

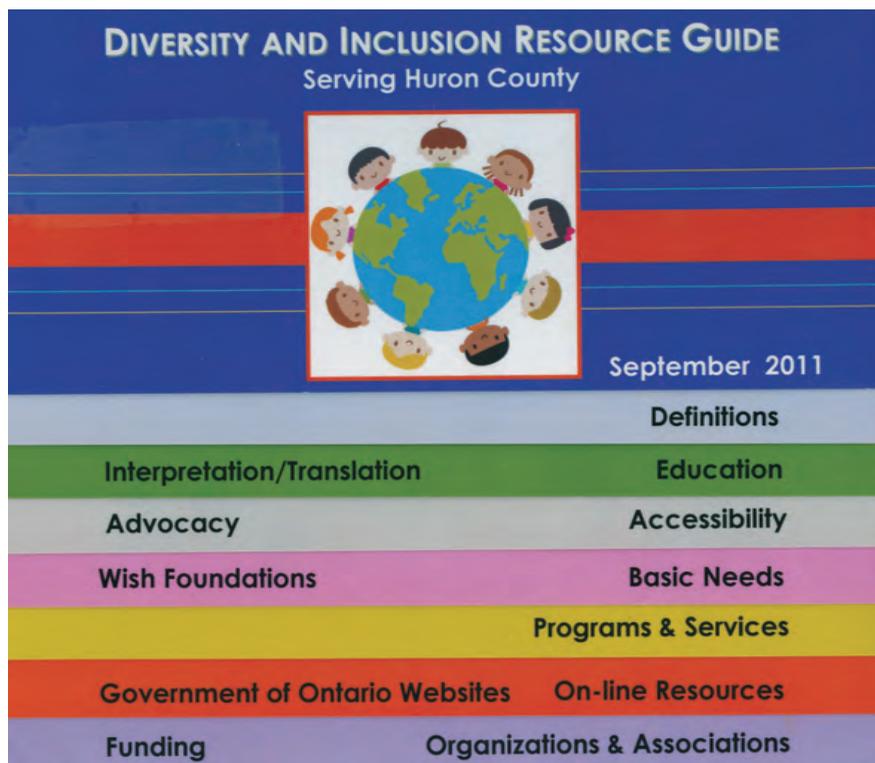


New resource guide provides full listing of children's services

Newcomers to Huron County will find it easier to connect to family services through a new, comprehensive resource guide of services available for children and families living in the County.

Originally developed by the Huron Service Integration Committee, the Diversity and Inclusion Resource Guide provides service providers with ready access to a wide array of information to support all children prenatal to age six and their families.

The laminated, easy-to-use guide offers an extensive list of services available not only in the county but of services also available regionally, provincially and nationally. The guide provides information on everything



from government services to accessibility services, social services, online resources, advocacy resources, and services that provide basic needs. Basic contact information for these services, including web addresses, is listed in the guide, providing a comprehensive

resource to help support the diverse needs of all families living in the county. The guide even provides information on interpretation services to support new families whose first language is not English.

"It has been really well received in the community," said Beth Blowes, consultant for the

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Guide now available online and throughout Huron County

project. The guide was first released in September 2011 with 250 copies being circulated to service providers throughout the county. Another 250 copies of the guide have recently been printed and have been broadly distributed to schools, childcare centres and all services that work with children throughout Huron County. The impetus for the project was to develop of guide for service providers, said Blowes, adding though, that the guide is available for anyone to access on the county's website.

A copy of the guide can be found on the Huron

County website at www.huroncounty.ca/childcare/downloads/DiversityResourceGuide11.pdf

Additionally, information on available services can also be found by calling 211 or available online at www.211ontario.ca. 211 is accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with information being made available in 150 different languages. Information on health services in southwestern Ontario can be found at www.healthline.ca.

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