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### Upcoming Events

- Mar 26 | 7:00-10:00 PM
  - Comedy Night @ Yuk Yuks-  
5165 Dixie Rd, Mississauga,  
L4W 4G1
- June 17 | 8:30 AM Tee-off
  - LDAPR Golf Classic @  
Turnberry Golf Club - 10100  
Heart Lake Road, Brampton,  
L6Z 0B4

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## Message

### From the Executive Director: Carla Warwick

As we settle into the New Year LDAPR would like to hear from the community. As we redevelop our program delivery model we would love to have your input. Please visit [www.ldapr.ca](http://www.ldapr.ca) and send us your comments, on locations, times, and days of the week that work best for you. We are focused on satisfying the needs of our clients and the community at large.

academic support or social. Remember the power of one can influence many!

Sincerely,



**Carla Warwick, BSW**

Executive Director

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905-272-4100

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## LDA Peel Region Golf Classic @ Turnberry

Please join us for the first Annual LDA Peel Region Golf Classic on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at Turnberry Golf Club in Brampton. First tee-off is 8:30 AM.

**The proceeds of the tournament will be used by the LDA Peel Region for the following objectives:**

- To foster excellence at all levels within LDA Peel Region
- To provide counseling and guidance for individuals and families
- To ensure the availability and access to excellent research resources

**Golfer Package Includes:**

- To ensure the availability and access to excellent research resources
- 18 Holes of Golf
- Grab & Go Breakfast
- Backyard BBQ Buffet Lunch
- Shared Power Cart with 4 bag attachment
- Tournament Scoring
- On-Course Setup & Contests
- Turnberry Tournament Gift per player

For more information on participating or for a sponsorship package please contact Jey-son at [jedwards@ldapr.ca](mailto:jedwards@ldapr.ca) or at 905-272-4100.





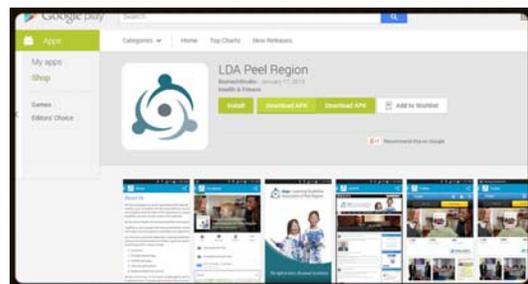
## Positive Conflict Resolution

Conflict is a normal experience in any healthy interaction; after all, people do not always agree on everything. Anger is also a natural response when one feels mistreated or observes an injustice. Therefore, the issue is not conflict or anger itself but how we deal with them.

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## There is an App for that!

Have you downloaded the LDA Peel Region App yet? You are one click away from from...This app runs perfectly on all Android and BlackBerry 10 phones. You can go to the [Google Play](#) store to download the app. For BlackBerry devices please [Click Here](#) to download the app



**THANK YOU**  
**FOR INSPIRING**  
**HOPE FOR A**  
**BETTER TOMORROW**  
**THROUGH YOUR**  
**UNITED WAY SUPPORT**



On behalf of the United Way Peel Region and LDA Peel Region we would like to thank everyone that contributed to the 2014-2015 United Way [#giving](#) campaign. All your support was and is were appreciate it!



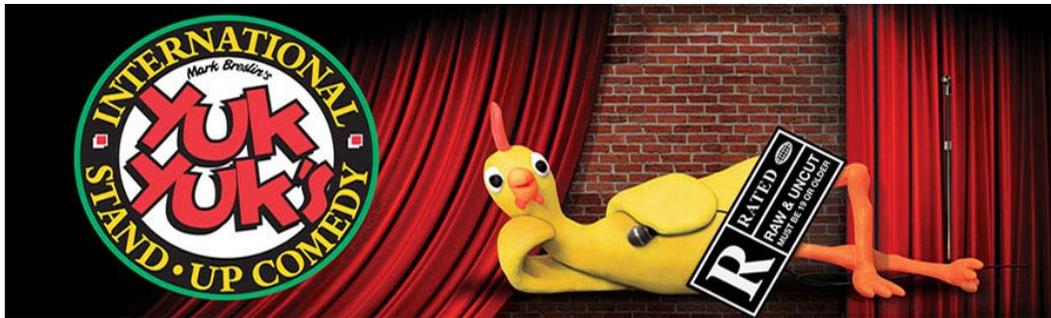
We are excited for the start of Youth Group, a fun way for youth to get involved in their community, practice social skills in a supportive environment, and build friendships!

With events 2-3 Saturdays per month, this group will meet both in the LDAPR classroom (dramatic arts

Our kick-off event will be an ice breaker/game day at the LDAPR office (Suite 800, 165 Dundas Street W, Mississauga) on Saturday, **February 14th at 2pm**, where participants will get to know each other and talk about the events they would like to see in the following months.

Possible events include: visiting animals at the Humane Society, painting, clay modelling day, outdoor activities, scavenger hunt, team Lego building competition, and many more!

The registration cost for this program is \$20 per participant, with additional costs for some of the events. To register, please call [Marianna](#) at our office (905-272-4100).



### **3rd Annual Comedy Benefit Show | March 26th - Door open at 7PM**

5165 Dixie Road, Mississauga ON L4W 4G1

Ticket Price: **\$20 per person**

Tickets can be purchase at the LDA Peel Region office, located at 165 Dundas Street, W. Suite 800 or online by [clicking here](#).

