752-7600 (after-hours, nonemergency—Aberdeen Hospital switchboard)

Fax: 928-0297

Presidents Choice Children's Charity—Atlantic Region

1 President's Choice Circle Brampton, Ontario, L6Y 5S5 1-877-525-4762 F: 902-861-2307 PCCharity@Loblaw.ca

Committed to providing assistance to children with special needs, childhood nutrition programs as well as supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Canada.

Provincial Autism Centre

1456 Brenton Street Halifax, NS B3J 2K7 446-4995

1 (877) 544-4495 (toll free)

Fax: 446-4997 info@autismns.ca www.autismnovascotia.ca

Provides programs and services to the autism community while helping families and professionals access resources and information about autism.

reachAbility

3845 Joseph Howe Drive, Suite 201 Halifax, NS B3L 4H9 429-5878

Toll Free/TTY: 1-866-429-5878

Fax: 429-5858 info@reachability.org www.reachability.org

A non-profit organization in Nova Scotia that works to improve access to justice, equality, and human rights for people living with disabilities and for those within their support system.

Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians

1657 Barrington Street, Suite 117
Halifax, NS B3J 2A1
422-7130 (voice, videophone, TTY)
Fax: 492-3864
1 (800) 516-5551 (toll free within Nova Scotia) sdhhns@ns.sympatico.ca www.sdhhns.org

Provides services to people who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as hearing parents of children who are deaf.

Special Olympics Nova Scotia

www.sons.ca

5516 Spring Garden Road, Suite 305 Halifax, NS B3J 1G6 1 (866) 299-2019 (toll free) Fax: 425-5606

Non-profit organization dedicated to providing year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability.

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Nova Scotia

15 Laura Drive RR4, Eastern Passage, NS, B3G 1K31 1 (800) 304-0450 (toll free) Fax: 679-1124

info@sbhans.ca www.sbhans.ca

Provides services to individuals with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families.

The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada – Nova Scotia Chapter

105-238 Brownlow Ave. Dartmouth, NS B3B 2B4 902-492-1984 F: 902-492-1908 NS@childrenswish.ca www.childrenswish.ca

Other Informational Resources

2-1-1 System

http://ns.211.ca

By dialing 211 or visiting the 211 website, users can easily and quickly connect to the social, health, and community services they need, anywhere in the province, regardless of where they are located.

Adopt—Assistance, Information, Support

www.adopting.org

American website with useful articles and information.

Adoption Council of Canada

1 (888) 542-3678 (toll free) www.adoption.ca *Website with useful articles and*

Adoption Support Group of Antigonish

information.

Mary Ann Burke jimburke@ns.sympatico.ca This group welcomes both domestic and international adoptive parents to their group.

Adoptive Families Association of BC

www.bcadoption.com/default.asp
Website with useful articles and
information

Antigonish Library

283 Main Street Antigonish, NS B2G 2C3 863-4276 antigoni@nsnqp.library.ns.ca

Association of Black Social Workers

6414 Coburg Road Halifax, NS B3H 3J5 Veronica Marsman, president vmarsman@me.com www.nsasw.org: Follow the ABSW link.

Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia

1149 Main St Dartmouth, NS B2Z 1A8 434-6223; Fax: 434-2306; contact@ bccns.com; www.bccns.com

Is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Canadian Black Culture.

Caregivers Nova Scotia

3433 Dutch Village Road Halifax, NS B3N 2S7 421-7390 1 (877) 488-7390 (toll free) Fax: 421-7338 info@caregiversns.org www.caregiversnovascotiablog.word press.com

Provides information and support to caregivers of those with disabilities and chronic illness.

Child Help Initiative Program (CHIP)

PO Box 1320 Truro, NS B2N 5N2 843-3551 1 (800) 565-4372 (toll free) Fax: 843-3552 caringconnection@eastlink.ca www.ncns.ca

Program for Mi'kmaq parents and their children who live offreserve throughout the province of Nova Scotia.

Colchester–East Hants Public Library — Truro Branch

754 Prince Street
Truro, NS B2N 1G9
895-0235
1 (888) 632-9088 (toll free within Atlantic Canada)
Fax: 895-7149
anstc@cehpubliclibrary.ca
http://lovemylibrary.ca

Community Access Program—c@p

1 (800) 575-9200 (toll free) http://cap.ic.gc.ca
Sites with free access to computers and the Internet.

Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

PO Box 1590 57 Martin Crescent Truro, NS B2N 5V3 895-6385 Fax: 893-1520

www.cmmns.com

Federation of Foster Families of Nova Scotia

99 Wyse Road, Suite 350 Dartmouth, NS B3A 4S5 424-3071

1 (888) 845-1555 (toll free)

Fax: 424-5199

Carol Cole, administrative assistant—operations, colecf@gov.ns.ca www.fosterfamilies.ns.ca

Provides support for foster families.

Kids First Association

PO Box 966 New Glasgow, NS B2H 5K7 755-1213

Fax: 755-1630

Michelle Ward, executive director, mward@kids1st.ca

Oversees three Kids First Family Resource Centres in Antigonish, Guysborough, and Pictou County. Offers programs and services for families. Supports children ages zero to six years.

Kids First Family Resource Centre (Antigonish)

27 St. Andrew's Street Antigonish, NS B2G 2G9 863-3848

Fax: 863-3857

antigonish@kids1st.ca

Supports the health and well-being of children ages zero to six years, and their parents and caregivers. Children's play area. Drop-in, support, information and education, referrals, adult and children programs, and healthy snacks.

Kids First Family Resource Centre (Guysborough)

105 Queen Street Guysborough, NS BOH 1NO 533-3881

Fax: 533-2456

quysborough@kids1st.ca

Supports the health and well-being of children ages zero to six years, and their parents and caregivers. Children's play area. Drop-in, support, information and education, referrals, adult and children programs, and healthy snacks.

Kids First Family Resource Centre (Pictou County)

PO Box 966 New Glasgow, NS B2H 5K7 755-5437 pictou@kids1st.ca

Supports the health and well-being of children ages zero to six years, and their parents and caregivers. Children's play area. Drop-in, support, information and education, referrals, adult and children programs, and healthy snacks.

Kids Help Phone

457-4779 (regional office) 1 (800) 668-6868 (toll-free helpline) Fax: 457-1074 atlantic@kidshelpphone.ca www.kidshelpphone.ca

Canada's only toll-free, 24-hour, bilingual, and anonymous phone and web counselling, referral, and information service for children and youth.

North American Council on Adoptable Children

www.nacac.org

Website with resources and articles of interest; American organization but with Canadian board members.

Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers

Plaza 1881, 1891 Brunswick Street, Suite 106 Halifax, NS B3J 2G8 429-7799; Fax: 429-7650 nsasw@nsasw.org www.nsasw.org

Promotes and regulates the practice of social work and helps its members to offer a high standard of service that respects diversity, promotes social justice, and enhances the worth, self-determination, and potential of individuals, families, and communities.

Nova Scotia Community Organization Network (NSNET)

PO Box 128 Waterville, NS BOP 1V0 538-3103, ext. 112; Fax: 538-7022 trc@nsnet.org www.nsnet.org

Provides links to websites of Nova Scotian community organizations.

Nova Scotia Council for the Family Parenting Resource Centres in NS

www.nscouncilfamily.org Select 'Parenting Directory' from top menu and click on the resource center in the preferred area.

Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission

Toll Free 1-877-269-7699
Fax: 755-7239
hrcinquiries@gov.ns.ca
www.gov.ns.ca/humanrights
Addresses complaints of
discrimination and provides cultural
diversity training.

Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities

5251 Duke Street, Suite 1211 Halifax, NS B3J 1P3 455-6942 1 (866) 696-7536 (toll free) Fax: 454-4781

nsleo@eastlink.ca www.novascotialeo.org

Advocacy organization working on behalf of people with disabilities.

Nova Scotia Youth Help Line

5670 Spring Garden Road Halifax, NS B3J 1H6 420-8336 (24-hour crisis line) 1 (800) 420-8336 (toll-free, 24-hour crisis line) Fax: 423-3240

Peer counselling nightly from 6 pm to 10 pm. Open 24 hours for emergencies.

Parenting Journey Program

902-454-2036

A program that offers free in home support to families of children aged 3 to 16 who are facing challenging times. Program is voluntary and is funded by Department of Community Services. There are 11 programs around the province.

Passport Canada—Halifax Office

1505 Barrington Street, Suite 1508 Halifax, NS B3J 3K5

1 (800) 567-6868 (toll free)

Fax: 426-4620

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

PO Box 276

New Glasgow, NS B2H 5E3

755-6031

1 (866) 779-7761 (toll free)

Fax: 755-6775

info@parl.ns.ca

www.parl.ns.ca Click on 'Branch Locations' to select a library in your

area.

