



UMBRELLA FAMILY AND CHILD CENTRES OF HAMILTON

NEWSLETTER

• SPRING 2019 •

2019 SUMMER PROGRAMS

KINDERGARTEN

ADVENTURE GROUP

JULY 2 - AUG 30 2019

SCHOOL AGE

FIFTY POINT CAMP

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Spring is in the air and it won't be long until it is time for the Umbrella Summer Programs.

Once again, summer programs for kindergarten and school age children will operate out of our full day sites located in the following schools: Ancaster Meadow, Cathy Wever, Gatestone, Hillcrest, Lawfield, Lincoln Alexander, Ray Lewis, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Templemead.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, flyers will have been distributed at your centre. You can return your Registration Package up until Friday, April 12, 2019. Any registrations received after April 12th, will be confirmed based on centre enrollment.

Over the last couple of years, we have sought feedback from children, parents and staff. We have listened to comments and suggestions and we have made some revisions to how the summer programs will operate, particularly for school age children.

Programs for kindergarten children will continue to operate each day out of the full day sites. There will be a trip planned each week.

School age children will only attend Fifty Point Conservation Area two days each week. They will remain onsite in the full day sites two days per week and go on a trip every week. Half the children will attend Fifty Point on two days and the other half will go on alternate days. The schedule for each school is included in the flyer.

In addition, the staff who work with children on site in each location will be the staff working with children at Fifty Point. Previously, the children travelled to Fifty Point with their onsite staff but once there, they were divided by age group. We hope this will lead to improved programming for children and better communication with parents at the end of the day.

If you have any questions about summer programs or summer camps, please speak to the Supervisor in your location or contact Krista Genesiee at krista@umbrellafamily.com or (905) 973-8889.

FALL ENROLLMENT

"Needs Surveys" for Fall Enrollment will be distributed by your centre by the end of April. Please ensure that you fill out this form to let us know if your child plans to return in the Fall of 2019.

ANNUAL PARENT & CHILD SURVEYS

During the month of June, your Umbrella centre will be asking you and your child to complete a short survey on-site on an iPad. Your feedback is incredibly important to us and we appreciate you taking a few minutes of your time to fill out a survey.





**WELCOMING
DARRYL HALL**

The Board of Directors and staff of Umbrella Family and Child Care Centres are pleased to announce that **Darryl Hall will join the organization as Executive Director on April 15, 2019.**

Darryl is a seasoned Executive with over 20 years' experience leading non-profit organizations, Darryl is a staunch supporter and advocate of children's services.

Serving 17 years as Executive Director of the province's largest provider of specialized care for children and adolescents affected by child abuse and neglect, Darryl brings a unique blend of strategic thinking, and the ability to harness operational excellence. As a system change agent - Darryl has chaired a number of regional service planning councils/committees with mandates to plan and manage community services for children and youth.

He began his career as a youth worker with the YMCA of Oakville, before holding positions as Executive Director with St. John Ambulance Halton, Manager of Fundraising Operations with the United Way of Oakville, and most recently as Executive Director of Meals on Wheels London.

A dedicated community volunteer, he spends his time coaching competitive girls softball, and supporting service clubs such as Kiwanis, and KIN. Darryl lives in Cambridge with his wife and two teenage daughters.

**WISHING PAT
HOULTON A
VERY HAPPY
RETIREMENT!**

Our current Executive Director, Pat Houlton, will retire on May 31 and is looking forward to introducing Darryl to the community in the upcoming weeks.



*Umbrella is celebrating
30 years of quality childcare in
the Greater Hamilton Area!*

We look forward to many more years of serving families and children in Hamilton!