This is 19 yrs + Event (Ages 17 yrs + can attend with adult company). For more information please call 905-272-4100 or email [jedwards@ldapr.ca](mailto:jedwards@ldapr.ca).

***Out and About...Spreading The Word!***

*In and around Peel Region*



**Guelph-Humber's First Annual Psychology Networking Fair**  
Hosted by the Psych Society



**Tip of the Month: Absolute Truths and Relative Truths**

Absolute truths are ideas, perspectives, or concepts that are generally agreed upon by everyone,

so they are ALWAYS true. For example, everyone would agree that a proper square cannot be round and natural snow is always cold. The opposite of this is relative truth, which is a concept that is NOT always true for everyone. For example, the legal drinking age for alcohol is not the same everywhere, so one cannot say that all 19 year olds are legally allowed to drink.

Conflicts can arise when one expresses their opinion as an absolute truth to someone who disagrees with this opinion. For example, the statement "there is no God" can be very upsetting to someone who believes there is a God, and this can lead to anger and can worsen the conflict. A good way to avoid this is to rephrase the statement to sound more relative as in "I do not believe that God exists." Making it clear that it is your opinion opens the floor for discussion or even healthy debate on an issue instead of heated interactions that could damage relationships. As human beings, we all have different opinions and unique perspectives, so it is very important to respect one's right to disagree with our opinion.



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# Programs & Classes

parent/guardian of one!

As part of our Spring 2015 programming, the following groups are being offered:

- **Social Skills** (ages 7-10 and 11-14): learning and practicing social skills in a supportive environment, gaining confidence, and interacting positively with others.
- **Positive Conflict Resolution** (ages 8-11 and 12-15): building skills for anger management and self-esteem.
- **Computer Skills** (ages 7-14): keyboarding skills (beginner and advanced levels) to support effective literacy.
- **Assistive Technology**: one-on-one introduction to communication software for student's individual needs.
- **Academic Support** (elementary through secondary school): one-on-one academic tutoring support.
- **Orton-Gillingham**: one-on-one instructional approach primarily for students with difficulty in reading, spelling, and writing. Please note there is a wait list for this program.
- **Youth Group** (ages 11-16): relaxed, fun environment to build friendships and strengthen social skills.
- **Youth Transition** (ages 15-23): support for youth in education (college/university), employment, and goal setting.
- **Adult Social Skills**: learning and practicing social skills in a supportive environment.

LDAPR Programs and Services will be offered at 5 locations during 2015:

- [LDAPR Office](#) - **Central Mississauga**
- [Kindree PS](#) - **North West Mississauga**
- [MacVile Community School](#) - **Caledon**
- [Earnscliffe Sr. PS](#) - **South East Brampton**
- [Cheyne Middle School](#) - **North West Brampton**

As a reminder, even though we no longer have an office in the Brampton Civic Centre, Earnscliffe Sr. School will provide services and programs in the immediate area.

Please [contact us](#) to register for the Spring 2015 session.



**Join in the conversation!**

What would you like to read about? How can we better serve you? Have an idea? Let us know, we'd love to hear from you. Email [jedwards@ldapr.ca](mailto:jedwards@ldapr.ca) or give the office a ring.

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**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**



Our Volunteer of the Month goes to Josh Baptista. Although Josh is a new volunteer with the LDA Peel Region, he has done an absolutely wonderful job in helping us prepare for our Winter session programs.

Josh played a crucial role in helping to get the office organized for our move, set-up and clean-up, in addition to his assistance in setting-up our new computers for the Computer Skills program.

Josh is a wonderful young man and we are lucky to have him on board.



**Where do students with LDs fit in?**

Students with LDs in primary and junior grades, who are working on basic academic skills in reading, spelling and math, may be working toward modified curriculum expectations, from a lower grade level, on some parts of their subjects. Only those parts of the subject would be evaluated according to modified expectations, and therefore have the IEP box checked off on the provincial report card.

Many students with LDs in intermediate and secondary grades would have most of their content subjects (e.g. social studies, science) accommodated only. As long as students understand the content, technology supports such as books in electronic format and text-to-speech can accommodate for reading difficulties and word prediction or speech-to-text programs can accommodate for writing difficulties.

In most cases students with LDs at secondary school who are working at their appropriate level (i.e. Academic or Applied) would be working toward credit in all their courses, with accommodations.

For students with learning disabilities, social skills, anger management or organizational skills could come under Alternative Skill Areas if someone is specifically teaching them to the student, and assessing the student's progress based on the expectations, and they are not just being encouraged in the classroom.

Alternative Skill Areas can also be used when basic academic skill areas continue to be taught in higher grades. The 2004 IEP Resource Guide gives an example of an older elementary school student working on reading decoding and comprehension skills as an alternative skill area. This can be used as a way to continue to teach and assess basic academic skills while at the same time allowing the student to access the regular curriculum with accommodations.

Source: [Courtesy of ldatschool.ca](http://ldatschool.ca)



## Summer Camp Early Bird Registration

Sign-up before May 1st and receive 10% off

Register Today!



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for volunteers to help out in the following areas:

- Golf Committee
- Gala Committee
- Social Media/ Graphic Design
- Admin Support
- Grant Writing

If any of these areas interest you, please contact

Jey-son at [jedwards@ldapr.ca](mailto:jedwards@ldapr.ca).

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