Pictou County Help Line

175 Lavinia Street, Suite 119 New Glasgow, NS B2H 1N5 752-5952

Helpline available from 2:00pm to 10:00pm.

Pictou Landing Band Council

Site 6, Box 55, RR 2 Trenton, NS BOK 1X0 752-4912

Fax: 755-4715

St. John Ambulance—Main Branch

101 Main Street

PO Box 26068

Dartmouth, NS B2W 6E2

463-5646

1 (800) 565-5056 (toll free)

Fax: 469-9609

info@ns.sja.ca

www.sja.ca/ns

Provides first aid training.

Solo Creek Farm

Bible Hill, Nova Scotia, 899-8595

jlmcnutt@dal.ca.

Equine Assisted Treatment and Learning is a therapeutic experience using horses to help individuals with mental health related difficulties build life long skills, gain self understanding and personal growth. The program is for children, youth and adults experiencing attention problems, low self esteem, depression, anxiety, stress, grief, chemical and alcohol abuse.

WESTERN REGION

Advocacy

Accessible Nova Scotia

1 (866) 696-7536 (toll free) info@accessiblens.ca www.accessiblens.ca

A group of individuals, businesses, government representatives, and organizations who share a common vision of Nova Scotia as an accessible destination for both residents and visitors.

Deafness Advocacy Association of Nova Scotia

1660 Hollis Street, Suite 803 Halifax, NS B3J 1V7 425-0240

TTY/videophone: 425-0119 Fax: 429-9312

daans@ns.sympatico.ca

Promotes rights, needs, and equal access for deaf and hard of hearing Nova Scotians.

Early Intervention Programs Nova Scotia

www.earlyintervention.net Click 'Resources' tab on top menu and then click 'Your Area' to find a program near you. There are 21 Early Intervention Programs throughout Nova Scotia

Equal Education Association of Nova Scotia

860-1759 info@eeans.com www.eeans.com

Non-profit association that advocates educational rights on behalf of all children with learning disabilities in Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia Disabled Persons Commission

Dartmouth Professional Centre 277 Pleasant Street, Suite 104 Dartmouth, NS B2Y 4B7 424-8280 1 (800) 565-8280 (toll free within Nova Scotia) www.gov.ns.ca/disa

Gives people with disabilities a way to participate in the provincial government policy-making process, and advises policy-makers and program-developers about the needs of people with disabilities and the issues and concerns that affect the lives of people with disabilities.

SpeciaLink: The National Centre for Child Care Inclusion

76 Cottage Road PO Box 775 Sydney, NS B1P 6G9 562-1662 1 (866) 902-6333 (toll free)

Fax: 539-9117

www.specialinkcanada.org

Increases quality and quantity of opportunities for young children with disabilities to fully participate in community programs.

Child Development

Bridgewater Day Care Centre

87A Hillcrest Street Bridgewater, NS B4V 1T2 543-7280

Fax: 543-0170

Has subsidized spaces. Ages four months to 10 years.

Bye the Sea Nursery School

26 Lincoln Street Lunenburg, NS BOJ 2CO 634-4789

Fax: 634-8322

Ages 3 months to 12 years.

Child Care Connection Nova Scotia

1200 Tower Road, Suite 100 Halifax, NS B3H 4K6 423-8199

1 (800) 565-8199 (toll free)

Fax: 492-8106 info@cccns.org www.cccns.org

Resource library and referrals based on specific child-care issues. Website allows search of facilities by region.

Digby Preschool Co-op

PO Box 688 Digby, NS BOV 1A0 245-5780 Has subsidized spaces.

Early Intervention Programs Nova Scotia

www.earlyintervention.net Click 'Resources' tab on top menu and then click 'Your Area' to find a program near you.

There are 21 Early Intervention Programs throughout Nova Scotia.

Healthy Beginnings

Yarmouth Regional Hospital 60 Vancouver Street Yarmouth, NS B5A 2P5 742-7141

Note that there is criteria for screening into this program.

Huggy Bear's Childcare Centre

3138 Highway 3 Barrington Passage Barrington, NS, BOW 1GO 637-3198

Contact: Cathy Hunt.

Look under Yellow Pages.ca -Childcare Services, Shelburne, NS.

King Street Family Resource Centre

Shelburne County 35 King Street P.O Box 352 Shelburne, NS BOT 1W0 875-3256 or Toll Free 1-800-563-3256.

or Toll Free 1-800-563-3256 Contact: Monica Gosbee

This is a branch of the South Shore Family Resource Association. The centre offers supports and services to families, children, and caregivers. Ages 0-6 years. Programs offered focus on parent/caregiver education, health and nutrition, literacy and much more.

Learning Grove Childcare Centre

121 Victoria Street
PO Box 968
Digby, NS BOV 1A0
245-4875
learninggrove@eastlink.ca
www.dala.digby.ns.ca
Provides high-quality early
education and childcare programs.

The Little People's Place

Shelburne, NS 875-3774. email@littlepeoplesplacens.com A non-profit organization that provides quality childcare to children from ages 18 months to 5 years of age.

Orchards Away Day Care Centre & Nursery School

Physical address: 243 Commercial Street Berwick, NS Mailing address: 57 Douglas Avenue Berwick, NS BOP 1E0 538-7790

Day care, nursery school, and afterschool program. For children ages 18 months to 12 years. Accepting children with special needs.

Small World Learning Centre

115 Pleasant Street
Bridgewater, NS B4V 1N3
&
352 York Street
BridgewaterNS B4V 0B4
543-9840
smallworld@ns.aliantzinc.ca
www.smallworldbridgewater.com
Early childhood education centre.
Preschool, after-school, and
summer/in-service/holiday
programs.

The Little People's Place

Shelburne, NS 875-3774. email@littlepeoplesplacens.com

A non-profit organization that provides quality childcare to children from ages 18 months to 5 years of age.

Through the Years Daycare and Community Centre

20 Pte Richard Green Lane Hubbards, NS 857-1777 throughtheyears-director@hotmail. com

Child care for ages 18 months to 12 years.

Wee Weymouth Kindergarten and Day Care

4331 Highway #1 Weymouth, NS BOW 3TO 837-1134

Provincially licensed day-care facility. Portable subsidies available. Ages 18 months to 12 years.

Windsor Nursery School

122 Cottage Street PO Box 102 Windsor, NS BON 2TO 798-3280

windsornurseryschool@hotmail.com

Note: Civic location (122 Cottage Street) is in Currys Corner. Academic nursery school. Parent co-operative. Classes for four-year-olds three mornings a week. Classes for threeyear-olds two afternoons a week.

Wolfville Children's Centre

PO Box 1232 Wolfville, NS BOP 1X0 542-5087 www.nsnet.org/ wolfvillechildrenscentre/

Child care and after school program for children ages 18 months to 12 years. Children with special needs welcome.

Education

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board

121 Orchard Street PO Box 340 Berwick, NS BOP 1E0 538-4600 1 (800) 850-3887 (toll free) Fax: 538-4630

www.avrsb.ednet.ns.ca

APSEA (Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority)

5940 South Street Halifax, NS B3H 1S6

424-8500 Fax: 424-0543 www.apsea.ca

Serves children and youth who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, blind, or visually impaired.

Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial— Acadian Provincial School Board

CP 88

Saulnierville, NE BOW 2Z0 9248 Route 1, La Butte Meteghan River, NE BOW 2LO 769-5458

1 (888) 533-2727 (toll free)

Fax: 769-5459

www.csap.ednet.ns.ca

School board responsible for administration of French Acadian schools in the province.

Equal Education Association of Nova Scotia

860-1759 info@eeans.com www.eeans.com

Non-profit association that advocates educational rights on behalf of all children with learning disabilities in Nova Scotia.

In-School Mentor Program

Big Brothers Big Sisters Association 93 Dufferin Street Bridgewater, NS B4V 2G4 543-4435 or 354-5517 Fax: 543-8571 southshorebbbs@ns.sympatico.ca www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/ southshore

A joint project of the local Big Brothers Big Sisters Association and the South Shore District School Board. Offers opportunities for children to benefit from a oneon-one relationship with a caring, reliable adult or youth.

Landmark East School

708 Main Street Wolfville, NS B4P 1G4 542-2237 1 (800) 565-5887 (toll free) Fax: 542-4147

www.landmarkeast.org

Boarding and day school for children with learning disabilities.

