

# Tips For Finding Quality Childcare

By **HEATHER JACKSON**

Any parent who has faced the challenge of finding quality child care, knows it can be a daunting process.

If you're feeling a bit anxious about choosing a

program for your child, it's understandable. Parents often experience anxiety as they try to determine the quality of child care offered by potential providers.

Not only do you want to ensure your child's safety, but you also want to make

sure the provider is meeting your child's developmental needs. After all, the type of environment to which we expose our children during their formative years has a tremendous and long-lasting impact on their development.

The first thing you should know when considering different child care options, is that suitable care can be found in home settings as well as licensed centres. Either setting can provide your child with the positive environment they need, and there are certain things that you will want to consider when selecting the type of care for your child.

For more information about quality child care, how to find quality child care in your area or how to become a registered home child care provider, contact the Halton Child Care Registry at 905-8750-0235 or visit their website at [www.hccr.ca](http://www.hccr.ca).

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## Passing on right...

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the right if the roadway is designated for one-way traffic only.

When is it illegal to pass on the right?

Section 150 (2) states it is illegal to pass or overtake another vehicle on the right if you have to drive on an unpaved (gravel or dirt) shoulder of the

roadway to do so. The only vehicles permitted to use an unpaved shoulder are emergency vehicles, which would include: Police, Fire, Ambulance and other Ministry emergency vehicles.

The minimum penalty for illegal passing is \$110 and three demerit points.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**DEIPP Clinic** at the Ontario Early Years Centre, Georgetown satellite on Monday, Nov. 10 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. The Development Early Identification and Prevention Program is a free service for parents with children from 0 - 5 years. If you have concerns regarding your child's speech, hearing, behaviour or general development you can come for a 15-minute consultation. No appointment necessary - first come, first served, 96 Guelph Street, Georgetown. For more information please call (905) 873-2960

### November Craft Show:

Craft Show spaces available! The Ontario early Years Centre, Georgetown Satellite at 96 Guelph St. will be hosting its 1<sup>st</sup>. Annual Winter Wonderland Craft Show on Saturday, Dec. 6. Registration deadline is Nov. 7. Interested vendors can call (905) 873-2960 for more details.

### Christmas Needs Program:

The holiday season is quickly approaching and applications and donations are now being accepted at

Halton Hills Community Support and Information for the Christmas Needs Program.

Each year many generous and caring community members donate practical items and money to HHCSI during the holiday season. Financial donations enable us to purchase items of clothing for children of financially limited families. Halton Hills community Support and Information will also accept donations of clothing, toys and knitted items.

If Christmas might be a little tougher this year for you and your family, please feel free to drop into our offices to fill out an application form for the program. All applications are kept strictly confidential. Our offices are located at 47 Mill Street East, Acton and 36A Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown. For more information please call Cathy at 853-3310.

### Supportive Housing for Seniors:

Do you find you're having trouble managing daily activities in your own

home, but want to remain independent? Consider the Supportive Housing Program located at the Lakeview Apartments, 17 Elizabeth Drive, Acton. This program allows eligible seniors to live in their own apartment with the security of knowing someone is available to help. Personal Support Workers are on site seven days a week to assist with such activities as bathing, laundry, house-keeping, meal preparation, medication reminders or safety checks. Please contact Stephanie at 853-9916.

### Youth:

**Off the Wall:** Senior Youth (ages 12 - 19) girls, come on in on Friday, Nov. 7 for our Diva night. Bring your friends and favourite hair stuff too, as we do each other's hair, nails and please wear comfy shoes as we'll be doing a step class too.

Junior Youth, (ages 9 - 11) bring your appetites to our Mexican Theme Night on Wednesday, Nov. 12. We'll be enjoying Mexican food, games and maybe a craft.

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