

## New supervised access exchange service in Bolton

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Caledon Parent-Child Centre (CPCC) and Social Enterprise for Canada (SEC) have announced a new Supervised Exchange Service for Bolton and surrounding communities.

When parents separate, exchanging children for visits can be a challenge. Conflict can arise at the time of the exchange between the parents, or between other attending family members. A Supervised Access Program offers a setting where parental visits and exchanges are facilitated and managed by trained staff and volunteers. Supervised Exchange Service makes access easier to arrange and reduces tension for the child, as well as reducing conflict among separated or divorced parties.

SEC is contracted by the Ministry of the Attorney General to deliver the program in the court districts of Peel and York. SEC will pilot the Bolton service at the CPCC office at Albion-Bolton Community Centre.

The provision of Supervised Exchanges at CPCC provides a positive, supervised, child focused and neutral environment for children to transition to visit with their non-residential parents and/or extended family.

Families may use the service upon request or to execute a court order. The service will be available as of Nov. 1, Friday and Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Interested families may start the registration process at any time. Funding is provided by the Ministry of the Attorney General. Families are asked to pay a portion of the costs.

For more information about this service, call 1-844-373-4515 Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.