



## Child Care Special Needs Access Point-Peel **2010 Annual Report**

“All children and their families can participate in quality child care services”  
Child Care SNAP-Peel Vision Statement

Child Care SNAP-Peel is a centralized referral service designed to help children (0-6 years) with special needs participate in licensed child care programs.

Finding appropriate support for children with special needs can be a complicated and confusing process. Child Care SNAP-Peel helps simplify this by identifying and referring parents and professionals to the most suitable special needs resource agency.

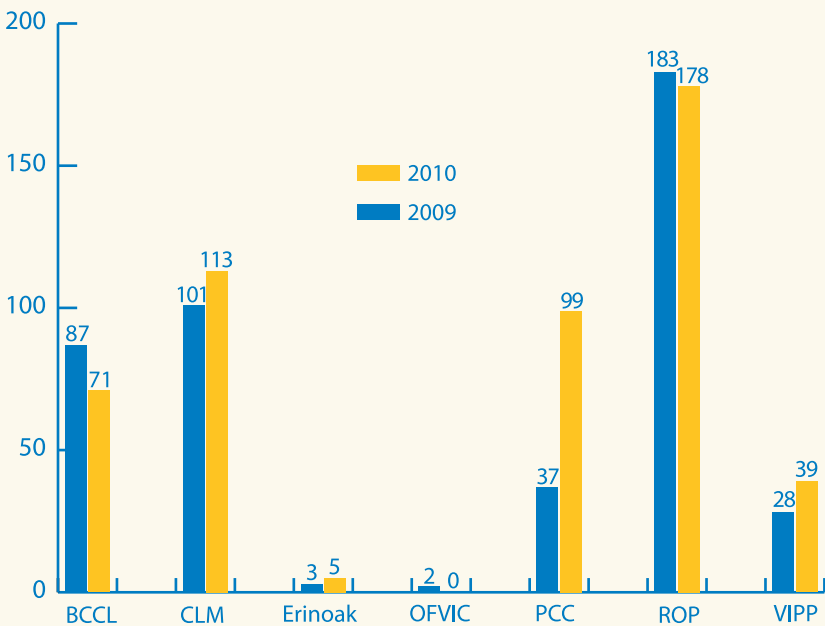
### Child Care SNAP-Peel Continues to Focus on Three Priorities:

1. Connecting families and children with special needs to appropriate resources
2. Promoting SNAP to parents and community professionals, especially child care centre staff
3. Refining SNAP services based on the needs of the community and availability of resources

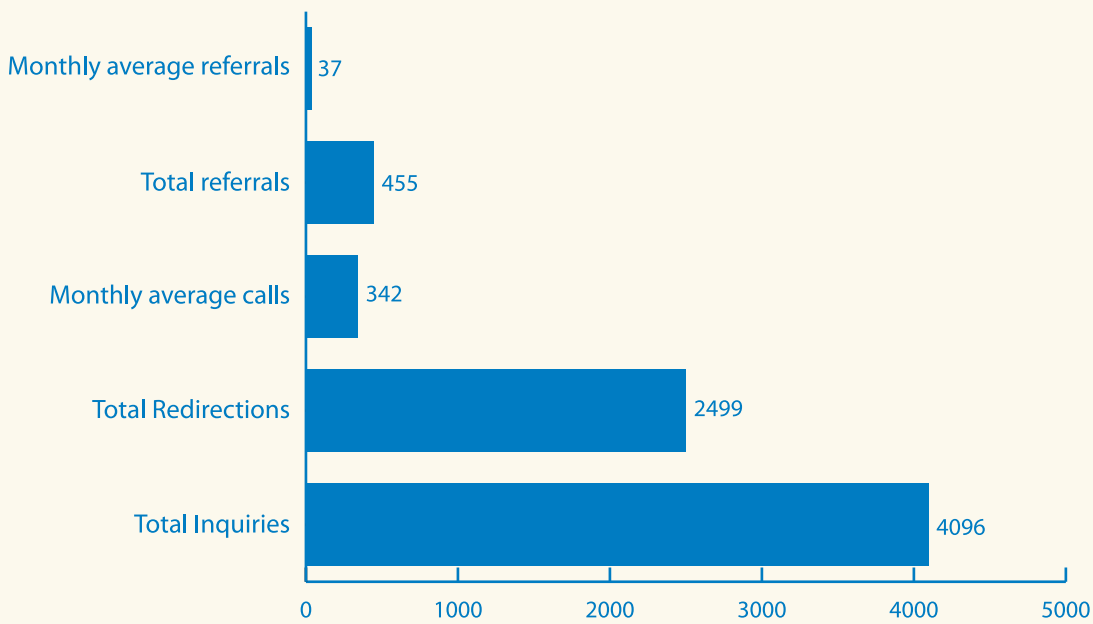
### The Partnering Agencies and Programs for Child Care SNAP-Peel are:

