

Developmental Services of Leeds and Grenville (DSLGS)

Our Mission Statement:

Developmental Services of Leeds and Grenville is committed to providing a variety of clinical and support services which will enable persons with developmental/intellectual disabilities to develop their potential within their communities.

Children's Services - Child and Family Supports

Services are available to individuals who are experiencing a developmental/intellectual disability or in some cases to children who may be at risk for a developmental/intellectual disability. Services are also available to the family, the school, the community and other human service organizations that affect the individual. We strive to make our broad range of support services inclusive, individualized and emphasize full participation in community life. We work collaboratively with our community partners to be innovative and translate our fundamental beliefs into daily practice.

Child and Family Community Counsellors offer a variety of clinical and support services for children and families. Services include:

- Intake and Assessment
- Development of an individualized service and support plan
- service co-ordination (internally and with outside agencies)
- counseling in the areas of parenting skills development, family issues, life skills and individual skill development
- behaviour and developmental programs
- assistance with ACSD (Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities) and SSAH (Special Services at Home) applications.
- Assistance with obtaining respite supports.
- support worker arrangements are facilitated and supervised with funding from the ACSD and SSAH applications
- social work services and therapy for more intensive/complex issues
- teaching and training groups (parent education and training, social skills groups - formal training, social/recreational training, community awareness training, adolescent community groups)

Coordinated Service Planning (CSP)

- objective is to provide children and youth with multiple and/or complex special needs and their families with a seamless and family- centred service experience
- CSP is a shared initiative of MCCSS, MOE and Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. KidsInclusive is the coordinating agency for the service delivery areas of KFLA and LLG. DSLGS is contracted to provide CSP in LLG.
- We have two Dedicated Service Planning Coordinators (DSPC) on staff

Specialized Services

A variety of specialized services are available for children, these include:

Psychological Services

- psycho-educational and neuro-cognitive assessments
- consultations for behavioural, adaptive, emotional, social, developmental and forensic difficulties
- assessment for investigation of an individual's learning profile for future growth and planning

Assessments and consultations include recommendations for follow-up interventions.

Behavioural Services

Behavioural services are provided to assist individuals to develop skills needed to participate within their communities. Services are offered through consultation, individualized approaches and a behaviour clinic. All services offer ongoing psychological supports and follow-up. These services are supported by both a behaviourist and a psychologist.

Social Work Services

Social Work provides specialized services to individuals and families to assist in the more intensive and complex cases. Assessment, counseling, and therapy services are provided to both children and adults on an individual, family and group session basis. They serve as case manager by coordinating referrals, evaluation of progress, and working as part of a multidisciplinary team.

Psychiatric Clinic

Clinics are offered once a month. These consultations offer:

- assessment
- planning
- referral to other services
- medication reviews
- follow-up (when required)

Occupational Therapy (OT)

Occupational Therapy promotes sensory processing abilities - an individual's ability to take in, organize and use sensory information to interact with his/her environment. Services help prepare individuals of all ages for the 'jobs of living'. For a child, this may include getting dressed, writing his/her name and playing with a peer. For a young adult, this may include understanding money, developing routines and exploring meaningful productivity options (i.e. work or volunteer). Services are individualized, goal-oriented and strengths-based.