South Shore Regional School Board

69 Wentzell Drive Bridgewater, NS B4V 0A2 541-3000 1 (888) 252-2217 (toll free) Fax: 541-3051

Tri-County Regional School Board

79 Water Street Yarmouth, NS B5A 1L4 749-5696 1 (800) 915-0113 (toll free)

Fax: 749-5697 tcrsb@tcrsb.ca www.tcrsb.ca

www.ssrsb.ca

Financial Services

Canada Revenue Agency

Ralston Building 1557 Hollis Street PO Box 638 Halifax, NS B3J 2T5 1 (800) 387-1193 (toll free)

Fax: 426-7170 www.cra-arc.gc.ca

Provides information on child and family tax benefits.

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services—Income Assistance

PO Box 2561 Halifax, NS B3J 3N5 1 (877) 424-1177 (toll free) 424-4150

Fax: 424-0578

www.gov.ns.ca/coms: Select "Employment Support & Financial Assistance" and then "Income Assistance" from the Programs section.

Provides income assistance to those in need.

Government Agencies and Departments

Access Nova Scotia—Bridgewater

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations 80 Logan Road Bridgewater, NS B4V 3J8 1 (800) 670-4357 (toll free) askus@gov.ns.ca www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr Provides hands-on information, forms,

Provides hands-on information, forms, applications, and various services, which vary from centre to centre.

Access Nova Scotia—Digby

338 Highway 303 Digby, NS BOV 1A0 1(800) 670-4357 (toll free) askus@gov.ns.ca www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr

Provides hands-on information, forms, applications, and various services, which vary from centre to centre.

Access Nova Scotia—Kentville

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations 5 Shylah Drive Kentville, NS B4N 0H2 1 (800) 670-4357 (toll free) askus@gov.ns.ca www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr Provides hands-on information,

Provides hands-on information, forms, applications, and various services, which vary from centre to centre.

Access Nova Scotia—Yarmouth

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations Provincial Building 10 Starrs Road, Suite 127 Yarmouth, NS B5A 2T1 1 (800) 670-4357 (toll free) askus@gov.ns.ca www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr

Provides hands-on information, forms, applications, and various services, which vary from centre to centre.

Annapolis County

752 St. George Street PO Box 100 Annapolis Royal, NS BOS 1A0 532-2331

Fax: 532-2096

admin@annapoliscounty.ns.ca www.annapoliscounty.ns.ca

Indian and Northern Affairs, Adoption Team

Indian Registration and Band List Department of Indian and Northern Development Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4 1 (800) 567-9604 or 1 (819) 953-0960 infopubs@ainc-inac.gc.ca

Adoptees wishing to apply for native status must write to the above address.

Mi'kmaq Family and Children's Services of Nova Scotia

111 Membertou Street PO Box 179 Shubenacadie, NS BON 2HO 758-3553 1 (800) 263-8686 (toll free) Fax: 758-2390

Municipality of Clare

PO Box 458 Little Brook, NS BOW 1Z0 769-2031

Fax: 769-3773

council@municipality.clare.ns.ca www.clarenovascotia.com

Municipality of Digby

12548 Highway #217 PO Box 429 Digby, NS BOV 1A0

245-4777 Fax: 245-5748

www.municipalities.com/digby

Municipality of East Hants

2361 Highway #2 Milford, NS PO Box 190 Shubenacadie, NS BON 2HO & 15 Commerce Court

Elmsdale, NS B2S 3K5 1-888-758-2299

Fax: 1-888-684-5912

info@easthants.ca www.easthants.ca

Municipality of the County of Kings

87 Cornwallis Street PO Box 100 Kentville, NS B4N 3W3 678-6141 Fax: 679-2820

www.county.kings.ns.ca

Municipality of the District of Barrington

2447 Highway #3 PO Box 100 Barrington, NS BOW 1E0 637-2015 Fax: 637-2075 munbar@eastlink.ca www.barringtonmunicipality.com

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

210 Aberdeen Road Bridgewater, NS B4V 4G8 543-8181 Fax: 543-7123 www.modl.ca

Municipality of the District of Shelburne

136 Hammond Street PO Box 280 Shelburne, NS BOT 1W0 875-3544 Fax: 875-1278

infoofficer@municipalityofshelburne.ca www.municipalityofshelburne.ca

Municipality of the District of West Hants

76 Morison Drive PO Box 3000 Windsor, NS BON 2TO 798-8391 Fax: 798-8553 west.hants@westhants.ca www.westhants.ca

Municipality of the District of Yarmouth

932 Highway 1 PO Box 21 Hebron, NS BOW 1XO. 742-7159 Fax: 742-3164 admin@district.yarmouth.ns.ca www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services—Adoption Disclosure Service Program— Halifax District Office

6009 Quinpool Road, Suite 701

Halifax, NS B3K 5J7
424-2755
Fax: 424-9424
www.gov.ns.ca/coms: Select
"Support for Children, Youth
& Families," then "Adoption,"
and then "Adoption Disclosure."

Maintains a Passive Adoption Registry and conducts searches for adoptees and birth families. Assists with issues related to Adoption Information Act.

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services— Annapolis District Office

5495 Granville Road Granville Ferry, NS BOS 1A0 532-2337 (general inquiries) Fax: 532-3401 www.gov.ns.ca/coms

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services— Digby District Office

84 Warwick Street
PO Box 399
Digby, NS BOV 1A0
245-5811 (child welfare services and general inquiries)
Fax: 245-4121
www.gov.ns.ca/coms

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services— East Hants (Elmsdale)

15 Commerce Court, Suite 130 Elmsdale, NS B2S 3K5 1 (866) 597-4515 (toll free)

Fax: 883-3534

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services—Family and Community Supports Division

Nelson Place 5675 Spring Garden Road, 5th Floor PO Box 696 Halifax, NS B3J 2T7 1 (866) 259-7780 (toll-free number for Nova Scotia Adoption Information Line) 424-4279 Fax: 424-0708

www.gov.ns.ca/coms

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services— Hants District Office

80 Water Street
PO Box 2350
Windsor, NS BON 2TO
798-8319 (general inquiries)
Fax: 798-6605
www.gov.ns.ca/coms

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services— Kings District Office #1

10 Webster Street, Suite 202 Kentville, NS B4N 1H7 679-5146 (general inquiries) Fax: 678-3072 www.gov.ns.ca/coms

Prevention, eligibility review, community supports for adults, in-home support for children, and foster care coordinator.

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services— Kings District Office #2

76 River Street Kentville, NS B4N 1G9 678-6176 (general inquiries) Fax: 679-6242

Day care, income assistance, and employment supports.

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services— Lunenburg District Office

Provincial Building
99 High Street, Suite 105
Bridgewater, NS B4V 1V8
543-5527 (general inquiries)
543-4554 (child welfare services)
Fax: 543-6186
www.gov.ns.ca/coms

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services— Queens District Office

123 Henry Hensey Drive PO Box 1360 Liverpool, NS BOT 1KO 354-2771 (general inquiries) Fax: 354-7460 www.gov.ns.ca/coms

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services—Shelburne District Office

PO Box 9
Barrington, NS BOW 1E0
637-2335 (general inquiries)
637-2337 (child welfare services)
Fax: 637-2137
www.gov.ns.ca/coms

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services—Western Regional Office

10 Webster Street, Suite 202 Kentville, NS B4N 1H7 679-6715 Fax: 679-6127 www.gov.ns.ca/coms

Nova Scotia Dept of Community Services—Regional Resources, Western Region

678-5119 mylesrp@gov.ns.ca

Using PRIDE core in-service Modules, the program provides competency based training to foster and adoptive resource families designed to strengthen foster and adoptive care. PRIDE Core builds upon competencies learned in PRIDE Pre-service training. For more info on Module descriptions, topics, key concepts, and registration please visit www.gov.ns.ca/coms/families/fostercare/; PRIDE training schedule.

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services— Yarmouth District Office

10 Starrs Road Yarmouth, NS B5A 2T1 742-0741 (general inquiries) Fax: 742-0747 www.gov.ns.ca/coms

Nova Scotia Office of the Ombudsman

5670 Spring Garden Road, Suite 700 PO Box 2152 Halifax, NS B3J 3B7 424-6780 1 (800) 670-1111 (toll free) Fax: 424-6675 ombudsman@gov.ns.ca www.gov.ns.ca/ombu Handles complaints against provincial and municipal government

agencies and departments.

Region of Queens Municipality

249 White Point Road PO Box 1264 Liverpool, NS BOT 1KO 354-3453

Fax: 354-7473

info@regionofqueens.com www.regionofqueens.com

Service Canada Call Centre

1 (800) O CANADA (622-6232) (toll free)

TTY: 1 (800) 926-9105 (toll free)

Fax: (613) 941-1827 www.canada.ca

Primary access point to find information on federal government services.

Service Canada— Bridgewater Office

77 Dufferin Street PO Box 3100 Bridgewater, NS B4V 3J1 1 (800)622-6232

TTY: 1 (800) 537-9573 (toll free)

Fax: 527-5570

www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Provides financial benefits, jobrelated services, and Social Insurance Number applications.

