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Guidelines for Referrals for Services

Referrals to The Centre will be considered for children who have developmental delays and/or physical disabilities. All Referrals <u>must</u> be signed by the legal guardian <u>or</u> indicate that the legal guardian has provided verbal consent for the referral.

Communication Therapy (CT)

- Birth to kindergarten entry.
- Presenting delayed speech/language development plus a delay in at least one other area of development.
- Non-aspiration related chewing and swallowing issues can be addressed by either the speech language pathologist (SLP) or occupational therapist (OT) depending on the discipline specific expertise required.
- Referrals are accepted up until January 1st of the year the child is entering kindergarten.
- Referred children/families must live in: Delta, Surrey, White Rock, or Langley.

Feeding and Nutrition Team (FNT)

- Children with a developmental disability who have feeding and swallowing concerns that pose a risk to safe oral intake will be accepted for consultation.
- <u>Physician referral and relevant medical reports must be submitted at the time of referral to the FNT.</u>
- Referred children/families must live in: Delta, Surrey, White Rock, or Langley.

Family Services

- Clients need to have multiple barriers which are significantly impairing the child's functioning or the ability of the family to function. Examples include families with a child who has a palliative or life-limiting condition, families who are new refugees to Canada, families in jeopardy of losing housing/sufficient food to feed their family.
- Client must be receiving other services at The Centre.
- Referred children/families must live in: Delta, Surrey, White Rock, or Langley.

FASD/CDBC Key Worker

Children/families living in Surrey: Child must be birth - 12 and live north of 48 Avenue. If the child has a diagnosis, a copy of the assessment report should be included with the referral. If the child is waiting for an assessment, the referent should indicate on the referral that the child has an accepted referral at Sunny Hill for a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)/Complex Developmental Behavioural Condition (CDBC) assessment. If neither of the above is the case, please speak to the Director of Psychology and Family Services (604-584-1361 local 4292) before making a referral.



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Children/families living in Langley: Child must be birth - 19. If the child has a diagnosis, a copy of the
assessment report should be included with the referral. If the child is waiting for an assessment, the
referent should indicate on the referral that the child has an accepted referral at Sunny Hill for an
FASD/CDBC assessment. If neither of the above is the case, please speak to the Director of Psychology and
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Occupational Therapy (OT)

Early Intervention

- Eligibility: Children aged birth through kindergarten entry who reside in Delta, Surrey, White Rock, or Langley.
- Referrals are accepted up until January 1st of the year the child is entering kindergarten.
- Referrals are accepted for delayed fine motor skills (unable to draw, cut, string beads) or difficulty with areas of self-care. Referrals for sensory concerns will be accepted **if** those concerns are interfering with the child's ability to participate in family life or preschool **and** the child also has a developmental disability.
- Please be specific in describing the areas of concern.
- Examples of referrals not currently accepted: toilet training (unless the child needs specialized equipment for positioning), limited food preferences unless the child has a developmental disability and is not gaining weight appropriately.
- Please note that feeding issues can be addressed by either the SLP or the OT. The OT will address positioning and self-feeding skills.

School Aged Therapy

- Requests for referrals for Occupational Therapy must be directed through the student's school team with the following exceptions:
 - Hospital/clinic-based referrals for students with significant physical disabilities
 - Students attending private schools who have home based issues
- Referred children/families must live in Delta, Surrey, White Rock, or Langley.
- For students in private schools please contact the Director of Occupational Therapy (604-584-1361 local 2257) before making the referral.

Physical Therapy (PT)

Early Intervention

- Eligibility: Children aged birth through kindergarten entry who reside in Delta, Surrey, White Rock, or Langley.
- Referrals are accepted up until January 1st of the year the child is entering kindergarten.
- Child must have a developmental disability. For pure orthopedic cases (torticollis, etc.) services may be provided by hospital outpatient programs or private PT – please call the Director of Physiotherapy (604-584-1361 local 4277) if you're not sure.

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- For students in private schools please contact the Director of Physical Therapy before making the referral

Psychology/Parent Support

- For mental health referrals, children must be between birth and age 12 and reside in Surrey or White Rock.
 - Child must have both a developmental disability and a significant behavioural and/or mental health concern. Please provide a detailed description of the concern in the referral.
- For toileting consultation, children must live in Surrey or White Rock and be between the ages of 4 and 12.
- For sleep consultation, children must be between the ages of birth and 12 and reside in Surrey or White Rock.

Supported Child Development (SCD)

- <u>Children birth 6 years:</u> for daycare while parent(s) are working and/or going to school. For preschool, referrals accepted starting January of the year they turn 3 and only if the family has/will be registered for preschool or has significant barriers to finding a preschool.
- <u>School age children</u>: for after school care only, while parent(s) are working or going to school.
- <u>13 19th birthday:</u> determined for eligibility on an individual basis.
- Please include (if known) the name of the program the child is/will be attending, days/week, times. Please include the reason SCD is being requested (ex. unstable/unsafe on stairs or in playground, communication needs, self-help skills, eating difficulties, adult dependent, wheelchair, vision impairment etc.). Please note that a referral for SCD does not mean extra support staff (1-1) in the program: it means a consultant will meet with the family to determine the appropriate level of support required.
- A referral to SCD is not a referral to a Centre preschool or childcare program.

Preschool/Childcare (0-6 years)

• To register for a preschool class or childcare spot, the legal guardian must contact the Director of Childcare Programs at 604-584-1361 local 4279. Alternatively, they may complete a form at The Centre for Child Development reception desk.