



GEORGE HULL CENTRE
FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES
Changing the
trajectory of children's
mental health.

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES



Welcome to The George Hull Centre

Through clinical excellence and a continuum of mental health services, our mission is to reduce suffering, provide hope and enhance the quality of life of infants, children, youth and families.

Our vision is mental wellness from infancy to adulthood.

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Prevention and Early Intervention Services at The George Hull Centre

Prevention and Early Intervention Services (PEI) at the George Hull Centre offers a range of programs for families with children from birth to six years old, including:

- The George Hull EarlyON Child and Family Centres
- Preschool Speech and Language Services
- Every Child Belongs Resource Consultation Service
- HUG (Help Us Grow) Clinic
- Family Group Conferencing
- Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition

All programs and services are offered free of charge.



Locations of Service

Services are offered from several locations in our community:

EarlyON Child and Family Centre

- 200 Ronson Drive, Suite 102
- 85 Mount Olive Drive, Highfield Junior School
- 800 Burnhamthorpe Road, Fellowship Church
- 1025 Scarlett Road
- 8 Templar Road, Westway United Church

Preschool Speech and Language Services

- 81 The East Mall, 2nd Floor
- 135 Queen's Plate, Suite 307
- 1900 Davenport Road, Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre
- 10 Neighbourhood Lane, Stonegate Community Health Centre
- 200 Ronson Drive, Suite 102

HUG Clinic

- 81 The East Mall or 135 Queen's Plate or 200 Ronson Drive.

Every Child Belongs Resource Consultation Service

- 81 The East Mall, 2nd Floor

Family Group Conferencing

- 81 The East Mall, 2nd Floor

The George Hull EarlyON Child and Family Centre

The George Hull EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer programs to children (aged birth to six years) and their parents/caregivers at five different locations in Central and North Etobicoke. Regular drop-in and registered programs encourage positive adult-child interaction, provide exposure to toys, activities and materials and facilitate early learning. School readiness programs and kindergarten enrichment programs support children in their transitions to school. Our Early Childhood Educators and other staff provide information on child development to parents/caregivers through workshops and one on one discussions. They also support parents in identifying special or additional needs of their children and accessing referrals to specialized services as needed.

The monthly detailed EarlyON Program Calendars are available on the George Hull Centre website.

The Parent Caregiver Advisory Council provides our parents/caregivers with an opportunity to provide input into the program offerings and to support new program development ideas. To find out more about the Parent Caregiver Advisory Council, you can contact Carolina Montes, Program Supervisor.



The Manager of the EarlyON Child and Family Centre team is Isobel Valley. The Parent Programs Supervisor is Carolina Montes. The Family Engagement Worker is Zuzuky Diaz.

The EarlyON Program Facilitators are Noemi Herrera, Nancy McDowell, Romaine Moonsee, Carolina Montes, Mariela Nieves, Patricia Scotland, Syamala Srivarapathy, Sandra Villagra, Krysel Villanueva. and Farah Zafar.

Preschool Speech and Language Program



The Preschool Speech and Language Program at The George Hull Centre is part of a community partnership led by Surrey Place Centre that delivers speech and language services to children from infants to entry into kindergarten. The program offers assessment of a child's understanding and use of language skills and speech production, a treatment plan, parent training and consultation to caregivers, childcare centres, and EarlyON Child and Family Centres as well as support and information sessions for parents and community members.

The Manager of the Preschool Speech and Language Program is Sara Lass. The Intake Worker is Dian Bent.

The Speech and Language clinical team includes Ivone Branco, Yara Dlugosova, Sarah Greene, Supri Kanda, Joanna Kelly, Sara Kim, Talia Leszcz, Julia Lovis, Nicole Howe, Mary Ross, Leslie Saleh, Bhairavi Vijayakumar, Vaani Vivagananda and Elspeth Young.

Every Child Belongs Resource Consultation

The Every Child Belongs service provides extra support for children in licensed child care settings. Resource Consultants assist childcare providers to effectively meet the needs of children with special needs up to the age of 12 years old. Consultants offer early identification, advice on programming for children with special needs, and problem solving. Consultants use a variety of strategies including observation, role modeling, and hands on training. Screening tools are used to identify specific developmental needs and guide recommendations to promote inclusion.

