



CENTENNIAL INFANT AND CHILD CENTRE (for children with special needs)

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Dear parent/caregiver:

This letter is to tell you about our Early Intervention (E.I.) program. Our goal is to support families with children ranging in age from birth to five years old who have delays in two or more areas of development. There is no charge for this service. The Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services funds this program. If children are enrolled in other programs such as school, daycare or nursery school, then they are not eligible for the E.I. program. If you require French language services, you can contact Centre francophone at 416-922-2672.

We provide this service by visiting you and your child in your home or community. We offer suggestions and activities to support your child's development in all areas: speaking and listening, gross (big muscles) and fine (small muscles in the hands) motor skills, social/emotional, thinking and self-help skills.

Our Early Childhood Interventionist (EI staff) starts by talking to you about your concerns and observing your child(ren). Together you and the EI staff will observe your child's development. In consultation with you, she will create a family service plan that sets goals for your child's development and your family's needs if necessary, and how often she will visit. Together you will also plan what the next steps are after we discharge.

Visits are usually about one hour long. The EI staff will show you play activities to do with your child, how to use developmentally appropriate toys and everyday activities to encourage development. If needed, she may also consult with other professionals for more suggestions. Depending on your family's needs, the EI staff can also help you plan your child's entry into daycare, school or other programs.

You are always the leader in making decisions including whether to continue in the program. Our job is to work with you to support your child. We depend on you to share your observations and to follow-up on the activities.

We can also make referrals to other agencies or child development specialists. We sometimes work with other professionals involved with your family, including scheduling visits together.

If you have any questions, contact Beverley Davis, the Intake Coordinator, at 416-935-0200, extension 246.