

MAY IS SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH!!

We would like to use Speech and Hearing Month as a time to make everyone aware of changes we will be making to our service delivery model in the fall of 2010. Many of you may already be aware of these changes as we met with the principals in February. These changes affect Speech-Language Pathology and Occupational Therapy. Physiotherapy services will remain the same. A letter explaining the new service models to families has been sent home with all students on the active and waiting lists. As students are referred their families will also receive information about our service delivery as it is included in the cover letter for our questionnaires.

We hope that these changes will facilitate access to services and provide clear expectations regarding Extra-Mural Rehab Services. Please feel free to consult your school's Speech-Language Pathologist or Occupational Therapist with any questions or to contact the Extra-Mural Program manager with any concerns. We look forward to continuing to work with you as we support the students and their families.

Descriptions of the services offered by EMP are listed below.

Elementary School (Students in Grades K to 4):

- Visits will be provided mainly in the school setting. Visits may also be provided at Extra Mural clinics depending on the students' needs.
- Therapists will address functional need(s)/concern(s) identified by family and/or school.
- Services may be offered in a variety of ways including direct visits, follow-up at clinics, consultation with school teams and/or family, etc.
- Students still receiving service at the end of grade 4 will be discharged from service. These students may be referred for services in middle school by the middle school team teachers and/or family. A new referral will be required.

Middle School (Students in Grades 5 to 8):

- Focused assessment and/or screening, consultation and recommendations may be provided by EMP therapists. Therapists will address functional need(s)/concern(s) identified by family and/or school. Recommendations should be followed through by the school/parent teams working with student(s).
- Consultations will take place in the environment best suited to the needs of the student (i.e., school, home, EMP clinic; this may require family bringing students to pre-arranged appointments outside of school hours).

- Once the consultation is complete the student will be discharged, however, they may be referred again if new concerns arise.
- Students still receiving service at the end of grade 8 will be discharged from service. These students may be referred for service in high school by the high school team teachers and/or family. A new referral will be required.

High School (Students in Grades 9 to 12):

- Focused screening, consultation and recommendations may be provided by EMP therapists. Therapists will address functional need(s)/concerns(s) identified by family and/or school. Recommendations should be followed through by the school/parent teams working with student(s).
- Consultations may take place at the District #2 Mapleton Road office (optional teleconference instead of an in-person consultation can be offered).
- Once the consultation is complete the student will be discharged, however, they may be referred again if new concerns arise.

If you have any questions please contact the clinician who works at your school.