



Integrated Delivery of Rehabilitation Services

A communication designed to keep stakeholders in the loop about the work being done on the Special Needs Strategy in York Region.

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“ An Ontario where children and youth with special needs get the timely and effective services they need to participate fully at home, at school, in the community, and as they prepare to achieve their goals for adulthood. ”

The Special Needs Strategy places the needs of children and youth at the centre of all policy, program and service delivery decisions. We will need to:

- Place the needs of children, youth and their families ahead of individual organization priorities, needs and aspirations.
- Identify a recommended approach and, if that involves any funding policy and/or regulatory barriers, identify those for government consideration.
- Build upon local partnerships and relationships but not be constrained by existing delegations of roles and responsibilities.

Under the Special Needs Strategy, service delivery areas will provide rehabilitation services for children and youth from birth to the end of school that are:

- Experienced by children, youth and their families as a single, seamless program of care.
- Easily accessible.
- Delivered in the school setting whenever possible for school-aged children.
- Of high quality, based on evidence-informed practices and the expertise of regulated health professionals.
- Sensitive and responsive to the needs and strengths of individual children and youth and their families.
- Focused on optimizing child/youth outcomes.

Programs within scope for rehab services:

- Speech-Language Pathology (S-LP), Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physiotherapy (PT) services provided by Children's Treatment Centres (CTCs).
- Preschool speech and language services (PSL) provided by PSL Program lead agencies and PSL Program partner agencies.
- S-LP, OT, PT provided through Community Care Access Centres (CCACs), School Health Services in public schools.
- S-LP, OT and PT provided through District School Boards (Public and Separate and French and English), School Authorities, Section 68 School Authorities and Section 23 Programs in Care, Treatment, Custody and/or Correctional Facilities.
- Children's Developmental Services community-based speech and language services.

Updates

- Provincial co-chairs webinar held in December.
- Leslie Yeates and Peter Spratt, from Collins Barrow Durham Consultants, selected as a facilitators for York planning tables.
- Process of involving families at the planning table has begun.
- Visioning process has started.

Revised Key Dates

Oct. 23, 2014: Regional Information Session

Nov. 5, 2014: Launch meeting York Region Special Needs Strategy – planning tables formed

Nov. 2014—June 2015: Ongoing meetings; Youth, Family, Stakeholder and Frontline Engagement

June 15, 2015: Projected date for final draft proposal for review

Oct. 30, 2015: Proposal submitted

Ministries' feedback, approval and implementation dates to be determined

Current Planning Table Members

Central Community Care Access Centre
Central West Community Care Access Centre
Children's Treatment Network
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Regional Municipality of York, Early Intervention Services
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