Service Canada— Digby Office

Maud Lewis Provincial Building 84 Warwick Street Digby, NS BOV 1A0 1 (800)622-6232

TTY: 1 (800) 537-9573 (toll free)

Fax: 245-6226

www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Provides financial benefits, job-related services, and Social Insurance Number applications.

Service Canada—Kentville Office

Federal Building 495 Main Street, 2nd Floor Kentville, NS B4N 3W5 1 (800)622-6232

TTY: 1 (800) 537-9573 (toll free)

Fax: 679-5786

www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Provides financial benefits, job-related services, and Social Insurance Number applications.

Service Canada—Shelburne Office

218 Water Street Shelburne, NS B0T 1W0 1 (800)622-6232

TTY: 1 (800) 537-9573 (toll free)

Fax: 875-3505

www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Provides financial benefits, job-related services, and Social Insurance Number applications.

Service Canada—Yarmouth Office

13 Willow Street, 2nd Floor Yarmouth, NS B5A 4B2 1 (800)622-6232

TTY: 1 (800) 537-9573 (toll free)

Fax: 742-0815

www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Provides financial benefits, job-related services, and Social Insurance Number applications.

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations—Public Enquiries

Mailroom, 8 South, Maritime Centre 1505 Barrington Street Halifax, NS B3J 3K5 424-5200

1 (800) 670-4357 (toll free)

Fax: 424-0720 askus@gov.ns.ca www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/secure/con-

tact/Default.asp?bhcp=1
Information on provincial

government programs, policies, and initiatives.

Town of Berwick

236 Commercial Street PO Box 130 Berwick, NS BOP 1E0 538-8068

Fax: 538-3724

general@town.berwick.ns.ca www.town.berwick.ns.ca

Town of Bridgetown

271 Granville Street PO Box 609 Bridgetown, NS BOS 1C0 665-4637

Fax: 665-5011

info@town.bridgetown.ns.ca www.town.bridgetown.ns.ca

Town of Bridgewater

60 Pleasant Street Bridgewater, NS B4V 3X9 543-4651 Fax: 543-6876 admin@bridgewater.ca

www.bridgewater.ca

Town of Digby

147 First Avenue PO Box 579 Digby, NS BOV 1A0 245-4769

Fax: 245-2121

www.townofdigby.ns.ca

Town of Kentville

354 Main Street Kentville, NS B4N 1K6 679-2500

Fax: 679-2375

info@town.kentville.ns.ca www.town.kentville.ns.ca

Town of Lunenburg

119 Cumberland Street PO Box 129 Lunenburg, NS BOJ 2CO 634-4410

Fax: 634-4416

explorelunenburg@ns.sympatico.ca

www.explorelunenburg.ca

Town of Shelburne

168 Water Street PO Box 670 Shelburne, NS BOT 1W0 875-2991

Fax: 875-3932

shelburnetown@ns.aliantzinc.ca www.auracom.com/tnshelb

Town of Wolfville

359 Main Street Wolfville, NS B4P 1A1 542-5767

Fax: 542-4789

www.town.wolfville.ns.ca

Town of Yarmouth

400 Main Street Yarmouth, NS B5A 1G2 742-8565

Fax: 742-6244

administration@yarmouth-town.com

www.yarmouth-town.com

Village of Greenwood

904 Central Avenue PO Box 1068 Greenwood, NS BOP 1NO 765-8788 Fax: 765-4369 greenwoodns@eastlink.ca www.greenwoodnovascotia.com

Village of Port Williams

1045 Main Street PO Box 153 Port Williams, NS BOP 1T0 542-4411 Fax: 542-4566

villageoffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca www.portwilliams.com

International Services

Children of Choice Consulting

42 Pine Haven Drive Beaver Bank, NS B4G 1A7 422-9881

Specializes in international adoptions.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada —Canada Immigration Centre

International Adoption Information 1 (888) 242-2100 (toll free) TTY: 1 (888) 576-8502 (toll free) www.cic.gc.ca: Enter into language of choice and then click on "International Adoption" under "Visas and Immigration."

Families with Children from China —Nova Scotia

Karn Nichols or Judy Little 479-2442 fccns@eastlink.ca

Volunteer organization that arranges activities to celebrate major Chinese holidays and runs a Chinese culture program for those who have adopted children from China or other Asian countries, or are in the process of doing so.

Family Foundations Consulting

P.O. Box 28042 Dartmouth, NS B2W 6E2 456-5053 Donelda MacDonald, social work practitioner

Provides post placement reports and post-adoption support with respect to adjustment and attachment issues.

Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia

1113 Marginal Road Halifax, NS B3H 4P7 423-6534

Fax: 422-0881 admin@mans.ns.ca www.mans.ns.ca

Information and advocacy for multicultural groups within Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission

Provincial Building 84 Warwick Street Digby, NS BOV 1A0 245-4791

Fax: 245-7103

hrcinguiries@gov.ns.ca www.gov.ns.ca/humanrights

Addresses complaints of discrimination and provides cultural diversity

training.

Legal Services

Bridgewater Justice Centre

141 High Street Bridgewater, NS B4V 1W2 543-4679

Fax: 543-0678

Family Court. Serving Lunenburg and Oueens Counties.

Kentville Iustice Centre

136 Exhibition Street Kentville, NS B4N 4E5 679-6075

Fax: 679-6081

Family Court. Serving Hants and Kings Counties.

Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia

Lawver Referral Service— Dial-A-Law—Legal Info Line 5523B Young Street Halifax, NS B3K 1Z7 455-3135 (legal information and lawyer referral service) 1 (800) 665-9779 (toll-free number for the above services) 454-2198 (administration, publications, and projects) 420-1888 (Dial-A-Law) Fax: 455-3105 lisns@legalinfo.org

www.legalinfo.org Services for people looking for lawyers or legal information in specific areas of law.

Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

Cogswell Tower, Suite 800 2000 Barrington Street Halifax, NS B3J 3K1 422-1491

Fax: 429-4869 www.nsbs.org

Handles complaints against lawyers, and provides information to the public.

Nova Scotia Legal Aid

www.nslegalaid.ca

Provides legal assistance for family law and criminal matters to those who qualify.

To locate a legal aid office near you, please refer to the 'Contact Us' page on this website.

Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission— Head Office

Office of the Executive Director 137 Chain Lake Drive, Suite 102 Halifax, NS B3S 1B3 420-6578

1 (877) 420-6578 (toll free)

Fax: 420-3471

nsla.exec@ns.sympatico.ca

Yarmouth Justice Centre

164 Main Street Yarmouth, NS B5A 1G3 742-0550

Fax: 742-0678
Family Court.

Mental Health

Addiction Services—Fisherman's Memorial Hospital

14 High Street
PO Box 1180
Lunenburg, NS BOJ 2CO
634-8801
www.southshorehealth.ca

Annapolis Community Health Centre Mental Health Program

821 S George Street PO Box 426 Annapolis Royal, NS BOS 1A0 902-532-2381 Fax: 902-532-2113

Canadian Mental Health Association —Annapolis County Branch

PO Box 249, RR #4 Bridgetown, NS BOS 1C0 665-4801

Fax: 665-5084

chapelcreekgallery@ns.sympatico.ca

www.cmha.ca

Provides education and support to those with mental illness

Canadian Mental Health Association —King's County Branch

49 Cornwallis Street, Suite 109 PO Box 894 Kentville, NS B4N 4H8

679-7464 Fax: 679-7470

programmanager@cmhakings.ns.ca

www.cmhakings.ns.ca

Provides education and support to those with mental illness.

Canadian Mental Health Association —Lunenburg County Branch

450 LaHave Street, Suite 17 Bridgewater, NS B4V 3T2

543-7082 Fax: 543-7082

cmha.lunenburg@gmail.com

www.cmha.ca

Provides education and support to those with mental illness.

Digby Mental Health Centre, Digby General Hospital

75 Warwick Street PO Box 820 Digby, NS BOV 1A0 245-4709

Fax: 245-2145

www.swndha.nshealth.ca

Provides mental health services for all ages.

Mental Health Services—Berwick

(Satellite of Kentville Mental Health Services) 121 Orchard Street Berwick, NS BOP 1E0 538-3111

Mental Health Services— Hants Community Hospital

89 Payzant Drive Windsor, NS BON 2TO 792-2042

Fax: 798-0709

Treatment for individuals with mental illness

Mental Health Services—Kentville

AVH Chipman 15 Chipman Drive Kentville, NS B4N 3V7 365-1700 &

Valley Regional Hospital

150 Exhibition Street Kentville, NS B4N 5E3 902-678-7381 Fax: 902-679-1904

Mental Health Services—Liverpool (Satellite Clinic)

Queen's General Hospital 175 School Street Liverpool, NS BOT 1KO 354-2721

Note: The main clinic is in Bridgewater, and all referrals must go through this clinic. Call 527-5228.

