



Coming In January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020...

## Changes to School Based Rehabilitation Services in Publicly Funded Schools in Chatham Kent

### Students enrolled in:

- **Conseil scolaire catholique Providence**
- **Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB)**
- **St. Clair Catholic District School Board (SCCDSB)**

The Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent (CTC-CK) is committed to providing children and youth with special needs the help they need to participate fully at school, home and in the community. In **Conseil scolaire catholique Providence, the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) and the St. Clair Catholic District School Board (SCCDSB)** schools in Chatham-Kent, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and some Speech/Language Therapy services are provided by contracted service agencies. Beginning on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, these services will be provided directly by the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent occupational therapists, physiotherapists and speech/language pathologists. There will be no changes to the eligibility for services. Rest assured therapy services for your child will continue, however you may have a new therapist in January 2020.

Below is a summary of what will change on January 6, 2020 and what will stay the same.

### Changing...

As of January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, in the majority of schools in **Chatham-Kent:**

- **Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent therapists** will provide Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech/Language Pathology rehabilitation services in the Conseil scolaire catholique Providence, the Lambton Kent District School Board and the St. Clair Catholic District School Board schools. Your child may have a new therapist.
- **Increase in service options** to meet the needs of students and families such as small groups, rehabilitation services provided by an Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) or a Communication Disorders Assistant (CDA), universal strategies, home programs, participation in school based meetings and access to services during the summer months.



## Staying the Same...

- **Eligibility for school based** Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and some Speech/Language Therapy services remains the same.
- The Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent (CTC-CK) will continue to receive and process referrals from school principals for School Based Rehabilitation Services.
- The **amount of Ministry funding available** for Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech/Language rehabilitation services in schools is the same and there will continue to be a waitlist.
- Erie St. Clair LHIN care coordinators will continue to manage the Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech/Language Therapy services in private schools and in the home.
- Nursing at publicly funded schools will still be provided by the Erie St. Clair LHIN.
- Speech/Language Therapy services currently provided by the school boards will continue to be provided by the school boards.
- **School Principals** will continue to make **referrals** for Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech/Language Therapy services for children eligible to attend Grade One until graduation from high school.
- Any **other services** that children and youth currently receive from Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent will stay the same.

Your child's health information will continue to be securely stored by the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent in an electronic record that is consistent with the requirements under the Personal Health Information Protection Act.

## Questions...

You will be contacted by your child's therapist in January 2020. We will continue to provide updates on the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent website ([www.ctc-ck.com](http://www.ctc-ck.com)). In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent:

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