

Waterloo Region Family Network

Parent Mentor Program

The goal of the mentoring program of WRFN is to put parents of children with disabilities or chronic illness in touch with a volunteer support parent whom we call a “resource parent.” The new parent is matched to a resource parent who has a child with the same or similar disability and will offer emotional support, sharing of practical day-to-day tips and networking to find needed services in the community.

Interested in becoming a Parent Mentor?

It takes a special individual to become a resource parent. Some qualities we look for when accepting resource parents are:

Flexibility, Honesty, Hope, Knowledge, Patience and Non-Defensiveness

All of our resource parents are formally trained by a social worker. Interested individuals are asked to attend a one-day training session before being matched with a prospective family. This is for the benefit and protection of both the resource parent and families.

In Need of a Parent Mentor?

As parents, we may require personal support and guidance at various points along the way as we navigate the world of disability. If you feel this way, then you are not alone. Support is available from a resource parent.



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