

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2025

CTC CONNECTS LIVE

Thursdays, 10:00- 11:30am

Sept. 11 | Sept. 25 | Oct. 9 | Oct. 23
Nov. 6 | Dec. 4

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.

BRAVE HEARTS: PREPARING FOR BLOODWORK AND MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Wednesday, October 1st
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.

SIB'S NIGHT OUT

Thursday, October 9th
6:00- 7:30pm
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 Thursday night before the PD day!

ASD, NOW WHAT? WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 15th
10:00- 11:00am | 6:00- 7:00pm
TVCC Chatham Office
220 Riverview Drive

- Join us for this in-person event at TVCC Chatham Office in partnership with the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent.
- This session is for parents/caregivers of children/youth with autism who are registered in the OAP (or starting the process).
- Information will be shared on proven strategies to help with communication, sensory needs, behaviours, social interaction and transitions as these are some areas that may be difficult for your child/youth.
- Prepare a tool-kit of ideas to help your child/youth be at their best!
- If you have any questions please email ffs@tvcc.on.ca.



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FAMILY and ALUMNI SKATE and SLEDGE

Tuesday, October 28th
Time: 6:00- 6:45pm
Thames Campus Arena

- We're inviting all past and present families that have received or are receiving services at the CTC-CK to attend a free evening of skating at the Thames Campus Arena in Chatham.
- Connect with peers, get active, and have fun!
- Helmets are mandatory for all children and youth (0 -18 years) who will be on the ice.
- Wheelchairs and strollers are welcome (please ensure clean wheels).
- On ice support must be provided by a carer if required.

ACCESSOAP INFORMATION SESSION

November 4, 2025
6:00- 7:00pm
CTC-CK

- AccessOAP representatives will be coming to Chatham-Kent to provide a presentation on AccessOAP and the supports and services they provide.
- Following the AccessOAP presentation, CTC-CK and TVCC service providers will provide an overview of the Ontario Autism Program (OAP).
- Questions are encouraged. Please submit your questions to Rachel Guerin prior to November 4th.

BLIND and LOW VISION SUPPORT and RESOURCES INFORMATION SESSION

November 12th, 2025
6:00- 7:00pm
CTC-CK

- Inviting all families raising children and youth impacted by blindness and/or low vision to an informative and educational session on the supports available in the Chatham-Kent area.
- Hear directly from the service providers themselves and take the time to ask questions.
- This will be an opportunity for families in our community to learn/ share resources, strategies and gain a better understanding of programs and supports available.

BRAVE SMILES: PREPARING FOR DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Tuesday, November 18th
3:00- 6:00pm
CTC-CK

- Families are invited to this NEW workshop in partnership with the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit.
- This hands-on workshop is designed for kids receiving services at the CTC-CK and their siblings and caregivers to explore and learn together about what happens during a dental visit.
- Sign up for a private 25 minute timeslot for you and your family!

CAREGIVER'S NIGHT OUT DETAILS COMING SOON!



Contact us to learn more or to register.

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