



Coming In January 6th 2020...

Changes to School Based Rehabilitation Services in Publicly Funded Schools in Chatham Kent

School Staff of:

- **Conseil scolaire catholique Providence**
- **Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB)**
- **St. Clair Catholic District School Board (SCCDSB)**

The Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent (CTC-CK) is committed to providing children and youth with special needs the help they need to participate fully at school, home and in the community. In **Conseil scolaire catholique Providence, the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) and the St. Clair Catholic District School Board (SCCDSB)** schools in Chatham-Kent, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and some Speech/Language Therapy services are provided by contracted service agencies. Beginning on January 6, 2020, these services will be provided directly by the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent occupational therapists, physiotherapists and speech/language pathologists. There will be no changes to the eligibility for services. Rest assured therapy services will continue, however students may have a new therapist in January 2020.

Below is a summary of what will change on January 6, 2020 and what will stay the same.

Changing...

As of January 6th 2020, in the majority of schools in **Chatham-Kent:**

- **Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent therapists** will provide Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech/Language Pathology rehabilitation services in the Conseil scolaire catholique Providence, the Lambton Kent District School Board and the St. Clair Catholic District School Board schools.
- **Increase in service options** to meet the needs of students and families such as small groups, rehabilitation services provided by an Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) or a Communication Disorders Assistant (CDA), universal strategies, home programs, participation in school based meetings and access to services during the summer months.



Staying the Same...

- **Eligibility for school based** Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and some Speech/Language Therapy services remains the same.
- The Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent (CTC-CK) will continue to receive and process referrals from school principals for School Based Rehabilitation Services.
- The **amount of Ministry funding available** for Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech/Language rehabilitation services in schools is the same and there will continue to be a waitlist.
- Erie St. Clair LHIN care coordinators will continue to manage the Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech/Language Therapy services in private schools and in the home.
- Nursing at publicly funded schools will still be provided by the Erie St. Clair LHIN.
- Speech/Language Therapy services currently provided by the school boards will continue to be provided by the school boards.
- **School Principals** will continue to make **referrals** for Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech/Language Therapy services for children eligible to attend Grade One until graduation from high school.
- Any **other services** that children and youth currently receive from Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent will stay the same.

Children's health information will continue to be securely stored by the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent in an electronic record that is consistent with the requirements under the Personal Health Information Protection Act.

Questions...

Parents will be contacted by their new therapist in January 2020. We will continue to provide updates as this new service model is developed and implemented. Information on the change will be shared with families currently receiving School Based Rehabilitation Services (SBRS) and will be available on the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent website (www.ctc-ck.com). In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent: **Marnie Ball, Support Services Intake Worker, at 519-354-0520 ext. 243.**

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