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## Volunteers Needed

**Contact Niagara** is the single point of access for families and individuals who require children's and/or developmental services across the Niagara Region. **Contact Niagara** is funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

**Contact Niagara** is seeking highly motivated community members to volunteer their time, energy, and skills on the Residential Placement Advisory Committee (RPAC). Additionally, interested committee members are needed to participate in an ad-hoc committee to review decisions related to Passport funding applications, on an as needed basis.

### **Residential Placement Advisory Committee (RPAC)**

The mandate of the Residential Advisory Committee (RPAC) is to review residential placements for all children living in residential settings of more than ten beds with an expected placement of 90 days or greater. A review is scheduled when a child is first placed in residential care and every nine months thereafter. Each review must include a Chairperson; and a Service Provider representative, and a Consumer/Informed Citizen. If you are interested in using your knowledge surrounding services for children and youth, to aid in the review of their residential placements, contact Heather Fowler, RPAC Coordinator for additional information at (905) 684-3407 ext. 228.

### **Niagara Passport Review Committee**

Passport is a program that provides opportunities for individuals who have a developmental disability and who have left school to find more ways to participate in their communities. Through Passport, participants can receive funding for activities that encourage their personal development and help them achieve their potential. The mandate of the Niagara Passport Review Committee is to provide an impartial review to individuals or families who feel that the decision on Passport eligibility, funding, and/or prioritization have not been fair and/or equitable. Each review must be comprised of two or more committee members who must not have, or appear to have any vested interest in any decision made by **Contact Niagara**. The committee members also must not have, or to be seen to have any potential conflict of interest with either the Passport applicant of **Contact Niagara**. Interested applicants are invited to contact Tom Archer, Resource Coordinator for additional information at (905) 684-3407 ext. 226.