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Open: Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.  
(or by appointment)



## Orientation to Centre & Community Based Services

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the John McGivney Children's Centre. This orientation package will provide you with information about the Centre, our staff and services. You may find it helpful to keep copies of reports, program plans, etc. The Centre exists to serve your child and your family. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. I trust that you will find our quality services and highly skilled staff to be of assistance to you in meeting the needs of your child and family.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Jovanovski, CEO

### *What We Do*

The John McGivney Children's Centre (JMCC) provides specialized pediatric therapy services to over 4000 children and youth each year who are under the age of 19, and young people between the ages of 19 & 21 who remain in secondary school and reside in Windsor and Essex County. Our services are funded through the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and are provided free of charge for residents of Ontario.

We provide therapy services to children who experience difficulty with everyday activities such as crawling and walking, feeding, hand function and communication. Difficulties can be due to prematurity, muscle or bone issues, as well as neurological, developmental or other physical or health concerns.

Parents or legal guardians, physicians and other community agencies can make a referral by completing a referral form located on our website or by calling the Centre at 519-252-7281.

### *Consent for Service*

Before starting services, therapists must have your consent. Consent is required for each assessment and service and when treatment plans change.

Under Ontario law (called the Health Care Consent Act) a person is capable to decide about his/her own treatment if he/she is:

- able to understand the information needed to make the decision,
- able to understand the harms, benefits / outcomes of having or not having services

### IMPORTANT NOTES

To make a change or cancel an appointment, call 519-252-7281.

To contact your child's therapist by email use the following format: [firstname.lastname@jmccentre.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@jmccentre.ca)

To speak with your child's therapist by phone, call 519-252-7281. You may press "0" at any time during regular hours and a receptionist will be available to assist you. If you know the extension of the therapist, you may enter it when prompted.

JMCC Is Fragrance / Scent-Free



As some families may be sensitive or allergic to scents, we ask that you do not wear any scents such as perfume or hairspray when coming to the Centre as this may cause or trigger health issues.

## *Health & Safety is Important to Us*

### **When Visiting our Centre, please keep in mind:**

We strive to provide services in a manner that protects your child's safety. If you or your child has one or more of the following symptoms: a new cough, vomiting, diarrhea, body rash or fever; you should not visit the Centre. If a child is brought to the Centre and they are sick, you will be asked to return home. We can offer the session virtually or reschedule the visit once the symptoms are gone. Please provide at least 24 hours notice of cancellation or, in case of emergency, as soon as possible by calling 519-252-7281. If you have any concerns about safety at JMCC, please let your therapist know or email: [clientsafety@jmccentre.ca](mailto:clientsafety@jmccentre.ca).

## *Therapy Services*

### **Physiotherapy**

Provides support to children and youth who have difficulties with movement, orthopaedic issues (bone/muscle/joint issues) and/or infants who may be 'at risk' (i.e. born prematurely or had difficulties at birth) to meet their developmental milestones.

### **Occupational Therapy**

Provides support to children and youth to improve their ability to function and participate in their everyday activities. These activities may include play and school work (productivity), eating, dressing, bathing, hygiene (self-care) & participating in activities with friends in their community

### **Speech Therapy**

Provides support to children and youth to develop and maintain functional communication and/or feeding/swallowing skills.



## *Other Services & Programs*

- Social Work
- Seating & Mobility Clinic
- Augmentative Communication Clinic
- Audiology
- Cleft Lip & Palate - Craniofacial Dental Clinic
- Service Coordination
- Kids Are Kids Disability Awareness
- Recreation Programs
- Medical Clinics: Orthopaedic, Rheumatology, Complex Care, Feeding
- Transition Clinic
- Toy and Equipment Lending

### **PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED WITH:**

- your contact information (i.e. address, phone number)
- changes in health and/or function
- information about other professionals you are involved with
- custody and access agreements

## How We Deliver Services

We partner with you to develop and work towards goals that are important to you and decide together which services can best meet those goals.

Our services can be delivered individually, in combination with other therapies, or in a group.