Community support for groups and individuals. Adult and child services.

Mental Health Centre—Middleton

Soldier's Memorial Hospital 426 Main Street PO Box 728 Middleton, NS BOS 1P0 825-3411

Fax: 825-0599

mentalhealth.smh@avdha.nshealth.ca www.avdha.nshealth.ca

Mental health services for individuals or families.

Mental Health Services— South Shore Health

Dawson Centre, Level 2 197 Dufferin Street Bridgewater, NS B4V 2G9 527-5228

Fax: 543-3120

www.mentalhealthsouthshore.ca

Mental health services for individuals and families.

Shelburne Mental Health Services

Roseway Hospital
1606 Lake Road
PO Box 610
Shelburne, NS BOT 1W0
875-4200
Fax: 875-3493
mentalhealth.rh@swndha.nshealth.ca
www.swndha.nshealth.ca/
roseway.htm

Mental health services for individuals and families.

Yarmouth Mental Health Centre

Yarmouth Regional Hospital 60 Vancouver Street Yarmouth, NS B5A 2P5 742-4222

Physical Health

Annapolis Community Health Centre

821 St. George Street PO Box 426 Annapolis Royal, NS BOS 1A0 532-2381 Fax: 532-2113

www.avdha.nshealth.ca

Contains 24-hour emergency department.

Bear River and Area Community Health Clinic

1112 River Road PO Box 85 Bear River, NS BOS 1BO 467-3611

Fax: 467-3339

bear.riverclinic@ns.sympatico.ca www.bearriverandareaclinic.ca Open weekdays from 8:30 am to 4 pm.

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

620 Colborne Street, Suite 301 London, ON N6B 3R9 1 (519) 642-7755 1 (800) 265-5106 (toll free) Fax: 1 (519) 642-7192 braintumour@braintumour.ca

www.braintumour.ca

Brain tumour support group.

Capital Health—QEII Health Sciences Centre

Halifax Infirmary Building 1796 Summer Street Halifax, NS B3H 3A7 473-2700

www.cdha.nshealth.ca: Select "Hospitals/Health Centres" on left menu and then "Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre."

The largest health sciences centre in Atlantic Canada.

Digby General Hospital

75 Warwick Street PO Box 820 Digby, NS BOV 1A0 245-2501; Fax: 245-5517 www.swndha.nshealth.ca/dgh

Directory of Family Physicians Accepting New Patients

www.gov.ns.ca/health/physicians/ physicians.asp 424-3047

Directory of French Speaking Primary Health Care Providers

www.gov.ns.ca/health/frhcp/

Doctors Nova Scotia

25 Spectacle Lake Drive Dartmouth, NS B3B 1X7 468-1866 Fax: 468-6578

info@doctorsns.com www.doctorsns.com

Professional association of Nova Scotia's doctors.

Eastern Kings Memorial Community Health Centre

23 Earnscliffe Avenue Wolfville, NS B4P 1X4 542-2266 Fax: 542-4619 www.avdha.nshealth.ca/ekm

Hants Community Hospital

89 Payzant Drive Windsor, NS BON 2TO 792-2000; Fax: 798-6002 www.cdha.nshealth.ca: Select "Hospitals/Health Centres" and then select Hants Community Hospital.

Contains 24-hour emergency department.

Health Canada

Maritime Centre
1505 Barrington Street, Suite 1525
Halifax, NS B3J 3Y6
426-2038
1 (866) 225-0709 (toll-free general inquiry line)
Fax: 426-3768
info@hc-sc.gc.ca
www.hc-sc.gc.ca
Deals with any matter within the

Health Promotion Clearinghouse—

iurisdiction of Health Canada.

Nova Scotia

City Centre Atlantic 1535 Dresden Row, Suite 209 Halifax, NS B3J 3T1 494-1917 1 (877) 890-5094 (toll free) Fax: 494-3594 Caroline Ploem, manager, hpc@dal.ca www.hpclearinghouse.ca
Links people and organizations
involved in health promotion in
Nova Scotia to community resources
and expertise.

IWK Health Centre

5850/5980 University Avenue PO Box 9700 Halifax, NS B3K 6R8 470-8888 (switchboard) Fax: 470-6790 feedback@iwk.nshealth.ca (general inquiries only) www.iwk.nshealth.ca

Provides care to children, youth, women, and families.

IWK Health Centre— Child Safety Link

5850/5980 University Avenue PO Box 9700 Halifax, NS B3K 6R8 470-6496 1 (866) 288-1388 (toll free outside Halifax)

Fax: 470-6774 childsafetylink@iwk.nshealth.ca www.childsafetylink.ca Poison prevention information and other injury prevention information.

IWK Regional Poison Centre

5850 University Avenue PO Box 9700 Halifax, NS B3K 6R8 FOR ALL POISON EMERGENCIES,

DIAL 911 AND ASK TO SPEAK TO THE POISON CENTRE.

470-8161 (Halifax-only emergency line)
1 (800) 565-8161 (toll-free emergency line for rest of Nova Scotia)

Fax: 470-7213

Toll-free, 24-hour poison information service.

Lung Association of Nova Scotia— Asthma Action Helpline

1 (800) 668-7682 (toll free in Nova Scotia) info@ns.lung.ca

A toll-free helpline. Certified asthma educators are available weekdays during business hours to answer questions and provide advice on asthma.

Lung Association of Nova Scotia Provincial Office

6331 Lady Hammond Road Halifax, NS B3K 2S2 443-8141

Fax: 445-2573 info@ns.lung.ca www.ns.lung.ca

Telephone service for people with asthma. Provides information. Not an emergency number.

Medical Services Insurance (MSI)

Physical location: 230 Brownlow Ave

Dartmouth, NS

Mailing address: PO Box 500

Halifax, NS B3J 2S1

496-7008

1 (800) 563-8880 (toll free) Fax: 481-3160 (registration)

msienquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca www.gov.ns.ca/health/msi.htm

Provides eligible residents with coverage for medically required health services

Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness

PO Box 488 Halifax, NS B3J 2R8 424-5818

1 (800) 387-6665 (toll free)

Fax: 424-0730 dohweb@gov.ns.ca www.gov.ns.ca/dhw

Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre

1341 Summer Street
Halifax, NS B3H 1K1
473-2700 (main switchboard to all
hospitals; you will have to tell the
operator which department or doctor
you wish to speak with)
www.cdha.nshealth.ca: Click
"Hospitals/Health Centres" on left,
then "Queen Elizabeth II Health
Sciences Centre." Click "Nova Scotia
Rehabilitation Centre" under
"Victoria General site buildings"
on right side of centre of page.
Cross-disability rehabilitation
facility.

Public Health Services—Clare

Clare Medical Centre

PO Box 150

Meteghan, NS BOW 1Z0

645-2325 Fax: 645-3250

Public Health Services—Digby

67 Warwick Street PO Box 1718 Digby, NS BOV 1A0 245-2557

Fax: 245-5517

Queens General Hospital

175 School Street PO Box 370 Liverpool, NS BOT 1KO

354-3436 Fax: 354-2018

www.southshorehealth.ca

Contains 24-hour emergency department.

Ronald McDonald House Atlantic Canada

1133 Tower Road Halifax, NS B3H 2Y7

429-4044

Fax: 429-8650

info@rmhatlantic.ca

www.rmhatlantic.ca

Roseway Hospital

1606 Lake Road PO Box 610 Shelburne, NS BOT 1WO

875-3011

Fax: 875-1580

www.swndha.nshealth.ca/

roseway.htm

Contains 24-hour emergency department.

Soldiers Memorial Hospital

462 Main Street PO Box 730 Middleton, NS BOS 1PO 825-4811 www.avdha.nshealth.ca/smh

South Shore Regional Hospital

90 Glen Allan Drive Bridgewater, NS B4V 3S6 543-4603 www.southshorehealth.ca Contains 24-hour emergency department.

South West Nova District Health Authority

60 Vancouver Street Yarmouth, NS B5A 2P5 742-3541 Fax: 742-0369 info@swndha.nshealth.ca www.swndha.nshealth.ca

Valley Regional Community Asthma Care Centre

150 Exhibition Street Kentville, NS B4N 5E3 679-1831 www.avdha.nshealth.ca Patient education programs for children and adults with asthma.

