

Preschool Speech & Language Services

Meet Our Team!

To Our Future Clients: We are so excited to meet you, and we put this document together in case you wanted to “meet” us before walking through our doors or joining us online! We can’t wait to see you soon!!



Changing the trajectory of children's mental health.



Ivone Branco

Communicative Disorders Assistant

Ivone has a passion for working with preschoolers and their families, providing services in both English and Portuguese. She enjoys exploring new destinations with her family, sipping freshly brewed coffee, and cheering on her kids from the sidelines at soccer games and volleyball courts. She strives to make each therapy session fun and will never... ever... let a bubble get away!



Yara Dlugosova

Early Childhood Resource Teacher

Yara is a passionate clinician who values taking the time to truly get to know the families she works with. She studied Advanced studies in special needs. Coming from Czech Republic, she speaks Czech and Slovak fluently. In her free time she enjoys skiing and hiking.



Sarah Greene

Speech-Language Pathologist

Sarah has worked at the George Hull Centre since 2008 and is passionate about working with preschool-aged children. She enjoys baking, reading, and exploring nearby trails with her husband and two daughters.



Nicole Howe

Speech-Language Pathologist

Nicole is passionate about helping preschoolers and their families reach their communication goals. She is a mom to two preschool-aged boys, and enjoys cooking, yoga, and spending time with her family and friends. Nicole is very proud of her Portuguese heritage and enjoys travelling, especially to Portugal, whenever she can!



Lucia Jakobs

Intake Worker

Lucia is passionate about supporting families- both in English and Spanish - and connecting them with the right resources, striving to make them feel heard and understood. She loves witnessing the progress and growth of children and families as they gain confidence throughout their time with us. Lucia enjoys travelling, good food and spending quality time with her loved ones.

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Supri Kanda

Communicative Disorders Assistant

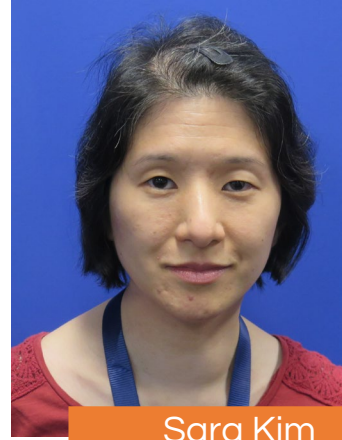
Supri is passionate about supporting families and young children, celebrating their unique strengths, and fostering their communication. Being a Punjabi-Canadian, she is fluent in English, Punjabi, Hindi, and Urdu, and enjoys connecting with people from diverse backgrounds. When she is not working, she likes to spend time with her family, read books, and experimenting with new crafts.



Joanna Kelly

Communicative Disorders Assistant

Joanna studied psychology and science before becoming a CDA. She loves meeting the families in our program and supporting them on their journey learning about communication. Her family enjoys cooking favourite meals and desserts together, hiking local trails, camping, gardening and swimming. With quiet time to herself she likes to get cozy with a good book.



Sara Kim

Speech-Language Pathologist (on leave)

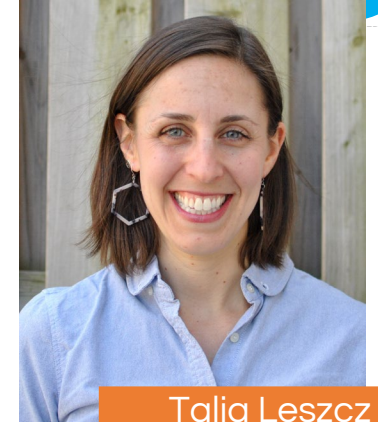
Sara enjoys working with young children and their families. She is of Korean descent but has lived in Canada all her life. Her other interests include music, reading and swimming.



Sara Lass

Program Manager and Speech-Language Pathologist

Sara has a passion for working with preschoolers and coaching parents on fostering their child's communication skills. She has a special interest in learning about the impacts of trauma on early communication development. When not working, she is busy at home playing with her three daughters, reading, cooking Shabbat meals for her friends and family and drinking coffee!



Talia Leszcz

Director of Prevention and Early Intervention Services

Talia has always been passionate about supporting young children and their families during their most formative years of development. After many years as an SLP on the team, she now serves as Program Director, where she is committed to fostering a supportive, collaborative environment and ensuring exceptional care for every child and family. She is grateful to work alongside such a dedicated and exceptional team.



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Fay McGill

Speech-Language Pathologist

Fay loves working with children of all ages, but has a passion for supporting preschool children and their families. In addition to working part-time with the preschool speech and language program, she also works with the Institute for Childhood Trauma and Attachment. She is constantly learning, but also enjoys teaching – she teaches future speech-language pathologists, as well as professionals in the field. When not working, she enjoys Zumba, reading, and spending time with friends and family.



Leslie Saleh

Speech-Language Pathologist

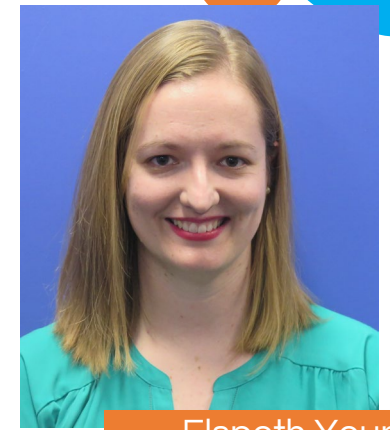
Leslie enjoys working with young children and their families. She believes in working together to make meaningful goals and support their communication. A mom to two young girls at home, she enjoys going on walks, crafting, and spending time with her family.



Vaani Vivagananda

Speech-Language Pathologist

Vaani is a bilingual Speech-Language Pathologist of Canadian Sri Lankan descent. She can fluently speak English and Tamil. She is passionate about working with young children and their families. She is very family oriented and prioritizes family involvement in all aspects of care. She also loves to cook, hike and craft.



Elsbeth Young

Speech-Language Pathologist

Elsbeth loves working with children and families to support communication. She studied biology, Spanish and education, and has worked with children since high school teaching swimming. She enjoys aquatic sports, spending time with family and friends, and decorating cakes (but doesn't actually like cake all that much!).