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Partners in education

Teacher Anne Putica with students Summer Cain (centre) and Alannah Legros and the rest of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) class at Bishop Reding Secondary School were on hand March 7 for the signing of a sponsorship agreement between the Halton Catholic District School Board, Halton District School Board and the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities for ECE Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program students.

Help offered for those going through divorce

Local men and women currently going through a separation or divorce can join an education and self-help group that will start meeting Thursday.

Called Seminars for the Separated, the 10-week program offered by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Halton Region branch, involves lectures, small group discussions and peer support. Guest speakers will address topics including stages of separation, communicating with an ex, legal aspects, parenting through separation and divorce, coping with stress and anger and healthy relationships.

The group discussions allow participants to help and support one another and develop a new network of friends.

Close bonds often form within the

groups and many of the participants continue to meet informally long after the program ends.

Seminars for the Separated has been offered in Halton for more than 15 years. 'Graduates' of the program report that it's made a difference in their abilities to cope through a difficult time. This in turn helps minimize the impact a divorce can have on their children, their performance at work and general feeling of well-being. Many find going through the trauma of a separation with others in the same situation is very helpful.

The program is held in Oakville and runs from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$100. For more information or to register, call CMHA Halton at (905) 693-4270.

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