

# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS APRIL- JUNE 2025

## CTC CONNECTS LIVE

Thursdays, 10:00- 11:30am

Apr. 24 | May 8 | May 22 |  
June 5 | June 19

CTC-CK Foundation Office  
300 Lacroix St. Unit 5

- An opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect with each other in a conversational format to discuss topics of mutual interest, share successes and challenges, and seek and provide support to one another.
- This caregiver group is free and hosted by the Family Engagement Coordinator with conversation led by caregivers.
- We encourage caregivers to register one week in advance of all chosen session dates.

## HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 1st  
Time: 6:00- 7:00pm  
Virtual

- In partnership with Pathways Health Centre for Children, we have invited Lynn Ziraldo, an Ontario and internationally renowned advocate, to share with us “How to be an Effective Advocate.”
- This session will focus on what is an advocate and strategies/ skills and tools required to navigate the education system.
- This workshop is open to parents and caregivers.
- Options to watch virtually at the CTC-CK or from home.

## BRAVE HEARTS: PREPARING FOR BLOODWORK AND MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Thursday, April 3rd  
4:00- 5:30pm  
CTC-CK

- Kids and caregivers are invited to this NEW workshop in partnership with Tara Jaques, the Life Links team, and Family Engagement.
- This hands-on workshop is designed for kids (ages 6+) and their caregivers to explore and learn together about what happens during bloodwork and medical visits.
- Expect an opportunity to explore medical stations, participate in interactive learning, and ask questions.
- Pizza included from approximately 5- 5:30pm.

## EXPERIENCING LAMBTON COLLEGE PRESENTATION

Thursday, April 10th  
6:00- 7:30pm  
CTC-CK and virtual

- Chatham-Kent youth in high school and their parents and caregivers are invited to learn more about Lambton College’s CICE Program.
- Lisa Veenendaal, CICE Coordinator and Field Liaison, will be speaking, along with our parent and youth guest speakers who will be sharing their experience of the program.



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have children receiving services at the  
CTC-CK.*

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## READY, SET, SNIP! HAIRCUT SUCCESS FOR YOUR CHILD

Wednesday, May 7th  
6:00- 7:30pm  
CTC-CK

- Parents and caregivers are invited to attend a CTC-CK presentation in partnership with Erin Sinclair from The Beauty Parlour to learn tips and tricks for haircutting practices.
- Erin, with 20+ years of experience, will share some tips for cutting your own child's hair at home while providing a demonstration, as well as, some helpful information on how to support your child when going to the hairdressers.
- Virtual option may be available, please request.

## CAREGIVER'S DAY OUT

Thursday, May 8th  
10- 11:30am  
CTC-CK

- Parents and caregivers of the CTC-CK are invited to a morning of a leisurely swim in the CTC-CK's therapeutic, warm pool followed by light refreshments.
- Connect with caregivers in an informal, relaxing environment.

## SIB'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, May 9th  
6:15- 7:45pm  
CTC-CK

- CTC-CK siblings are invited to attend Sib's Night Out where the CTC-CK will be hosting a movie and craft night for siblings that have a brother or sister with a disability or special needs.
- This is open to children ages 5- 12 years old (siblings only).
- Bring your comfy clothes as we take over the CTC-CK lobby on Friday night!

## WELCOME TO GRADE ONE PRESENTATION

Wednesday, May 28th  
6:00- 7:30pm  
CTC-CK

- The CTC-CK invites parents and caregivers to an information session on learning more about the transition from kindergarten to grade one for their child with special needs or a disability.
- Join us to hear from CTC-CK service providers an overview of the transition to grade one, meet some of the School-Based Therapy Team, and hear about the transition from a caregiver with lived experience.
- Virtual option may be available, please request.

**Open to all families waiting for or receiving services at the  
Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent.**

**Contact us to learn more or to register.**

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