

A list of Speech Language Pathologists who offer private practice therapy is available from Karen Fisher at 1-705-748-2337 ext.261 or 1-888-779-9916 ext.261 or the Ontario Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists at 1-416-920-3676.

Other community agencies such as the Learning Disabilities Association and the Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders (1-519-842-3228) have resources that are available for families.

Your child continues to need help with:

language

augmentative communication

articulation

stuttering

voice

Contact your child's school and ask for a referral to:

Board of Education Speech
Language Pathologist

Access Centre School Health
Support Services

PHONE NUMBERS

Kawartha Pine Ridge District School
Board
705-748-4830 or 1-877-741-4577

Trillium Lakelands District School
Board
705-324-6776 or 1-888-526-5552

Peterborough Victoria Northumberland
Clarington Catholic District School
Board
705-748-4861 or 1-800-461-8009

Campbellford Access Centre
705-653-1005 or 1-800-368-8053

Port Hope Access Centre
905-885-6600 or 1-800-347-0299

Haliburton Access Centre
705-457-1600 or 1-800-368-8027

Lindsay Access Centre
705-324-9165 or 1-800-347-0285

Peterborough Access Centre
705-743-2212

Five Counties Children's Centre
705-748-2221 or 1-888-779-9916



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY DEPARTMENT

**What happens now that my
child is six?**

**Answers to your
frequently-asked questions**

How long can my child receive speech and language services at Five Counties Children's Centre (FCCC)?

Children are eligible for speech and language therapy at FCCC until they are 6 years old and begin full time school (for most children, this is grade 1).

What happens if my child still needs speech and/or language therapy once he/she is in full time school?

Your child will be eligible for services through programs at his/her school. A referral must be made to the appropriate programs.

How does my child get referred to these programs?

A referral for your child must be made by your child's school (usually the principal or resource teacher) to either the **Board of Education** or the **Access Centre School Health Support Services (SHSS)** depending on your child's needs. Your child's therapist at FCCC may suggest that **you contact your child's school** and ask for these referrals.

Some children may have been referred already. You may wish to check with your child's school to ensure a referral has been made.

What happens after my child is referred?

If your child is referred to the **Board of Education**, their Speech Language Pathologist will arrange a time with the school to see your child.

If your child is referred to the **Access Centre**, you will be contacted by a case manager who will meet with you. The case manager will then arrange for an assessment and recommendations will be made.

Who will see my child at school?

In most cases, your child will be seen by a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) from the Board of Education or the Access Centre SHSS program.

How will I know where the referral has gone?

The therapists from the Boards of Education are responsible for children who need help with the understanding and use of language (e.g. vocabulary, grammar, concepts, following directions, etc). They also see children who use Augmentative Communication Systems (e.g. sign language, picture communication, etc.).



The Speech Language Pathologists assigned by the Access Centre SHSS program are responsible for children who have moderate to significant articulation disorders, stuttering, voice disorders, cleft palate and feeding/swallowing disorders.

What happens if my child needs help/support in more than one area?

Your child may need to be referred to both programs.

How long will it take my child to get help at school? Is there a waiting list? How much therapy will my child get at school?

It is difficult to say how long each child will wait and how much therapy he/she might receive. If you have questions, it is best to talk to someone at your child's school or the Access Centre case manager.

