

# Muskoka Community Services

## Referral Information

### Birth to School Entry



#### For All Children

#### Muskoka Parry Sound Ontario Early Years Programs

Open Drop in Play program directed to families with children from birth to age 6. Available to assist parents in finding resources, answering questions and referrals to appropriate services as needed. A variety of parent education and community guest speakers attend programs.

Phone: 705-645-3027 Toll Free: 1-800-461-7404

- \* Physician referral required.
- ▲ District Service – General Intake number

Refer to Family, Youth and Child Services of Muskoka if child protection issues are present or disclosed 705-645-4426 or 1-800-680-4426

All Services have a "No Wrong Door Policy"

[www.18monthvisit.ca](http://www.18monthvisit.ca)  
[www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org)  
[www.communityinformationmuskoka.ca](http://www.communityinformationmuskoka.ca)

AGENCY	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE
<b>Audiologist</b>	Hearing tests and hearing aid prescription. Recommended for children with ongoing middle ear problems and in conjunction with ENT consultation. Please consult your local audiologist.
<b>Optometrist</b>	Recommended children should have their vision checked at 6 months, 3 years and annually. The cost is covered by OHIP until age 19 and parents can self refer. Please consult your local optometrist.
<b>Community Living – Huntsville Resource Teacher Program</b>	<b>Resource Teacher Program:</b> Provides support to families whose children are 2 to 6 years old with developmental/behavioural/at risk issues.
<b>Community Living – South Muskoka Children’s Services</b>	<p><b>Resource Teacher Program:</b> Provides support to families whose children are 2 to 6 years old and who have a developmental delay or at risk for a delay. Resource Teachers provide support to families with consultation in their homes, including developmental screenings, home programming and helping families advocate for their children in school settings.</p> <p><b>Family Support Program:</b> Assists families of children (3+), who have a developmental disability, with the co-ordination and accessing of supportive resources. Resource Co-ordination may include: identifying appropriate services, school advocacy, family education, financial co-ordination.</p> <p><b>Children’s Respite Program:</b> Supports families with temporary relief from the demands of caring for a child (0+) who are at risk of delay or diagnosed with a developmental disability.</p>
<b>Family, Youth and Child Services of Muskoka</b>	<p><b>Intensive Child and Family Services Worker (ISW) 0-6:</b> Provides community based early identification, intervention and treatment programs for children up to 6 years of age with mental health difficulties, and their families. The focus of this program is to strengthen the functioning of parents and children by building on their individual skills and supports. The family’s strengths and abilities are the foundation for change. The ISW program is also available for children 7-18 years of age.</p> <p><b>Triple P:</b> Aims to prevent severe behavioural, emotional and developmental problems in children by enhancing the knowledge, skills and confidence of parents.</p> <p><b>Intensive Service Coordinator (ISC):</b> Provides systems coordination services for complex special needs children and youth, their families and community service providers including assessment, planning, monitoring and advocacy. ISC enhances and assists already existing service teams. There must be other community service providers in place.</p> <p><b>Child and Family Therapists:</b> Helps children, youth and their families who are experiencing mental health difficulties with a broad range of services. Professionals assist families in identifying and addressing their child’s behavioral, social and/or emotional issues.</p> <p><i>There are many other programs available including Intensive Services Coordinator and Group Programming which can include Triple P, children exposed to domestic violence, children who are experiencing a mental health issue and addictions strengthening families.</i></p>
<b>HandsTheFamilyHelpNetwork.ca</b>	<p><b>Infant Development Program:</b> Provides service to families of infants and young children with developmental concerns. Provides home visiting, developmental assessments and service coordination in Muskoka/Parry Sound Districts. (0-6 years)</p> <p><b>Development Support Services:</b> Serves adults and children with cognitive disabilities. (2.5-18 years)</p> <p><b>Great Beginnings - Prenatal Nutrition Program:</b> Provides support and information for women prenatally and with infants up to 6 months of age. Provides free healthy snacks, food to take home, including prenatal vitamins and free transportation.</p> <p><b>Great Beginnings - Growing Up Program:</b> Provides an opportunity for parents with children 0-6 years of age to interact and play with their children. A \$10.00 food voucher is distributed and free transportation is available.</p> <p><b>Early Literacy Specialist:</b> Supports parents and professionals by providing expertise, information and practical advice on how to effectively develop early literacy skills in children 0-6 years of age.</p> <p><b>Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI):</b> Provides centre-based, intensive behaviour therapy (20 to 35 hours per week) to children under 18 years of age who are diagnosed with moderate to severe autism. The purpose of the IBI is to increase the intelligence in order to prepare him/her for learning opportunities at school, at home, and in the community.</p> <p><b>Behaviour Communication Therapy:</b> Uses Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) to provide in-home behaviour therapy and consultation to parents of children and youth diagnosed with Autism.</p>
<b>One Kids Place</b>	<p><b>Speech &amp; Language Therapy (SLP):</b> Assists children in achieving their optimum potential in the areas of speech, language, communication, cognition and swallowing. This service is available until the child enters SK at which time the child is transitioned to school based services.</p> <p><b>Occupational Therapy (OT):</b> Supports children and youth to function at their best in activities of daily living (i.e. hygiene, feeding, dressing and writing). This service is available until the child enters JK at which time the child is transitioned to school based services.</p> <p><b>Physiotherapy (PT):</b> Supports children to enhance mobility, improve physical function and positioning, and utilize adaptive equipment. This service is available until the child enters JK at which time the child is transitioned to school based services.</p> <p><i>One Kids Place also offers a number of specialty clinics including Seating and Mobility, Orthotics, Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Developmental Clinic, and Swallowing and Feeding Clinic. These clinics are available to children 0-18 years of age.</i></p>
<b>Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit</b>	<p><b>Health Connection:</b> Health information, support and referrals to community resources from a Public Health Nurse. Information also available via internet and e-mail at <a href="http://www.simcoehealth.org">www.simcoehealth.org</a>. Intake line to all health unit services.</p> <p><b>Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program:</b> Home visits with a Public Health Nurse and Family Home Visitors for parenting support, service coordination, and linking to community resources.</p> <p><b>Oral Health Program:</b> Children In Need of Treatment (CINOT) ext: 8804. Urgent dental concerns for children 0 to 18th birthday years. Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) ext: 8810. Preventative services, based on family income. Other inquiries via general number.</p> <p><b>Triple P Parenting:</b> The program aims to support parents by enhancing knowledge, skills and confidence to support behavioural, emotional and developmental problems in children.</p>
<b>Other Community Resources District of Muskoka</b>	Community supports available for Children and Families: <a href="http://www.communityinformationmuskoka.ca">www.communityinformationmuskoka.ca</a>