



Preschool Speech and Language Program For Hastings and Prince Edward Counties



Referrals

Referrals for the Preschool Speech and Language program can be made either by fax or phone and are accepted up until October 31 of the year the child turns 4.

- **Phone referrals:** please call 613-969-7400 ext 2264.

Bancroft residents can call 613-332-2825 ext 2264.

- **Faxed referrals:** can be completed on the Quinte Children's Treatment Centre/Preschool Speech and Language referral form and faxed to 613-961-2529.

Anyone can make a referral to preschool speech and language, however referrals made by individuals other than the parent, legal guardian or physician must have the consent of parents or legal guardian. There is an area on the referral form to obtain this consent.

Once the referral is received:

- ✓ Parents will receive a letter confirming receipt of the referral and that their child's name has been placed on the waitlist. A case history form will also accompany this letter.
- ✓ Parents should complete and return to Preschool Speech and Language Program at 265 Dundas Street East, Belleville, Ontario, K8N 4Z5 as soon as possible.
- ✓ Agencies making referrals are encouraged to assist parents with these forms as necessary.

If their child has not recently had a **hearing assessment**, apart from the screening that occurs at birth, it is recommended that they discuss this with their family doctor. Hearing frequently impacts on a child's ability to progress in their speech and language skills and thus should be tested prior to speech assessment especially if the child has had a frequent history of ear infections.

- **For children 2 years and under**, parents can self refer to Infant Hearing Program through the Kingston, Frontenac Lennox and Addington Health unit at 613-549-1232 or 1-800-267-7875, ext. 1145 (publicly funded)
- **After age 2**, a medical referral to audiology at Hotel Dieu Hospital is required. (publicly funded)

Privately funded assessments can be completed and the cost may be covered through private insurance coverage. When choosing an Audiologist, parents should ensure that they specialize in assessing infants or young children.