

At this time we would like to share some of the comments made by mostly new parents of our program that joined us for the first time this year. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Kobe (2) with cerebral palsy attended for the first time this summer and made huge gains during that month. Before conductive ed he would not weight bear at all or take assistive steps a week in he was standing and supporting himself! I can't wait to bring him back next year and years to follow to see what else he will be able to accomplish during his camp month. - Carly Fraser (mom)

In the month we spent in the program Zoey gained a lot of strength from all the exercises and she is now able to walk with much more ease and balance and without such a high risk of falling. She learned to understand height differences and when she might fall. She learned to walk up and down stairs which is a wonderful gift. The biggest gift Zoey received was the increased strength, increased confidence, increased balance in all activities and positions. Her self esteem grew immensely. She is not so afraid to be out and about in the world now because she feels safer. Our family has learned to look at her as far more capable then she was. We feel more confident in her understanding and perception of what is around her. she is so much happier and we can now see a lot more possibilities for her than before. We continue to encourage her to become more independent everyday. And Zoey will be back next summer in Conductive Education! - Liz Smith Grandmother

I wanted to reach out to you in regards to Elsa and her continued progress since we participated in the program this past summer in Sarnia. As I mentioned shortly after Elsa finished the 4 week program in Sarnia, her ability to use her hands has improved. She can now bear weight on her arms when propping herself up during seating. Elsa can even extend her arms out when bracing herself to lay down or turn over when already laying. Her school has also commented on how much her dexterity has improved since the end of last school year. This improved dexterity has helped us assist Elsa to feed herself while implementing the techniques taught to us during the camp in Sarnia I want to thank you and the SWONT Optimist program for proving us hope that as Elsa progresses though conducting education, she will one day have independence. I can honestly tell you that we, as parents, have stayed up numerous times wondering what we will do when we can no longer care for Elsa due to old age. While these fears will always be there, the SWONT Optimist program is helping us endure as we have started seeing our hope turn into reality. - Alexis & Christians Violante mother & father

Going to an intensive 4 week long Conductive Education camp with Izzy has been 200%+ +++ more effective than any of the consultation based = hands off therapies Izzy receives through Ministry funded services OR private pay therapy. Highly recommend this mode of therapy for ANY child who has developmental and/or physical disability. The Conductors are SO engaging and accommodating to each child's unique needs. -Gabrielle White Stuart - mother

This course has put the wind back in my sails. Blake had hit a major plateau and we had run out of methods to try. Thats when we found this camp. I am blown away by the progress in 4 weeks. she developed better posture in sitting and standing, developed motivation to weight bear and to walk, improved flexibility especially in sitting, more movement in her right hand and arm and more tolerance with positions and transitions.

The hands on help and guidance to motivate and push her was the most beneficial. As was the opportunity to connect with other special needs parents. This program provided a regular routine to form a habit/pattern to integrate into activities of daily living. -Lindsay Burdis mother

Conductive Education was so wonderful to have back In person summer 2022! The children loved to be with each other and to be hands on with the Conductors as we have missed them so much . Being in person brings out a whole new form of confidence in my daughter especially when she has the other children encouraging/ cheering her own to complete her task . Many laughs and hugs were shared the singing is my favourite! The conductors have been working with our children for so long they have now modified programs that work for each individual need and it's so wonderful to have that . Looking forward to 2023 -Jackie Lundy mother