Valley Regional Hospital

150 Exhibition Street Kentville, NS B4N 5E3 678-7381

Fax: 679-1904

www.avdha.nshealth.ca

Western Kings Memorial Health Centre

121 Orchard Street PO Box 490 Berwick, NS BOP 1E0 538-3111 Fax: 538-9590

www.avdha.nshealth.ca

Yarmouth Regional Hospital

60 Vancouver Street Yarmouth, NS B5A 2P5 742-3541

Fax: 742-0369

www.swndha.nshealth.ca: Select "Hospitals" and then scroll down to "Yarmouth Regional Hospital."

Yarmouth Regional Hospital Asthma Education Clinic

Respiratory Therapy Department 60 Vancouver Street Yarmouth, NS B5A 2P5 742-3542, ext. 505

Fax: 742-0512

Patient education program for children and adults with asthma. Physician referral required.

Psychological Services

Association of Psychologists of Nova Scotia

1657 Barrington Street, Suite 417 Halifax, NS B3J 2A1 422-9183 Fax: 462-9801 apns@apns.ca www.apns.ca

Provides a directory of psychologists registered with the association, as well as a guide to choosing a psychologist. Psychologists cannot be reached directly through this phone number or email address; the association provides referrals to private practice psychologists.

Bower-Jacquard Psychological Services

7165 Highway 1, Suite 102 Coldbrook, NS B4R 1A2 678-6572

Fax: 678-6228

Sheila Bower-Jacquard, bowerjacquard@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Therapy for individuals, couples, families, and children.

Boyd and Pick Psychological Services

15 Jones Road, Suite 2 New Minas, NS B4N 3N2 & 8740 Commercial Street

New Minas, NS B4N 3C5 681-0235

Fax: 681-0215

boyd.pick@ns.sympatico.ca

Dr. James Chandler

Yarmouth Professional Building 615 Main Street, Suite 315 Yarmouth, NS B5A 1K1 742-6661

Specializes in pediatric psychiatry.

Barbara L. DeLong

Private Practice
PO Box 833
Chester, NS BOJ 1JO
277-0566
c/o Chester Family Practice
3785 Highway #3
Chester, NS
Fax: 275-2032

Fax: 275-2032 c/o South Shore Psychological

Services 926 King Street Bridgewater, NS

Fax: 527-2946

Provides counselling services to individuals and couples.

Joan Reeves

Bridgewater, NS 527-6804

Therapist who provides individual, couple and family counselling.

Wanda L. Schofield

Kentville Family Counselling Centre 401 Main Street, Suite 100 Kentville, NS, B4N 1K7 365-3445

Cell: 691-5125 Fax: 365-3446

kentvillefcc@eastlink.ca

Provides counselling regarding separation and divorce, stress and coping, grief and loss, parenting and

blended family issues, adoption, depression and anxiety, child and youth services and abuse issues. Provides assessments for mental health addiction issues (including depression, anxiety, ADHD), adoption home assessments, and at youth risk.

Shireen Singer

4271 Highway #3, RR #2 Chester, NS B0J 1J0 275-5041 233-8305 (toll free) ssinger@ns.sympatico.ca Counsellor with experience in adoption and attachment issues.

Recreation Services

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Annapolis Valley

136 Exhibition Street
Kentville, NS B4N 4E5
678-8641
kids@ns.sympatico.ca
www.bbbsannapolisvalley.ca
Provides the opportunity for

Provides the opportunity for a one-to-one relationship between children and adult volunteers. The aim is to enhance the development and sense of self-worth of children who are primarily from single-parent families. Carefully screened adult volunteers are matched with children who are in need of leadership, guidance, friendship, or role modelling. In-school mentor program as well.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Shore

93 Dufferine Street Bridgewater, NS B4V 2G4 543-4435

Fax: 543-8571

southshorebbbs@ns.sympatico.ca www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/ southshore

Provides the opportunity for a one-to-one relationship between children and adult volunteers. The aim is to enhance the development and sense of self-worth of children who are primarily from single-parent families. Carefully screened adult volunteers are matched with children who are in need of leadership, guidance, friendship, or role modelling. In-school mentor program as well.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yarmouth

32 Hawthorne Street PO Box 698 Yarmouth, NS B5A 4K3 742-7623 bbbsyar@aol.com

Provides the opportunity for a oneto-one relationship between children and adult volunteers. The aim is to enhance the development and sense of self-worth of children who are primarily from single-parent families. Carefully screened adult volunteers are matched with children who are in need of leadership, guidance, friendship, or role modelling. In-school mentor program as well.

Boys and Girls Club of Yarmouth

11 Bond Street Yarmouth, NS B5A 1P6 742-9103

Fax: 742-5915

bgcy@ns.sympatico.ca www.bqccan.com

Offers recreation and social activities for children. Day care and after-school program also offered for ages three months to 12 years.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada— **National Office**

2005 Sheppard Ave. East, Suite 400, Toronto, Ontario

1 (905) 477-7272 Fax: 1 (416) 640-5331

info@baccan.com

www.bgccan.com: Select "Find a Club" to find a club in your area, and click "Go." Clubs available in Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Preston, Spryfield, Sackville, Truro/Colchester, and Yarmouth.

Bridgewater Parks, Recreation and Culture

60 Pleasant Street Bridgewater, NS B4V 3X9 543-2274

Fax: 543-6876 www.bridaewater.ca

Girl Guides of Canada— Nova Scotia Council

423-3735

1 (800) 565-8111 (toll free)

Fax: 423-5347

ggcns@girlguides.ns.ca

www.girlguides.ns.ca

Activities for girls ages 5 to 17 vears, as well as women ages 18

and over

Kidsport Nova Scotia

5516 Spring Garden Road, 4th Floor Halifax, NS B3J 1G6, 902-425-5454 ext. 350 F: 902-425-5606 kidsport@sportnovascotia.ca http://www.sportnovascotia.ca/ kidsport

Municipality of East Hants Recreation and Culture Services

230-15 Commerce Court Elmsdale, NS B25 3K5 883-7098

Fax: 758-3497 www.easthants.ca

Municipality of the District of **West Hants Recreation** Department

76 Morison Drive PO Box 3000 Windsor, NS BON 2TO

798-8391

Fax: 798-8553

recreation@westhants.ca summerrec@westhants.ca

www.westhants.ca

Parks Canada—Atlantic Service Centre

1869 Upper Water Street, 2nd Floor, Pontac House Halifax, NS B3J 1S9 426-9805

Fax: 426-7012 www.pc.gc.ca

Parks Canada—National Office

25 Eddy Street Gatineau, QC K1A 0M5 1 (888) 773-8888 (toll free) information@pc.gc.ca www.pc.gc.ca

Oversees all national parks in Canada.

Recreation Nova Scotia

5516 Spring Garden Road, Suite 309 Halifax, NS B3I 1G6

425-1128 Fax: 422-8201

info@recreationns.ns.ca www.recreationns.ns.ca

Advocates on behalf of all Nova Scotians for high-quality recreation and leisure opportunities.

Scouts Canada 84 Thorne Ave

Dartmouth, NS B3B 1Y5 423-9227 1 (800) 557-7268 (toll free)

Fax: 423-7989 nsoffice@scouts.ca www.ns.scouts.ca

Educational and recreation programs for youth.

Sport Nova Scotia

5516 Spring Garden Road, 4th Floor Halifax, NS B3J 1G6 425-5450

Fax: 425-5606

sportns@sportnovascotia.ca www.sportnovascotia.ca

Promotes the benefits of health, personal development, and achievement for all participants. Works to increase public awareness of the benefits of amateur sport.

YMCA of Lunenburg County

75 High Street Bridgewater, NS B4V 1V8 543-9622

543-6399 (child-care services for ages 18 months and up; day camps offered in summer)

Fax: 543-6292

Candy Lohnes, director of child services, candy_lohnes@ymca.ca www.ymcalunenburgcounty.org

Offers a range of recreation services for all ages, as well as child-care services.

YMCA of Yarmouth

275 Main Street PO Box 86 Yarmouth, NS B5A 4B1 742-7181

Fax: 742-7676 YarmouthYservices@ymca.ca www.ymcayarmouth.ns.ca

Offers a range of recreation services for all ages.

Special Needs

Abilities Foundation of Nova Scotia

3670 Kempt Road Halifax, NS B3K 4X8 453-6000

Fax: 454-6121

admin@abilitiesfoundation.ns.ca www.abilitiesfoundation.ns.ca

Services for children and adults who have physical disabilities. Offers Camp Tidnish for children ages eight years and older.

Accessible Nova Scotia

1 (866) 696-7536 (toll free) info@accessiblens.ca www.accessiblens.ca

A group of individuals, businesses, government representatives, and organizations who share a common vision of Nova Scotia as an accessible destination for both residents and visitors.

Alexander Society for Special Needs

PO Box 2398
Wolfville, NS B4P 2S3
582-3888
Kathleen Purdy, founding director, kp@alexandersociety.org
www.alexandersociety.org
Creative art program for children and teens with special needs.

