

Cancer plan

The Halton District Health Council is commencing a study to develop a coordinated plan for the provision of cancer treatment and related support services for Halton.

The decision to undertake a study on cancer services arose out of issues identified in their recently completed Strategic Plans for Acute and Primary Care Services (hospital and community care) and on Health and Social Services for Seniors. The studies reported that in 1987 there were 870 'new cases' of cancer diagnosed in Halton. Treatment for cancer resulted in 25,000 days of hospital care for Halton residents during 1987/88.

'People and families are often devastated when they learn of a cancer diagnosis. They are anxious to get treatment as soon as possible and usually prefer to receive that care as close to home as possible' states Marlene Longdon, Executive Director of the District Health Council.

The study addresses the issue that persons diagnosed with cancer need more than just treatment services. 'They often need support in the form of home help, transportation, nutritional counselling and information about their illness. Families also need help in the areas of information, support and, in some cases bereavement. While the community has a variety of groups and agencies involved in cancer treatment and support, there are still gaps and inadequacies. A local example is the heavy demand being experienced at Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, the only hospital in Halton with a cancer clinic. In addition, the system requires better coordination, bringing early detection, treatment, community care, and self-help groups closer together into a system of care' states Longdon.

The study, being funded by the Ministry of Health and the four local Halton hospitals, commenced this month under the direction of an 18 person steering committee comprised of health and social service providers and consumers. The committee is chaired by Ms. Bonnie Brown, a past chair of the Health Council.

The Price Waterhouse consultants employed to conduct the study will use a variety of mechanisms to obtain the views of consumers and service providers regarding cancer services. Persons wishing to express their views are encouraged to contact the District Health Council at 842-2120 or write 700 Dorval Suite 503, Oakville, L6K 3V3.

Community

Parenting Tips
Georgetown Parent-Child Centre

Special discussion on streetproofing

A Streetproofing Quiz
By VALERIE CUNNINGHAM,
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Your young (i.e. 3 to 7 year old) child is statistically most likely to be abused sexually by:

- a) an escapee psychiatric patient in the shopping mall
- b) a member of his/her own family or close circle
- c) a weird pervert who lurks around playgrounds
- d) a known sex-offender who is on parole in the neighborhood.

The escapee psychiatric patient in some very rare cases may be a violent individual. More likely he/she is troubled, "blue" and confused and unlikely to harm your child.

The "weird pervert" is more likely to expose himself rather than to physically harm your

child.

The known sex-offender, if paroled, generally has had some counselling and/or treatment. While on parole, he is being supervised so he is unlikely to get into further trouble. It is possible, but again, generally speaking, sexual abuse of children usually evokes: The offender gets close to the child; gains his/her trust; engages in pleasant "safe" activities before taking advantage of the child. That is why generally "b" is the correct answer. To learn more about protecting your children come out to the Annual Meeting of the Georgetown Parent-Child Centre and hear Sharon E. McKay, author, talk about "Streetproofing" on Tuesday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Mountainview and Sinclair.

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FUN IN PROSPECT PARK — 7:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7 A.M. — Fishing Derby Registration Opens
- 8-11 A.M. — Pancake Breakfast
- 9 A.M. — Cruise Cars Begin Entering Park
- 9 A.M.-1:30 P.M. — Hot Air Balloon Rides For Kids And Grown Up Kids
- 9 A.M. - 10 A.M. } Horseshoe Pitching Registration
- 11 A.M. - 12 Noon } Cash Prizes
- 2 P.M. - 3 P.M. } Sponsored by Acton Rotary Club
- 10 A.M. — Face Painting & Free Helium Balloons For All Kids
- 11 A.M. — Black Bart Begins His Show With His Country & Western Singer — Accompanied by The Acton Square Dancers
- 11 A.M. — Pony Rides Open
- 11:30 A.M. — Parade Begins Through Downtown Acton
- 11:30 A.M. — Beef B.B.Q., Hot Dogs, French Fries, And Beer Garden Opens
- 12 Noon — Team Bad Guy, Ontario Champion Bike Riders Put On Their First Performance
- 1:00 P.M. — Remote Control Air Show Begins With Several Planes From The Milton & Georgetown Flying Clubs

OTHER ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE ALL DAY ON DISPLAY — • Ambulance • Acton Fire Truck • Motor Homes and Cruise Cars
Crime Stoppers will have a display

Various Types of Raffles — Team Bad Guys will be performing — Black Bart and The Acton Square Dancers — Minnow Races — T-Shirts — Dunking Machine — Clown Browsing Around — Tea & Coffee Served All Day — Face Painting — Free Balloons — Cruise Cars — Fishing Derby — Acton Citizens Band — Remote Control Air Show — Horseshoe Tournament

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