



Child is screened at First Words Screening Clinic

CHEO-PQCHC
 Screening indicates child has speech and language difficulties such as: receptive language, expressive language, articulation/phonological, voice, dysfluency, motor speech, social/pragmatic or resonance difficulties. Skills in all other areas of development judged to be age appropriate.

Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre
 Screening indicates child has speech and language difficulties AND physical and/or developmental needs (a physician/pediatrician referral will be requested).

If developmental needs are suspected at any time, a referral to OCTC is made for a developmental assessment (original referral date respected). If a child has already been seen for an assessment or therapy by CHEO-PQCHC, his/her communication skills will be monitored pending outcome of assessment at OCTC.

Parent Education Session
 Speech Language Pathologist describes strategies to promote communication skills, explains what to expect in an assessment and reviews the service delivery model with parents.

"Getting Started" Services
 While waiting for a developmental assessment, families of children between 18 months and 6 years of age may receive consultation services from a Speech and Language Pathologist, an Occupational Therapist, a Social Worker, an Early Childhood Consultant, a Dietician and a Behaviour Consultant.

Assessment
 With parents, a Speech Language Pathologist assesses the child's communication skills. Recommendations for treatment and other referrals are made. Strategies for parents and information on community resources are also given.

Infant Development Services
 Provides in-home visits or group activities for children under 6 years of age who are not attending a daycare/preschool program and not involved with therapy services.

Developmental assessment by a developmental pediatrician or a psychologist

Speech and Language Treatment -
 Services include parent training, parent-child group intervention, group therapy, individual therapy, consultation and home programming. These options are based on the child's age, severity and communication profile.

Assessment confirms child has developmental needs

Assessment confirms child has speech and language difficulties only

Transition to School - A transition to school/community services plan is completed when child is eligible for senior kindergarten.

Assessment and treatment based on child's profile (May received occupational therapy, speech and language pathology, physiotherapy, behaviour consultant)

Transfer to CHEO-PQCHC (Original referral date respected)

First Words Preschool Speech and Language Program is an integrated partnership between Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre, CHEO, Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre and the City of Ottawa.

