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