

## What is Parent Direct?

Parent Direct is a free service that allows parents in Niagara to connect directly with local providers of early years services and supports for children and their families. Need to find a child care space for your toddler, a full-day kindergarten program or afterschool program for your preschooler? How about a parent/child interactive play group or a parenting program? No problem, just visit: [www.parentdirectniagara.ca](http://www.parentdirectniagara.ca).

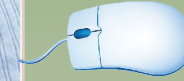
## Has your child's teacher suggested that your child might be struggling with a learning disability?

Visit [www.parentdirectniagara.ca](http://www.parentdirectniagara.ca) to find out what resources are in your area and start getting help right away.

With [www.parentdirectniagara.ca](http://www.parentdirectniagara.ca), you're in control. Get the information you need, when you need it, even when you're on the go.



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niagara's online parent directory



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Connecting families to early years services, supports and learning opportunities...with just one click.

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You want the best for your children. The best education, the best care, and the best services and supports. And, you want them to be affordable, easy to find and close to home. Finally, it's all just a click away at:

[www.parentdirectniagara.ca](http://www.parentdirectniagara.ca)



### Visit [www.parentdirectniagara.ca](http://www.parentdirectniagara.ca) to find out about:

- Child care programs
- Ontario Early Years Centres
- Family resource programs
- Half-day and full-day kindergarten
- After school and school break programs
- Early identification and special needs services—hearing, vision, speech, behaviour, mental health
- Library Programs
- Parenting classes and support groups

and much more....

### What people are saying about Parent Direct

“When you need care or help for your child, it’s easy to feel overwhelmed. With [www.parentdirectniagara.ca](http://www.parentdirectniagara.ca), you can see what services and supports are available, where they are, what they do and start contacting them directly. You instantly feel more confident, because you know you’re doing the best you can as a parent.”

**Andrea Moyer**  
Mother of 2

“When a parent is worried that a child is struggling with something, it helps to be able to refer them to an organization that understands what they’re going through and how to help. Before, we were only able to offer them a phone number. With [www.parentdirectniagara.ca](http://www.parentdirectniagara.ca),

families have a chance to learn about the support organizations we refer them to, and what they can expect when they get there. When they know what lies ahead, they can see there’s help and hope.”

**Tracey Cosco**  
Coordinator of Ontario Early Years St. Catharines YMCA of Niagara

“When a parent has taken the time to check us out online and learn about what we have to offer before they come for their first appointment, it’s a huge advantage. We can start helping the family right away. When we can accomplish in the first visit what might otherwise take two or more appointments to complete, it’s just better for everybody.”

**Helen Lake**  
West Niagara Resource Consultant Coordinator FACS Niagara