## Parents speak



"Accessing the specialized programming service provided by Leaps and Bounds has been one of the best decisions we have made for our son Cody who is diagnosed with PDD. We have been very impressed

with his progress in the first two weeks and we are sure that Cody's decision to finally toilet train himself and also being able to sit down at a table for more than five minutes to complete a task can be attributed to the persistence and patience that his therapist brings to each and every session. We believe that Cody is more focused on his tasks and that his social communication skills with his peers are also improving. We believe that this specialized program is going to be very instrumental for Cody's entry into school next year."

- Mr. and Mrs. W., Parents

"Our five year old daughter has developed an excellent relationship with Deanna during the oneto-one sessions in our home and loves to check out Deanna's 'bag of toys'. With Deanna's guidance and encouragement our daughter has made progress in all areas but especially in gross motor skills, academics and social awareness. Her eye contact has improved dramatically."

- Mr. and Mrs. P., Parents

"Since starting to work with Leaps and Bounds, our 4 year old son Andrew's speech and behaviour has improved faster than we could have ever hoped. We are so glad we found Leaps and Bounds and only wish we had known about this very effective program 2 years ago."

- Mr. and Mrs. L., Parents

### Other Leaps & Bounds services

- A.B.A / I.B.I
- Therapeutic Day Programs
- Direct Instruction
- Behaviour Management
- Social Skills Training
- Play Skills Training
- Tutoring
- Respite
- Parent Training Programs
- Community Support
- March Break and Summer Programs for school aged children

# Contact us for a consultation

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### We Are where You are

Services are provided in the home, school or vocational settings throughout Ontario. The services offered by Leaps and Bounds compliment a variety of community programs and services that are currently available to individuals with special needs. We are renowned, at Leaps and Bounds, to have the most experienced, qualified and licensed professionals offering the highest quality of services and programs.

# For individuals with Autism and other related disorders



## **RESPITE SERVICES**

### **Building Blocks for the future**

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# **Respite Programs**

Our Respite Service is accessible for children, adolescents and adults with a wide variety of needs throughout Ontario.

Services are tailored to the particular needs of an individual, including individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other disorders which affect an individual's ability to cope, process and respond to information.

Programs are designed on an individual basis in collaboration with families or care providers. The goal is to teach and integrate positive learned skills in day to day living.

Respite Services can be accessed for day, evening, and overnight hours, throughout the year.

Our unique service allows children the enriched experience of learning skills in and one to tone therapeutic setting. These skills are then generalized to their peers and other adults in the appropriate integrated community program.

# **Generalized Respite**

Leaps and Bounds Respite Services gives families and care providers time to rest and rejuvenate while providing individuals with an enhanced quality of life.

This service focuses on providing healthy living, social skills, communication and life skills development. This is accomplished through a combination of recreational and skill building activities both in and out of the home.

### Our Philosophy

We take a holistic approach to providing temporary relief to parents and guardians through a variety of in and out-of-home activities that are geared to an individual's interests and target core areas of development.

Both respite programs are designed to compliment a variety of community programs, initiatives and services by reinforcing learned skills in a natural environment and through engaging activities.

# **Specialized Therapeutic Respite**

This specialized service incorporates and integrates approaches from Applied Behavior Analysis. The focus is to teach

an individual both in a structured setting as well as in the natural environment, allowing an individual to continue to learn outside of

> school and in alternate environments. This combination allows an individual to generalize skills over various settings and maximize their growth and developmental potential.

## Our Behaviour Specialists

- ✓ hold a University degree or College diploma
- have expertise in behavioural interventions, family support, cognitive and social skill remediation
- √ have excellent interpersonal skills
- be subject to, and pass, a thorough screening by professional associations and law enforcement
- ✓ have the ongoing support of the Service Director and/or Co-ordinator of Services