

# Announcing: New Services for the Ottawa Autism Community

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*Community Outreach Program*

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The Portia Learning Centre  
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....a joint effort of local businesses  
to increase services to the Ottawa  
Autism Community.



## The Portia Learning Centre Community Outreach Program

The Portia Learning Centre Community Outreach Program will begin in July 2009. This pilot project is brought to the Ottawa - West Autism Community by Autism Ontario - Realize Community Potential Program, Here We Play Again, The Portia Learning Centre and QuickStart.

This free program for ages six and under is designed to help meet the needs of families of children with autism (a formal diagnosis of autism is not necessary).

It is an opportunity for parents to ask questions about changing behaviour and improving language and cognitive skills.

The Portia Learning Centre Community Outreach Program will provide highly trained therapists and a Senior Therapist on site. Parents will have the opportunity to book ½ hour sessions with a therapist, during which time the therapist can answer questions specific to the child's needs, demonstrate effective teaching techniques to promote language acquisition, and explain and model behavioural procedures.

**Opening Day:** Thursday, July 9th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Here We Play Again, 1300 Main Street Stittsville Tel: (613) 831-7737, [www.hereweplayagain.ca](http://www.hereweplayagain.ca).

Families are welcome to use the play facility around their session.

The program will continue on Tuesdays and Thursday in July. For additional dates, please visit [www.portialearning.com](http://www.portialearning.com) or [www.quickstartautism.ca](http://www.quickstartautism.ca).