Bell Aliant IP Relay

To communicate with an IP Relay user, call: 1-877-855-7851 For Help and Support for IP Relay: 1-800-694-9313 (Voice); 711 (TTY)

This new service uses a chat based application to make communication easier for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and those with speech disabilities. No change to place calls within Canada/U.S. Operators are available 24/7.

Attention Deficit Association of Nova Scotia

506 Sackville Drive Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2R8 869-1117

Fax: 869-3836

Provides education, support, and research assistance for people who are affected by attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia

QEII Health Sciences Centre Halifax, NS PO Box 8804 Halifax, NS B3K 5M4 473-7301

Fax: 473-7302

bians1@ns.sympatico.ca www3.ns.sympatico.ca/bians1/

Provides support for brain-injured people and their families.

Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation—South West Nova Chapter

Yarmouth, NS 765-0609 timvallillee@hotmail.com www.cysticfibrosis.ca

Provides information and support to people affected by cystic fibrosis.

Canadian Diabetes Association

Regional Leadership Centre 137 Chain Lake Drive, Suite 101 Halifax, NS B3S 1B3 453-4232

1 (800) 326-7712 (toll free)

Fax: 453-4440 www.diabetes.ca

Provides information and resources to people with diabetes and their families. Summer camps for children.

Camp Morton

Kejimikujik Queens County, NS 1 (800) 326-7712 (toll free) For children ages 13 and 14 living with type 1 diabetes.

Camp Lion Maxwell

Lake William
Lunenburg County, NS
1 (800) 326-7712 (toll free)
For children ages 7 to 12 living with type 1 diabetes.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

6136 Almon Street Halifax, NS B3K 1T8

453-1480

1 (800) 563- 2642 (toll-free number for national office)

Fax: 454-6570 nspei@cnib.ca www.cnib.ca

Offers rehabilitation services to those who are blind or visually impaired.

Canadian Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia)

Mainland Nova Scotia & Head Office Halifax Shopping Centre, Tower 1 Suite 317A

Halifax, NS B3L 4N9

423-1277

1 (800) 889-1889 (toll free within Nova Scotia)

Fax: 492-1213

halifax@canparaplegic.org www.thespine.ca

Helps people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities to achieve independence, self-reliance

achieve independence, self-reliance, and full community participation.

Deaf Literacy Nova Scotia

c/o Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians 1657 Barrington Street, Suite 117 Halifax, NS B3J 2A1 423-3353

422-7130 (voice, videophone, TTY)

Fax: 492-3864 dlns@ns.sympatico.ca www.dlns.ca Promotes and supports literacy and learning of deaf adults through self-development, literacy, and American Sign Language/Maritime Sign Language literacy.

Disability Tax Credit/Child Disability Benefit

1 (800) 959-8281 (toll free) www.cra.gc.ca: Enter into language of preference, then select "Persons with disabilities" from "Information For" column on the left.

Information on both the Disability
Tax Credit and Child Disability
Benefit, either of which may be
available to parents who support
a child or children who have a
severe and prolonged mental or
physical impairment.

Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia

5880 Spring Garden Road, Suite 306 Halifax, NS B3H 1Y1 429-2633

1 (866) EPILEPSY (374-5377) (toll free) Fax: 425-0821

info@epilepsyns.com www.epilepsyns.com

Provides information and resources to people with epilepsy and their families.

Equal Education Association of Nova Scotia

860-1759
info@eeans.com
www.eeans.com

Non-profit association that advocates educational rights on

behalf of all children with learning disabilities in Nova Scotia.

Evergreen Home for Special Care

655 Park Street Kentville, NS B4N 3V7 678-7355

Fax: 678-5996

evergreen@evergreenhome.ns.ca www.evergreenhome.ns.ca

Privately owned continuous care provider. Includes a 20-bed children's unit and provides long-term placements and respite care for high-needs children.

Kings Regional Rehabilitation Centre

PO Box 128 Waterville, NS BOP 1V0 538-3103

Fax: 538-7022 www.krrc.nsnet.org

Learning Disabilities Association of Nova Scotia

2 Dartmouth Road Bedford, NS B4A 2K7 423-2850

1 (877) 238-5322 (toll free)

Fax: 423-2834 info@ldans.ca www.ldans.ca

Offers advocacy, support, and referral services to children, parents, adults, and others dealing with learning disabilities.

Lisa Harris—speech-language pathologist

PO Box 909 Chester, NS BOJ 1JO 495-1343 Fax: 275-4369 slp.harris@ns.sympatico.ca Assessment and treatment of speech and language difficulties.

Mariposa Reading Achievement Centre—Bridgewater

109 Logan Road, Unit 1B Bridgewater, NS B4V 3T3 543-6243 www.mariposa-reading.com Reading therapy programs.

Mariposa Reading Achievement Centre—Windsor

40 Water Street, Suite 204 Windsor, NS BOP 1LO 472-3533.

Newborn Hearing Screening Program—IWK

5850/5980 University Avenue PO Box 3070 Halifax, NS B3J 3G9 470-7146 Fax: 470-7950 nshgrace@nshsc.ns.ca www.nshsc.ns.ca *Provides early detection and*

treatment of hearing disorders.

Nova Scotia Direct Family Support

5675 Spring Garden Road PO Box 696, Halifax, NS B3J 2T7 424-0932

Fax: 424-0708

www.gov.ns.ca/coms/disabilities/ Provides support and services to both children and adults with

disabilities who live at home with

their families.

Nova Scotia Direct Family Support—Western Regional Office

10 Webster Street, Suite 202 Kentville, NS B4N 1H7 679-6715

Fax: 679-6127

www.gov.ns.ca/coms/disabilities/

Provides support and services to both children and adults with disabilities who live at home with their families.

Nova Scotia Disabled Persons Commission

Dartmouth Professional Centre 277 Pleasant Street, Suite 104 Dartmouth, NS B2Y 4B7 424-8280

1 (800) 565-8280 (toll free within Nova Scotia)

www.gov.ns.ca/disa

Gives people with disabilities a way to participate in the provincial government policy-making process, and advises policy-makers and program-developers about the needs of people with disabilities and the issues and concerns that affect the lives of people with disabilities.

Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech -Provincial Centre

www.nshsc.ns.ca Select 'Find Us' and then click on the area you would like to learn more about.

Located in 24 communities throughout Nova Scotia.

Pathways Community Association

450 LaHave Street, Unit 17, Suite 250 Bridgewater, NS B4V 4A3 543-2272, 530-5302, or 543-9213 pathwayslearning@eastlink.ca www.learningpathways.ca Support group for parents of children with learning disabilities.

Presidents Choice Children's Charity—Atlantic Region

1 President's Choice Circle Brampton, Ontario, L6Y 5S5 1-877-525-4762 F: 902-861-2307 PCCharity@Loblaw.ca

Committed to providing assistance to children with special needs, childhood nutrition programs as well as supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Canada

Provincial Autism Centre

1456 Brenton Street
Halifax, NS B3J 2K7
446-4995
1 (877) 544-4495 (toll free)
Fax: 446-4997
info@autismcentre.ns.ca
www.autismcentre.ns.ca *Provides information on autism*spectrum disorders. For a yearly

fee of \$10, anyone throughout the province can receive resource books by mail on a temporary basis.

reachAbility

3845 Joseph Howe Drive, Suite 201 Halifax, NS B3L 4H9 429-5878

Toll Free/TTY: 1-866-429-5878

Fax: 429-5858 info@reachability.org www.reachability.org

A non-profit organization in Nova Scotia that works to improve access to justice, equality, and human rights for people living with disabilities and for those within their support system.

Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians

1657 Barrington Street, Suite 117 Halifax, NS B3J 2A1 422-7130 (voice, videophone, TTY) Fax: 492-3864 1 (800) 516-5551 (toll free within Nova Scotia) sdhhns@ns.sympatico.ca www.sdhhns.org

Provides services to people who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as hearing parents of children who are deaf.

Southwest Nova Chapter – Autism Nova Scotia

RR4, Box 10030 Yarmouth, NS B5A 4A8 1 (877)544-4495 (toll free) info@autismns.ca www.autismnoyascotia.ca

Special Olympics Nova Scotia

5516 Spring Garden Road, Suite 305 Halifax, NS B3J 1G6 1 (866) 299-2019 (fall free)

1 (866) 299-2019 (toll free)

Fax: 425-5606 www.sons.ca

Non-profit organization dedicated to providing year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability.

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Nova Scotia

15 Laura Drive

RR4, Eastern Passage, NS, B3G 1K31 1 (800) 304-0450 (toll free)

Fax: 679-1124 info@sbhans.ca www.sbhans.ca

Provides services to individuals with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families.

