

Support Worker Eligibility

The Developmental Support Worker provides intensive support and carries out an intervention plan, developed by the child's team, in a licensed child care facility. Children seen by developmental support workers must be on active caseload with a child/family consultant.

Depending on the child's extra needs the consultant may recommend the services of a Developmental Support Worker, in the pre-school program. The developmental support worker may be assigned to one child or a small number of children. Children are seen a set number of full or half days per week.



To learn more about the program, contact Chatham-Kent Children's Services at 519-352-0440

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Mental Health and Developmental Services For Children 0 - 6



Program Objectives

- To provide services to children with emotional, behavioural, medical/physical and developmental needs in licensed child care settings.
- To link families to community agencies best suited to help meet their needs
- To build on parent's existing skills to help maximize the child's full potential
- To work cooperatively with other community agencies to help meet the child's and family's needs
- To provide ongoing support and advocacy
- To enhance the family's abilities to address individual and family needs

How Do I Get Services?

Referrals are accepted from anyone in the community, with parental consent, who is involved with children and their families. When parents or other professionals have concerns about a child's developmental, medical/physical, emotional or behavioural needs they can call CKCS Single Point Access at 519-352-0440

Mental Health and Developmental Services

Mental health and Developmental services can be accessed for all children 0—6 who have concerns with behavioural, developmental, medical/physical, or emotional needs. The program is designed to provide support and information regarding the child's needs to parents/caregivers, child care settings, schools, and community agencies who may be involved with the child. Services available to the child and family include but not limited to:

- Diagnostic assessment
- Informal assessment of development
- Advocacy and Case Management
- School and Parent Support
- Links to other resources



School Transition

If a child is of the age to begin Junior or Senior Kindergarten, assistance can be provided to help make the transition into school a smooth process. The child/family consultant will attend school meetings with the Lambton Kent District School Board or the St. Clair Catholic Separate School Board and help plan for a smooth transition with all professionals involved with the school entrance process. The consultant will also provide reports about the child to the school and Board to help prepare for the child's entrance into the school system. Consultation is available for the classroom teacher, Educational Aid or Resource Teacher as needed.

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Our service delivery places

a value on:

Service Excellence

Responsiveness

Innovation

Collaboration

Diversity

"Working with our community to strengthen families and promote the well being and safety of children and youth"