- When services start, how often and how long you are seen depends on the reason for referral, your needs and goals, as well as available resources
- Services may pause and start again as goals and needs change

Services are most often provided in the Centre. Some may be provided in your home, school, child care centre. If you have a need for services to be delivered in your home or in the community, please talk to your therapist.

Services are only one part of what makes a difference in skill development.

- New skills require practice. Therapists will make suggestions that you can work on at home.

We will provide and help you understand information about:

- your abilities, potential challenges and our recommendations
- other community services, resources and general information
- what we need from you
- the roles and responsibilities of everyone working with you
- opportunities to participate in research, clinical trials or student education

## Your Child's Health Record

JMCC opens a file for every person who registers for services. Medical, therapy and other reports are stored in this file. You will receive copies of JMCC reports after your child's initial assessment, yearly updates if applicable and at the time of discharge. It is important to keep your own copies of these reports to share with other professionals. If you disagree with what has been written in a JMCC report, please first discuss your concern with the person who wrote the report. If you still have concerns contact that person's supervisor.

## Privacy

Your child's healthcare information is private and protected by law. It will only be shared with your consent or when required by law.

The Personal Health Information Privacy Act, 2004 PHIPA is Ontario's law designed to protect the privacy and confidentiality of personal health information (PHI) by establishing rules for how it must be collected, used, and disclosed. PHI can be any information that can identify your child such as medical history, treatment information and diagnosis.

Consent: Healthcare providers need your permission to share your child's health information, except in emergencies.

Third-Party Requests: If a third party (e.g., school) asks for records, permission is needed unless required by law

## Your Role as a Parent

You can request copies of your child's records and ask for corrections if needed.

Stay informed by asking questions about how your child's information is protected.

**If you have concerns, contact the JMCC Privacy Officer at: [PrivacyOfficer@jmccentre.ca](mailto:PrivacyOfficer@jmccentre.ca) or call 519-252-7281 ext. 0 for assistance.**

## Discharge

Service includes developing a plan for discharge or transfer. It is time for discharge or transfer when:

- therapy goals are met
- services are better met by another program, provider or agency
- you no longer qualify for services (i.e. you move out of the area, turn 21 years old)
- you request discharge
- we are unable to contact you or you miss 3 scheduled appointments in a row and do not call to reschedule

Re-referrals can be made to the Centre if a new issue arises or if you experience a change in condition.



# John McGivney Children's Centre

## *Helping Abilities Grow*



## *Our Mission*

**We enrich and celebrate the lives of children and youth with disabilities to help abilities grow by providing child-focused, family-centred care.**

## *Our Vision*

**As a provider of innovative services to children with disabilities, we are a centre of hope, support and inspiration, working together toward a future of empowerment, participation, and opportunity.**

## *Our Values*

### *Collaboration*

We believe that children live in relationships with their families, their communities and society. We are committed to collaboration with the people and organizations who provide support to the children we serve.

### *Honesty*

We believe that the best decisions and actions are taken with transparency and accountability. We are committed to honesty and openness in our work and in our interactions with others.

### *Innovation*

We believe that our children and families deserve to have access to the best ideas and services. We are committed to seeking out new and better tools and techniques, and methods of engagement with our children, families and the community.

### *Leadership*

We believe that as practitioners, and as an organization, we play an important role in leading for change. We are committed to using our expertise to help build a better world for the children and families we serve.

### *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion*

We believe that our work is made better when we listen to, include, and meet those who need our services where they are and remove barriers to participation. We are committed to being an equitable and just organization.

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We want to hear from you about our services. You may be asked at different times to provide your feedback on how we are doing and we encourage your participation.

You can fill out an online survey using this link: [www.surveymonkey.ca/r/jmccfamilyfeedback](http://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/jmccfamilyfeedback) or use the scan code to the right.

At any time that you have questions or concerns, please bring them first to the attention of the employee involved. If you are not satisfied with the result, ask to speak to the employee's immediate supervisor.

If you still have a concern, contact:

Director of Client Services | 519-252-7281 ext. 296 | [marla.jackson@jmccentre.ca](mailto:marla.jackson@jmccentre.ca)



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