EARLY IDENTIFICATION
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

PRESCHOOL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM – TORONTO

The Preschool Speech and Language (PSL) Program provides speech and language assessment, consultation, and intervention services for infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children. Parents and caregivers can register their child directly for services before the child enters Kindergarten.

Early identification and intervention are important in supporting children's communication development and future success at school. With parental/guardian consent, transition planning between the Preschool Speech and Language Program and the TCDSB Speech-Language Pathology team can occur to support a smooth entry into Kindergarten. Preschool Speech and Language services in Toronto are coordinated through Surrey Place in partnership with community agencies across the city. Learn more or register for services: www.surreyplace.ca/services/preschool-speech-and-language-program

Early intervention is crucial. The Communication Checklist can be used from birth to age four to help families monitor their child's communication development and determine whether additional support may be needed.

Access the Communication Checklist: **Communication Checklist**

SCHOOL-BASED SPEECH THERAPY THROUGH CHILDREN'S TREATMENT NETWORK /CENTRES

Some school-aged students with significant speech sound difficulties, fluency difficulties, voice and/or resonance concerns may be eligible to receive School-Based Rehabilitation Services (SBRS) through Ontario Children's Treatment Centres. These services are funded through the Ontario Government and occur at school during regular school hours.

Referrals for consideration of school-based speech therapy services are processed through the school's Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP). To inquire if a student might be eligible to receive School-Based Speech Therapy Through Children's Treatment Centres for speech, fluency, resonance, or voice difficulties, consult with the school Speech-Language Pathologist.

Children's Treatment Centre Partners TCDSB works with the following Children's Treatment Centres for School-Based Rehabilitation Services:

- Children's Treatment Network (CTN) – serving Central and West Toronto school communities. [ctnsy.ca]
- Grandview Kids – serving East Toronto and Durham Region school communities. [grandviewkids.ca]

HOLLAND BLOORVIEW KIDS REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital assesses and treats children born with disabilities and special needs and those who acquire disabilities through serious illness or accidents. Holland Bloorview helps clients transition to adult services when they turn 18. They offer inpatient, outpatient and day patient services. For a list or services and programs please visit **www.hollandbloorview.ca** or call **416-400-8876**.

SURREY PLACE CENTRE

Consider revising: SURREY PLACE Surrey Place provides services and supports for children, youth, and adults with autism, developmental disabilities, and other developmental needs. Services may include speech-language pathology, behaviour therapy, developmental services, service coordination, family supports, and specialized clinical programs. For information about available programs and services, please visit www.surreyplace.ca or call 416-925-5141.

THE SPEECH AND STUTTERING INSTITUTE

Preschool and school-aged programs for speech and stuttering are available for a fee and may be offered in person or virtually. Families may refer themselves directly to the Institute; a referral from a health professional is not required. For more information, visit www.speechandstuttering.com or call 416-491-7771.

HEARING

Audiological assessments are completed by Audiologists, experts in hearing, balance, and related disorders. If there are concerns about a child's hearing, families should consult their physician regarding a referral for an audiological assessment. Assessments completed through a hospital or clinic with an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) physician may be covered by OHIP. Families are encouraged to share audiological reports, hearing assessments, and audiograms with their child's school. This information may be reviewed by the Board Audiologist to help determine whether additional supports or consultation from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Department may be appropriate.

GENEVA CENTRE FOR AUTISM

The Geneva Centre offers a wide range of clinical services for individuals diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). All clinical services are supported by a multi-disciplinary team of trained, experienced and empathetic professionals including speech-language pathologists, behaviour analysts, early childhood educators, occupational therapists, developmental paediatricians, psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers. Please call **416-322-7877** or visit **www.autism.net** for more information.

EARLYON CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRES

EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer free programs and services for families and children from birth to six years of age. Families can participate in play-based learning activities, connect with other families, receive information about child development, and access support from early childhood professionals. To find an EarlyON Child and Family Centre near you, visit: **https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-earlyon-child-and-family-centre**

RESPITE SERVICES

Respite services provide temporary support and relief for families caring for a child or youth with a disability, developmental disability, autism, or other complex needs. Respite programs create greater opportunities for all family members to live actively and participate in community activities while allowing caregivers time for themselves. For more information and to apply for services contact community agencies that support children and youth with special needs, including the Geneva Centre for Autism, Surrey Place, and local developmental service providers. [genevacentre.ca]

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF ONTARIO

Developmental Services Ontario is the new single window to adult developmental services in Ontario. It provides individuals and families with information about community programs and resources to determine what services and supports people need, confirm if they are eligible, and connect people to specific programs.

Adults who access services and supports through Developmental Services Ontario must have a developmental disability as defined within the Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act (2008). To confirm if a person has a developmental disability, a psychological assessment is required.

To find out more about the eligibility confirmation process please call **1-885-DS-ADULT (1-855-372-3858)** or visit **http://www.dsontario.ca/** for more information.

COMMUNITY LIVING

Community Living associations support children, youth, and adults with intellectual disabilities and their families. Services vary by location. For more information or to locate a Community Living agency in your area, please call 416-447-4348 or visit www.communitylivingontario.ca