



Children's Development Centre

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AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

If you do not wish to receive further Bulletins please email us at sue@starbrightokanagan.ca

Information about our Autism program:

Starbright's autism program offers behaviour intervention for young children with autism spectrum disorder. We base our program on Applied Behaviour Analysis and other research-supported methods. We believe in making learning fun and tapping in to a child's interest to build meaningful skills to improve a child's quality of life. We offer a Centre-based program which allows for opportunities to work on social skills such as turn taking, pretend play, and children's games like Duck, Duck, Goose!

We have the added benefit of having dedicated consultation time in our program from a Speech-Language Pathologist and an Occupational Therapist, as well as a clinical counsellor who can work individually with children and families.

Did you know?

This year, Autism Canada is celebrating 40 years of advocacy and support! Visit their website for more information at: www.autismcanada.org

Did you know the Canucks Autism Network (CAN) offers recreational programs in the Okanagan? And did you know that autism funding can pay for the CAN annual membership fee? Visit <http://www.canucksautism.ca/> for more information.

Learn more about World Autism Awareness Day, which happens on April 2nd each year at: <http://www.un.org/en/events/autismday>

Samsung is given away 500 tablets. To receive more information go to Samsung.com/whoeyeam. Apply at www.lookatme.autismspeaks.ca

Books and apps:

Many families are on the lookout for recommended books and apps for their children. Try these two lists for some great ideas:

Check out the booklists put together by Parentbooks <http://www.parentbooks.ca/>. Click on the link to "Booklists" and find great lists for all types of topics for special needs, education and parenting, including lists for books on autism.

For lists of apps, try these websites and search "autism apps" for helpful lists:

<http://touchautism.com> and autismspeaks.com

Okanagan resources for families:

- Okanagan Family Autism Connection www.autismconnection.ca
- Autism Okanagan autismokanagan.ca
- Autism Society of BC www.autismbc.ca

