

School Therapy Services

Parent and School Information

Occupational Therapy (OT), Physiotherapy (PT) and Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) services may be available at school to maximize the ability of students with special needs to participate at school. Referrals are made by the school team and authorized by the school principal. These services are contracted by Thames Valley Children's Centre (TVCC) to several service provider agencies. TVCC also has a contract directly with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to provide these services in some areas. The agencies that could provide the service are determined by the county of the school.

Making a Referral

To refer to TVCC School Therapy Services, the school* must submit all of the following forms to TVCC. Some documents are completed by the Parent/Legal Guardian to provide necessary health information and allow good communication among everyone involved with the student. Others are completed by the School Team to share the student's contact information, needs at school and clarify the services requested.

*If involved, the child's preschool SLP completes the referral package for SLP services and submits to TVCC

Documents completed by the Parent/Legal Guardian:

1. Student Background Information Form. Please attach extra pages or documents (ie medical reports) that you believe would be helpful.
2. Authorization to Share Form.
3. Consent for Services Form.

Documents completed by the school:

1. TVCC Family and Community Referral Form.
2. Interim School Therapy Services SLP and/or OT/PT Referral Form. An OT Sensory Questionnaire is also included if the referral is for OT for a sensory need.

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Next Steps

TVCC will review all of the provided information. For students with the highest priority needs, the service provider will contact the family and school to discuss the plan to start service within approximately one month. If there are not resources available to immediately meet the student's needs, the school team will be informed in writing about the plan for service.

Please contact TVCC Intake at 1-866-590-8822 or fax 519-685-8705 if you have any questions or if there are changes to the information provided. Report any changes to the information provided including allergies, medical diagnosis, contact information or addresses, school attended or custody.

If you believe your child's needs have become more or less urgent, discuss with your school team and the school can submit a "Student Update Form" to TVCC.

After the service has started, please keep your service provider informed of any changes, and the service provider will update TVCC.