care Program Coordinator at:
519-753-8681 ext. 388 or
519-753-3154 ext. 282
(Lansdowne Children's Centre location)



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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Alternate Care Program

Respite for kids with unique development



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What is the Alternate Care Program (ACP)?

- The Alternate Care Program is a family-based model created to support Brant community families parenting a child under the age of 18 years who is diagnosed with a developmental delay.
- Care is provided in the home of a licensed foster care family that is supervised through the Alternate Care Program.
- The program is designed to provide meaningful, concentrated, consistent and realistic respite options for caregivers who have children with developmental disabilities.
- The Alternate Care Program operates under the Child and Family Services Act of the Ontario Ministry of Child and Youth Services. It is a licensed foster home program and is reviewed yearly to ensure guidelines are met.



Steps involved in becoming an ACP provider

- An initial meeting is held to further explore your interest in providing respite.
- Home visits are made to gather information about your family.
- A home safety assessment and supporting documents are obtained.
- After approval is given, there is a review and a child is matched with your family.
- ACP providers are considered Foster Parents. You will receive a per diem or portion thereof to assist in covering expenses while the child is in your care.



Children participating in the ACP must:

- Be referred by CONTACT Brant.
- Have a prime diagnosis of a developmental disability (although other secondary diagnoses such as a physical disability, medically fragile, etc. may be present).
- Be 18 years of age or younger at the time of referral.
- Reside in Brant County.
- Reside with family members.

Comment from ACP provider:

'Our family was matched with a young girl 5 years ago and we continue to share a close relationship. We look forward to sharing time together. Her parents get a well-deserved break and we are creating memories with her that she might not experience with her family.'