The Coordinator of the Resource Consultation Program is Joyce Fulton.

The Resource Consultants are Denise Guglielmin and Shanda Burnett.



HUG (Help Us Grow) Clinic

The George Hull Centre HUG Clinic is available to families with children aged six and under who are currently clients of the centre. Social workers from the George Hull Centre Community Clinic provide single session consultation appointments with very limited wait times to families with concerns regarding their children's social and emotional development, behaviour, learning, communication or relationship difficulties. Often, these challenges are getting in the way of children experiencing success in their daily lives. Consultation appointments can be arranged by asking a staff member in the program you are currently attending to make a referral. If you and/or your child need more service than the consultation offers, then the social worker will help to make a referral for ongoing service at either The George Hull Centre or at another organization which will meet your family's needs.

Family Group Conferencing

Family Group Conferencing (FGC) is an alternative culturally sensitive approach to child protection and working with families. The FGC process brings together family members to construct a plan of care for their children that addresses concerns identified by child welfare/children's mental health professionals. The main objective of FGC is to empower marginalized families and give the extended family group a voice in the decision-making process to ensure the safety and well-being of children who are at significant risk of or in need of protection from abuse and neglect.

The FGC Ontario Provincial Resource is a provincial locus of expertise and best practice. We provide training and consultation across Ontario and maintain a provincial roster of FGC coordinators, trainers and mentors.

The Manager of the Family Group Conferencing Project is Kathryn Rock. The Coordinator of the FGC Ontario Provincial Resource is Lynda Evans.



Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition

The Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition (EBFC) is a collaborative group of community partners who work together to plan, develop and deliver services and programs that will improve the health and well-being of young children within the context of their families and their communities. Together, we work to create a seamless network of integrated services for all young children and their families in our community. Find out more about the Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition on the web at www.ebfc.ca.

The Coordinator of the EBFC is Nancy Howson.

Client Rights

As a client of The George Hull Centre, you have a right:

- ❖ To be treated with dignity, respect and without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or socio-economic status.
- ❖ To privacy and confidentiality, except when we are required to disclose or share information because of legal or professional obligations.
- ❖ To receive service in program spaces that are safe, clean and accessible.
- ❖ To make a complaint if you are dissatisfied with the service you are receiving.

Confidentiality

Our policy is to keep information about your child and family confidential. Confidentiality means that information about your child and family that you share with staff may be shared with supervisors or other staff on the team for the purposes of case consultation, clinical supervision or quality assurance but will not be shared with anyone else outside the Centre without your informed consent.

However, you should know that there are some circumstances in which we are required to disclose or share information because of legal or professional obligations. These are the circumstances:

- ❖ The George Hull Centre must obey subpoenas, court orders, and search warrants.
- ❖ The George Hull Centre has the legal duty to report suspected child abuse and neglect to a children's aid society.
- ❖ The George Hull Centre may at times share information with others in extreme situations such as threats of suicide or homicide or serious risk of harm to self or others.

Complaints or Concerns

The Centre provides clients with the best service possible. If you are ever dissatisfied with the service you are receiving or think something needs to change, we encourage you to speak to staff or the Program Manager as a first step. If you are still dissatisfied, you are welcome to contact Kim Curran, Director of Prevention and Early Intervention and/or Susan Chamberlain, the Centre's Executive Director.



Important Contacts

Prevention and Early Intervention Services

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Rosemary Britto	Administrative Coordinator	416-622-8833 ext 265

Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition

Nancy Howson	Coordinator	416-622-8833 ext 740
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EarlyON Child and Family Centre

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Preschool Speech and Language

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Dian Bent	Intake Worker	416-622-8833 ext 182

Every Child Belongs Resource Consultation Program

Joyce Fulton	Program Coordinator	416-622-8833 ext 170
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Family Group Conferencing

Kathryn Rock	Manager	416-622-8833 ext 218
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Lynda Evans	Ontario Provincial Resource	416-622-8833 ext 176
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