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School-Based Rehabilitation Services

Enabling Participation, Socialization and Learning

Information for School Boards in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties

Information for School Boards Regarding School-Based Rehabilitation Services

The current children's rehabilitation service landscape in Ontario is complex, and involves multiple sectors and service providers. In response to feedback received directly from families, changes are being made to improve the delivery of occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech-language pathology for children and youth from birth to school exit. A key step in this commitment occurred on January 1, 2019 when the responsibility for delivering therapy services in publicly funded schools was transferred from the South East Local Health Integration Network (SELHIN) to Quinte Children's Treatment Centre (QCTC) – Quinte Health Care.

Key Information:

- The QCTC school therapy program is referred to as School-Based Rehabilitation Services (SBRS).
- The QCTC SBRS is responsible for delivering occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech-language pathology in publicly funded schools in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties.
- School-Based Rehabilitation Services focuses on school function concerns and supports children who require therapy services in order to attend school, participate in school routines, and receive instruction.
- School Board personnel make referrals for SBRS directly to QCTC. A health card is not required. Consent from the family must be obtained before making a referral.
- Referral forms are available at www.quintectc.com and are fillable.
- The fax number for SBRS referral submission is 613-961-2517.
- For SBRS occupational therapy and/or physiotherapy referrals, the OT/PT Additional Information Form must accompany the Referral Request Form.
- Speech Language Services continue to be divided between School Boards and SBRS.
- For SBRS speech language pathology referrals, the QCTC SLP Referral Report completed by a speech language pathologist must accompany the Referral Request Form.
- There is no longer a care coordinator role as formally provided by the SELHIN. Referrals will be reviewed by QCTC intake for eligibility and prioritization.
- To enable information sharing the QCTC has implemented a SBRS Student Update Form available at www.quintectc.com. This form is intended as a means for the school to provide updated contact information or provide new information regarding school function that will be reviewed by QCTC intake and may result in a change in priority level impacting a student's position on the waitlist for therapy service.

QCTC is committed to doing everything possible to work collaboratively with District School Boards to implement improvements to family centered and integrated services for children and youth in Ontario. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

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