- Brampton Caledon Community Living (BCCL)
- Community Living Mississauga (CLM)
- ErinoakKids Preschool Rehabilitation Services (Erinoak)
- Peel Children’s Centre (PCC)
- Region of Peel, Children’s Services (Peel)
- The Ontario Foundation for Visually Impaired Children (OFVIC)
- The Valley Infant Parent Program (VIPP)

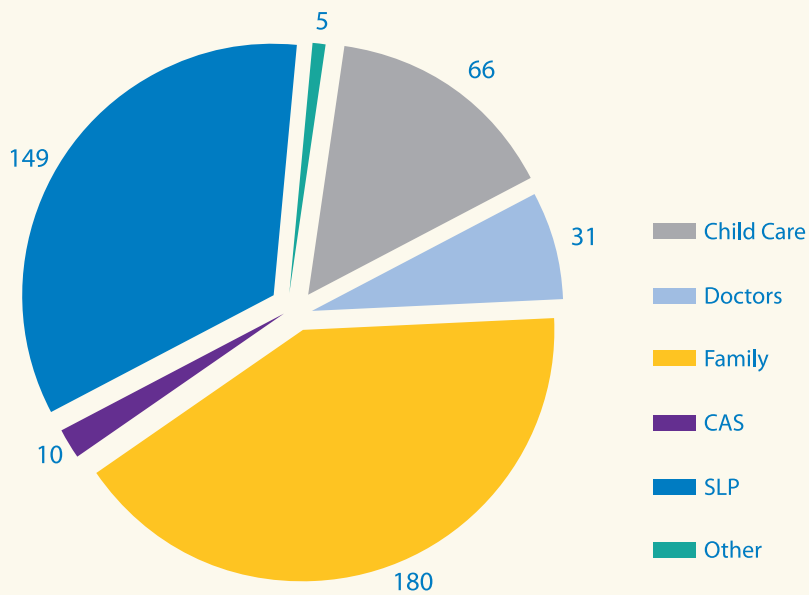
### Distribution of Referrals to Special Needs Resource Agencies in 2010



## 2010 Highlights for Child Care SNAP-Peel:



## Referral Services Include



In 2010, there were 35 requests for Child Care SNAP-Peel referrals that were not completed. Reasons why this may have occurred are:

- Families did not respond to phone messages/letters from Child Care SNAP-Peel
- Parents did not reside in Peel Region
- Parents were reluctant to share information
- Parents did not want child care services

## Redirections:

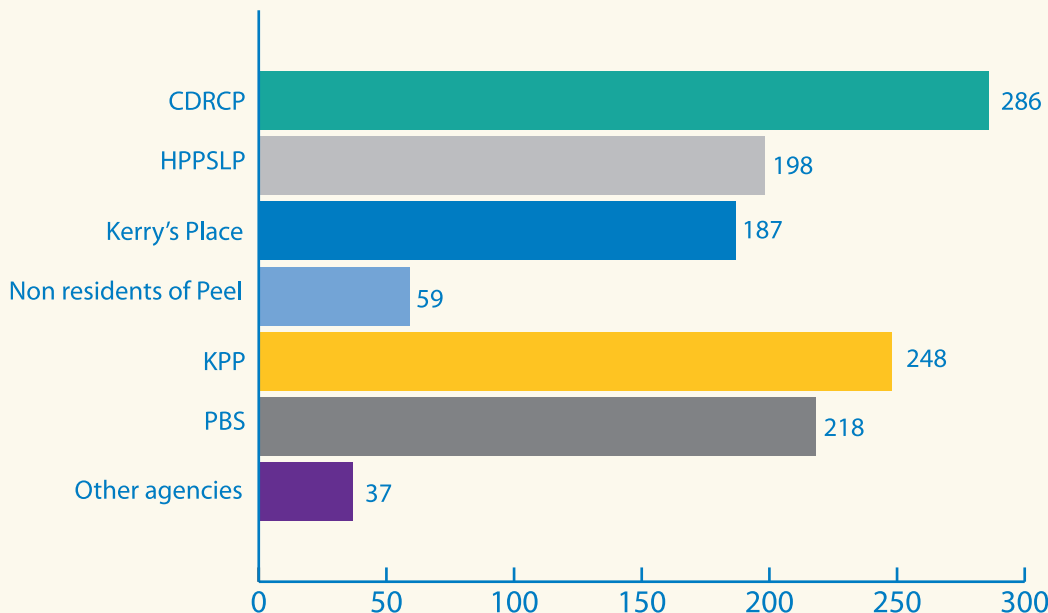
A redirection is made to a community resource agency when the child or family does not meet any of the criteria of the special needs resourcing partner agencies. This happens when:

