### **Our Vision**

Children, youth and families actively participating in their communities

# **Our Mission**

We will use a collaborative, family-centred, interdisciplinary approach to:

- Optimize health and autonomy
- Promote inclusive communities



# **Referral Process**

Referrals are accepted from parents/guardians, as well as from school-based teams, physicians, community workers and agencies with parent/guardian consent.

Please contact the Child Youth and Family Rehab Services Intake office:

# **Need More Information?**

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Child, Youth & Family Rehabilitation Services

School Age Therapy Program and Clinics



# What We Offer

The School Age Therapy Program provides assessment and intervention for school-age children and youth with physical and cognitive limitations.

Occupational therapists (OT), physiotherapists (PT), speech-language pathologists (SLP) and social workers (SW) provide services for children and youth, aged 5-19.

We can provide service in schools (where we have a service contract), at home, in the community or at the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health (QACCH). There is approximately a 3-6 month wait time for these services. Students referred after Spring Break may not receive OT, PT or SLP services during the same school year.

**Rehabilitation Support Service:** provides short-term intensive therapy for children and youth with special needs, who are registered in or eligible for the School Age Therapy Program. They must be attending a school that we have a service contract with. The team consists of a PT, OT and SLP, with consultation from a dietitian, SW and nurse.

#### **Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing Service:**

provides outpatient assessment, intervention and resources for children and youth with significant feeding and oral motor limitations. OTs, SLPs, a dietitian and nurse collaborate with families, physicians and community service providers. **Child & Family Rehab Services Clinics** provide multidisciplinary team assessments and interventions for children and youth from birth-19 years.

**Cleft Lip/Palate Service:** is for children born with a cleft lip and/or palate or significant velopharyngeal insufficiency. Infants with clefts are typically identified prior to or at birth and contact is made as soon as possible to support feeding, medical intervention and education. The cleft team includes a Speech Language Pathologist, Plastic Surgeon, Ear/Nose/Throat Specialist, Pediatrician, Pediatric Dentist, Orthodontist and a Nurse. This is an Island-wide service.

**Neuromuscular Clinic:** for infants, children and youth with neuromotor limitations that require treatment or monitoring by a PT, OT, an orthopedic surgeon and/or a physiatrist. Clients need to be registered in either the Early Intervention Therapy Program or School Age Therapy Program.

Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing Clinic: for children with severe feeding and oral-motor limitations, chronic upper respiratory challenges, suspected aspiration, significant lack of weight gain and/or failure to thrive. The team includes a clinic coordinator, registered dietitian, nurse, OT, pediatrician and SLPs. Visual Impairment Clinic: for children and youth diagnosed with a visual impairment and/or cortical blindness that imposes a significant visual limitation. For many children, there are associated medical and/or functional limitations as well. The team includes a clinic coordinator, SW, OT, PT, SLP, ophthalmologist, pediatric neurologist, psychologist and vision consultant.

**Spinal Clinic:** for children and adolescents with progressive scoliosis of 10 to 15° or greater, kyphosis or spondylolythesis. The team includes an orthopedic surgeon, PT and certified orthotist.

**School Age Clinic:** for students aged 5-19 years with complex orthopedic and/or equipment needs. Clients must be registered in the School Age Therapy Program. A PT will review clients at the request of their school therapist.

Provincial Integration Support Program: a PT and OT participate in this provincial program to enable children and youth with multiple, severe challenges to participate in school in a meaningful way.

