

The Epilepsy Classroom

Care and Treatment program with Ontario Ministry of Education

- Designed to assess & support the cognitive, psychological & social consequences of Epilepsy
 - Runs September through June (full days 5day/week) at the Hospital for Sick Children
 - Accepts elementary grade students in GTA (8:3 student: staff ratio)
 - Use empirically-validated approaches to support learning and social-emotional development
 - Academic focus is on literacy and numeracy. Curriculum is augmented with some science and social studies.
- Referrals are accepted from doctors, parents, and schools
 - There is a screening assessment:
 - Intellectual abilities need to be higher than ~ 4th percentile, academic weakness in at least one subject
- Primary Staff:
 - Toronto District School Board: Special Education Teacher and EA
 - SickKids: Academic and Treatment Assistant, Child Life Specialist, Neuropsychologist, and Social Worker

Web Resources

<https://epilepsyswo.ca/teacher-toolkit/>

- For evidence-based teacher resources

<https://www.canadianepilepsyalliance.org/find-your-local-office/>

- To locate local Epilepsy Association

<https://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/epilepsy>

Resources

Epilepsy specific community agencies by location:

- [Epilepsy Ontario: Resources](#)
- [Canadian Epilepsy Alliance: Resources](#)

General information

- [SickKids: About Kids Help](#)
- [Epilepsy Ontario: Spark Sheets](#)
- [Canadian Epilepsy Alliance](#)
- [Clinic to Community](#)
- [Epilepsy Foundation](#)

Education:

- [Ministry of Education: Special Education](#)
- [Ministry of Education: Policy/ Program Memorandum No.161](#)
- [Ministry of Education: Special Education Advisory Committee](#)
- [SickKids: Epilepsy Classroom](#)
- [Teaching Awareness Through Puppetry](#)

Mental Health/ Crisis Support:

- [Canadian Mental Health Association \(CMHA\) Ontario](#)
- [Kids Help Phone](#)

Funding/respite/homecare:

- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
 - [Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities](#)
 - [Special Services at Home](#)
 - [Learn About OHIP](#)
 - [Applying to the Exceptional Access Program](#)
 - [Assistive Devices Program](#)
- [Develop Services Ontario: Passport Program](#)
- [Respite Services](#)
- [Healthcare at Home](#)

Smaller funding options:

- [Easter Seals Ontario: Incontinence Supplies Grant \(Diaper\) Program](#)
- [Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity](#)
- [Danny Did Foundation](#)
- [Aaron's Apple](#)