

## ***Changes to Therapy Services in Publicly Funded Schools –Durham Peterborough and Northumberland Regions***

The current children's rehabilitation service landscape in Ontario is complex. Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board continues to work with community partners to support students who require Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech Therapy.

In Ontario schools Occupational Therapy (OT), Physiotherapy (PT) and Speech Therapy services are provided by contracted service agencies. Beginning January 1, 2019, the way these contracts are managed will be changing. There will be no changes to the eligibility for service or the amount of service available to school age children.

As of January 1, 2019, Grandview Children's Centre (for Clarington schools) and Five Counties Children's Treatment Centre (for Peterborough and Northumberland schools) will be responsible to:

- manage the contracts for these services provided in Publicly Funded schools;
- receive and process referrals from school boards for these services; and
- The Central East Local Health Integration Network and their Care Coordinators will no longer be involved in the management of occupational therapy, speech therapy and physiotherapy services in publicly funded schools. Nursing and personal support worker services at school will continue to be provided by the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

There will be no changes to the following:

- school boards will continue to make referrals for OT, PT, Speech Therapy services for eligible children;
- the contracted service provider agencies providing OT, PT and Speech therapy will stay the same;
- eligibility for service remains unchanged;
- the waitlist remains the same, but is now overseen by Grandview Children's Centre (in Durham) and Five Counties Children's Treatment Centre (in Peterborough and Northumberland);
- the amount of therapy available from these agencies will remain the same;
- Central East Local Health Integration Network Care Coordinators will continue to manage OT, PT and SLP services in private schools and in the home;
- nursing and personal support worker services at school will still be provided by the Central East Local Health Integration Network;
- Speech and Language services currently provided by the school board Speech Language Pathologists will remain unchanged; and
- any other services that children and youth currently receive from Grandview Children's Centre or Five Counties will stay the same.

For on-going updates, please visit

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