

Niagara Infant Mental Health Pilot Site Guiding Principles



Purpose

The early learning and child care sites selected to support the Niagara Infant Mental Health Project will be leading the piloting of the ASQ:SE and ASQ:3 tools within their early years settings from January 2014 to October 2015.

Roles of the Pilot Sites

- Using the ASQ:SE, ASQ:3 and developmental support plan throughout the course of the project
- Providing feedback on the effectiveness of the tools and developmental support plan
- Participating in project data collection components
- Liaising with Niagara Infant Mental Health Project Advisory Committee through duration of the project

Support and Tools Available to Support the Sites

- The Pilot Sites will receive the ASQ:SE and ASQ:3 kits through funding made available by Niagara Region Children's Services
- The Niagara Infant Mental Health Project Advisory Committee will provide data collection elements and ongoing support and guidance to the sites
- Toronto SickKids Hospital will provide access to the database of support plan strategies and goals
- Tracy Belcastro and Chaya Kulkarni will be available to offer guidance if needed. Please contact Tracy Belcastro at TBelcastro@AFSSN.org

Accountability

- Pilot Sites must have received the previous Infant Mental Health training offered in March 2014 and commit to revisiting the training materials throughout the course of the project.
- Pilot Sites will ensure the tools are used on a consistent basis and with as many families as possible.
- Pilot Sites commit to advising the Niagara Infant Mental Health Pilot Advisory Committee of any barriers or concerns as they arise.

Confidentiality

- Pilot sites have an ethical responsibility to maintain confidentiality should conversations regarding specific families and/or programs be discussed.