- A child is over 6 years of age
- A family is not ready to place their child in a child care centre
- They are not residents of the Peel Region

To help guide parents, Child Care SNAP-Peel maintains an updated list of possible resources available for families who do not qualify for Child Care SNAP-Peel. In total, 1233 redirections were made in 2010.

## Redirections were made to the Following Agencies:

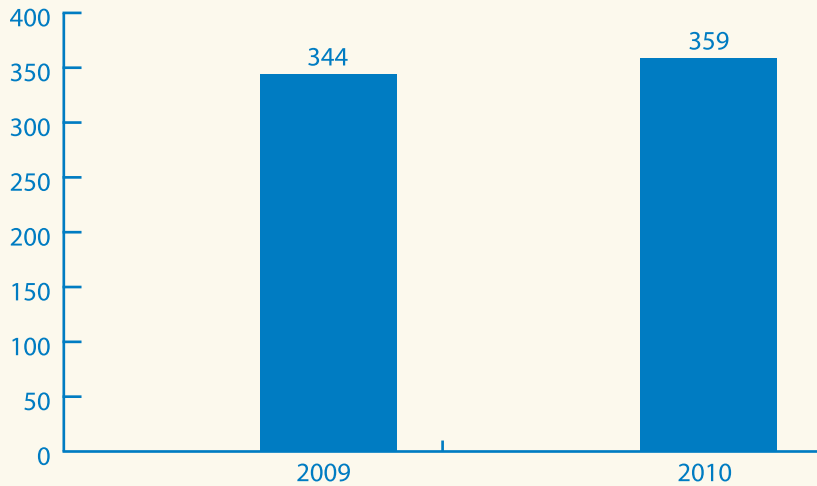
- Child Development and Resource Centre Peel (CDRCP)
- Halton Peel Preschool Speech and Language Program (HPPSLP)
- Kerry's Place (Kerry's)
- Non residents of Peel – given information regarding services outside of Peel
- Kids Pathways Peel (KPP)
- Peel Behaviour Services (PBS)
- Other agencies



## In 2010 there were Changes in some of the Services Provided to the Community:

- Peel Case Management closed in July 2010 and Kids Pathways Peel, housed at Child Development Resource Connection Peel, assumed this portfolio.
- Peel Children's Centre restricted its criteria to only accept children who have behaviour and emotional based concerns.
- The Valley Parent Infant Program increased its maximum program acceptance age to 3 years.

## Child Care Subsidy Applications



The need for child care subsidy continues to increase.