The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada – Nova Scotia Chapter

105-238 Brownlow Ave. Dartmouth, NS B3B 2B4 902-492-1984 F: 902-492-1908 NS@childrenswish.ca www.childrenswish.ca

Valley Read (A Spell Read P.A.T. Licensee)

57 Webster Street Suite 201, Kentville, NS B4N 1H4 692-0235 info@valleyread.com www.valleyread.com

Services for children ages six years and older with reading difficulties. Phonics training program.

Waterville Mental Health Team

Nova Scotia Youth Facility 1442 Country Home Road Waterville, NS 902-538-8071

Fax: 902-538-7405

Yarmouth Association for Community Residential Options

6 Thurston Street PO Box 866, Yarmouth, NS B5A 4K5 742-9258

Fax: 742-0156 info@yacro.com www.yacro.com

Offers respite services for families with children and youth with disabilities. Services for mentally and physically challenged children and adults. Fosters independent living.

Other Informational Resources

2-1-1 System

http://ns.211.ca

By dialing 211 or visiting the 211 website, users can easily and quickly connect to the social, health, and community services they need, anywhere in the province, regardless of where they are located.

Adopt—Assistance, Information, Support

www.adopting.org

American website with useful articles and information.

Adoption Council of Canada

1 (888) 542-3678 (toll free) www.adoption.ca
Website with useful articles and information.

Adoptive Families Association of BC

www.bcadoption.com/default.asp Website with useful articles and information

Alternative Programs for Youth and Families Inc

172 Dufferin Street Bridgewater, NS B4V 2G7 543-1727

Fax: 543-2614

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

26 Bay Road PO Box 640 Bridgetown, NS BOS 1CO 665-2995 1 (866) 922-0229 (toll free) Fax: 665-4899 www.valleylibrary.ca

Association of Black Social Workers

6414 Coburg Road Halifax, NS B3H 3J5 Veronica Marsman, president vmarsman@me.com www.nsasw.org: Follow the ABSW link.

Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia

1149 Main St
Dartmouth, NS B2Z 1A8
434-6223; Fax: 434-2306; contact@
bccns.com; www.bccns.com
Is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Canadian Black Culture.

South Shore Family Resource Association

156 York Street Bridgewater, NS B4V 1R3 543-1301 Fax: 543-1828

debbie@southshorefamilyresource.org www.southshorefamilyresource.org

Provides free programming to families with children prenatal to six years in Lunenburg, Queens and Shelburne counties.

Caregivers Nova Scotia

3433 Dutch Village Road Halifax, NS B3N 2S7 421-7390 1 (877) 488-7390 (toll free)

Fax: 421-7338

info@caregiversns.org

www. care givers no vascotia blog. word

press.com

Provides information and support to caregivers of those with disabilities and chronic illness.

Chester and Area Family Resource Centre

PO Box 99 Chester, NS BOJ 1J0 275-4347

Fax: 275-2013

cafrc@ns.aliantzinc.ca info@chesterfamilycentre.ca

Provides programs, information, resources, and services for families in the Chester area.

Colchester–East Hants Public Library — Elmsdale Branch

Hants East Resource Centre 15 Commerce Court, Suite 100 Elmsdale, NS B2S 3K5 883-9838 elmsdale@cehpubliclibrary.ca www.lovemylibrary.ca

Colchester-East Hants Public Library — Mount Uniacke Branch

555 Highway #1
Site 1, Box 2, RR 1
Mount Uniacke, NS BON 1Z0
866-0124
Fax: 866-0519

mtuniack@cehpubliclibrary.ca www.lovemylibrary.ca

Community Access Program—c@p

1 (800) 575-9200 (toll free) http://cap.ic.gc.ca

Sites with free access to computers and the Internet.

Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

PO Box 1590 57 Martin Crescent Truro, NS B2N 5V3 895-6385

895-6385 Fax: 893-1520 www.cmmns.com

Family Matters: The Annapolis County Family Resource Centre

10 Middle Road, RR #1 Lawrencetown, NS B0S 1M0 548-2210

1(800) 399-7119 (toll free)

Fax: 665-4148

familymatters@ns.sympatico.ca www.family-matters.ca

Services and programs for parents and children.

Family Resource Centre of West Hants

10 Water Street Windsor, NS BON 2TO 798-5961

Fax: 798-5962 frcofwh@eastlink.ca www.frcofwh.webs.com

Various programs and services for families. For children of all ages.

Federation of Foster Families of Nova Scotia

99 Wyse Road, Suite 350 Dartmouth, NS B3A 4S5 424-3071

1 (888) 845-1555 (toll free)

Fax: 424-5199

Carol Cole, administrative assistant—operations, colecf@gov.ns.ca www.fosterfamilies.ns.ca

Provides support for foster families.

Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre

AVM Morfee Centre School Road PO Box 582, Greenwood, NS BOP 1N0 765-5611

Fax: 765-1747 www.familyforce.ca

Provides programs, information, resources, and services to military families.

Hantsport Public Library

11 School Street PO Box 542 Hantsport, NS BOP 1P0 684-4005 www.valleylibrary.ca

Kids Help Phone

457-4779 (regional office) 1 (800) 668-6868 (toll-free helpline) Fax: 457-1074 atlantic@kidshelpphone.ca www.kidshelpphone.ca

Canada's only toll-free, 24-hour, bilingual, and anonymous phone and web counselling, referral, and information service for children and youth.

Kings County Family Resource Centre

503 Main Street Kentville, NS B4N 1L4 678-5760 family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca Various programs and services for families.

North American Council on Adoptable Children

www.nacac.org

Website with resources and articles of interest; American organization but with Canadian board members.

Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers

Plaza 1881, 1891 Brunswick Street, Suite 106 Halifax, NS B3J 2G8 429-7799

Fax: 429-7650 nsasw@nsasw.org www.nsasw.org

Promotes and regulates the practice of social work and helps its members to offer a high standard of service that respects diversity, promotes social justice, and enhances the worth, self-determination, and potential of individuals, families, and communities.

Nova Scotia Community Organization Network (NSNET)

PO Box 128 Waterville, NS BOP 1V0 538-3103, ext. 112 Fax: 538-7022 trc@nsnet.org www.nsnet.org

Provides links to websites of Nova Scotian community organizations.

Nova Scotia Council for the Family Parenting Resource Centres in NS

www.nscouncilfamily.org Select 'Parenting Directory' from top menu and click on the resource center in the preferred area.

Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission

Provincial Building 84 Warwick Street Digby, NS BOV 1A0 245-4791

245-4791

Fax: (902) 245-7103 hrcinquiries@gov.ns.ca www.gov.ns.ca/humanrights

Addresses complaints of discrimination and provides cultural diversity training.

Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities

5251 Duke Street, Suite 1211 Halifax, NS B3J 1P3 455-6942

1 (866) 696-7536 (toll free)

Fax: 454-4781 nsleo@eastlink.ca www.novascotialeo.org

Advocacy organization working on behalf of people with disabilities.

Nova Scotia Youth Help Line

5670 Spring Garden Road Halifax, NS B3J 1H6 420-8336 (24-hour crisis line) 1 (800) 420-8336 (toll-free, 24-hour crisis line) Fax: 423-3240

Peer counselling nightly from 6 pm to 10 pm. Open 24 hours for emergencies.

Parenting Journey Program

902-454-2036

A program that offers free in home support to families of children aged 3 to 16 who are facing challenging times. Program is voluntary and is funded by Department of Community Services. There are 11 programs around the province.

Parents' Place Yarmouth Family Resource Centre

34 Barnard Street Yarmouth, NS B5A 3T5 749-1718

Fax: 749-1325

parentsplaceed@eastlink.ca www.parentsplaceyarmouth.org

Various programs and services for families.

Passport Canada—Halifax Office

1505 Barrington Street, Suite 1508 Halifax, NS B3J 3K5 1 (800) 567-6868 (toll free)

Fax: 426-4620

St. John Ambulance—Main Branch

101 Main Street PO Box 26068 Dartmouth, NS B2W 6E2 463-5646

1 (800) 565-5056 (toll free)

Fax: 469-9609 info@ns.sja.ca www.sja.ca/ns

Provides first aid training.

South Shore Regional Library

PO Box 34

Bridegwater, NS B4V 2W6

543-2548

Fax: 543-8191 info@southshorepubliclibraries.ca

www.southshorepubliclibraries.ca

Western Counties Regional Library

405 Main Street Yarmouth, NS B5A 1G3

Yarmouth, NS B5A 1G: 742-2486

742-2486 Fax: 742-6920

www.westerncounties.ca

Windsor Regional Library

195 Albert Street PO Box 106 Windsor, NS BON 2TO 798-5424 www.vallevlibrarv.ca