## Additional Data:

### 2010 SNAP Referrals for Boys vs Girls

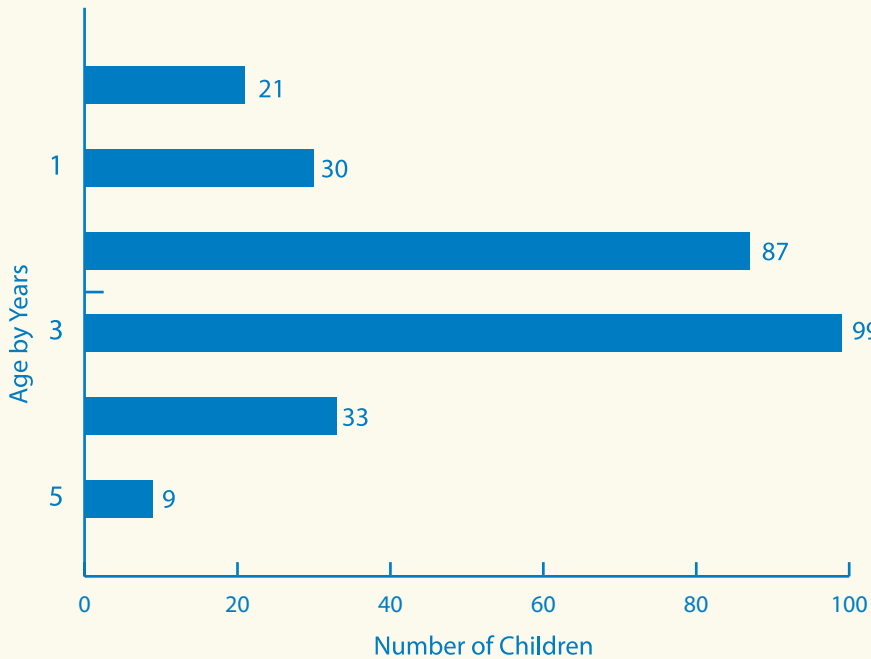
Since 2005, there have been more requests for boys than for girls.



The 2006 Peel Census states that 2.7 per cent of the male preschool population has been identified with special needs compared to 2.2 per cent of the female preschool population.



## Ages of Children



Child Care SNAP-Peel referrals indicated that 132 children with special needs are eligible to attend Full-day kindergarten in September 2011 (children born in 2006 and 2007)

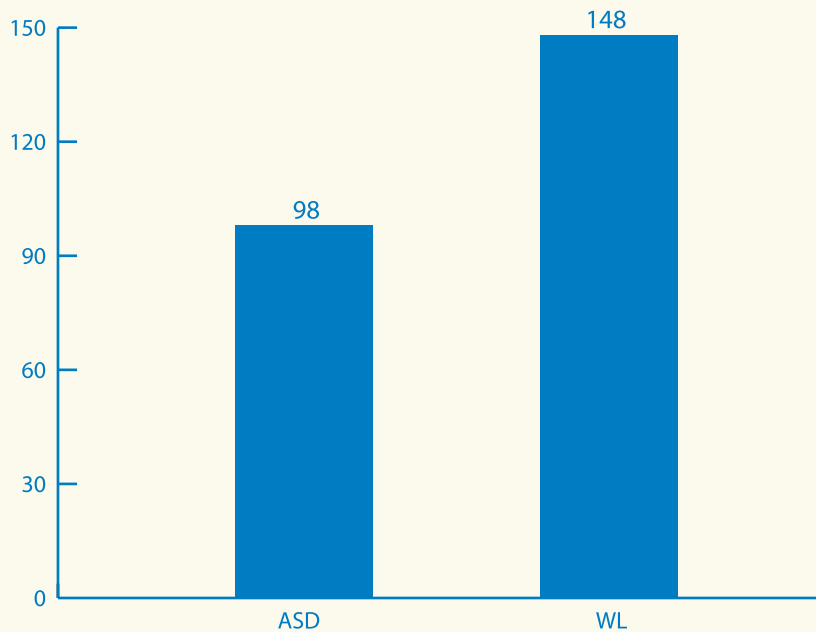
2005	9	5 years
2006	33	4 years
2007	99	3 years
2008	87	2 years
2009	30	1 year
2010	21	> 1 year

## Diagnosis

The number of children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder increases every year. The Autism Canada Foundation Annual 2009 report states that 1 in 110 children will be diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) which includes: Autism, Aspergers, and /or Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS). Only half of these children will be diagnosed before they start school.

Peel Census 2006 indicated that there were 2,985 children aged 0 – 4 years identified with special needs. This is 1.7% of Peel population aged 0 – 4 years.

## Referrals for Children with ASD or Waiting for a Diagnosis



### Information Sharing

Child Care SNAP-Peel continues to share information with the community to better inform families and professionals about this referral service for children with special needs.

Families are asked to answer a few additional questions regarding services before the phone conversation is completed. This is ongoing and will assist Child Care SNAP-Peel in providing up to date information and a better understanding of the community's needs.

### Conclusion

Policy changes within community organizations has affected the number of calls received by Child Care SNAP-Peel. These factors may have contributed to the decrease of 18 per cent in the number of referrals made between 2009 and 2010.

With these ongoing changes, Child Care SNAP-Peel is committed to reviewing and evaluating its referral process and procedures. Child Care SNAP-Peel will continue to maintain its high standards of service and accommodate itself to best meet the needs of the community.