



# George Jeffrey Children's Centre

ENRICHING CHILDREN'S LIVES

## Students Enrolled In:

- ❖ Lakehead District School Board (LDSB)
- ❖ Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board (TBCDSB)
- ❖ Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales (CSDCAB)
- ❖ Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario (CSPGNO)
- ❖ Superior North Catholic District School Board (SNCD SB)
- ❖ Superior-Greenstone District School Board (SGDSB)
- ❖ Keewatin Patricia District School Board (KPDSB)

## Coming in September 2020

### Changes to School Based Rehabilitation Services in Publicly Funded Schools in Thunder Bay and District

George Jeffrey Children's Centre is committed to providing children and youth with the help they need to participate fully at school, home and in the community. School Based Rehabilitation Services (SBRS) assists your child in reaching their fullest potential in the school setting. In schools of the **Lakehead District School Board, Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board, Conseil scolaire de district des Aurores boréales, Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario, Superior North Catholic District School Board, Superior-Greenstone District School Board and Keewatin Patricia District School Board (Upsala)** in Thunder Bay and the District of Thunder Bay, Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy services have been provided by contracted service agencies. Beginning in September 2020, these services will be provided directly by George Jeffrey Children's Centre speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists. There will be no changes to the eligibility for services. Rest assured that if your child currently has services in school, those therapy services will continue, however your child may have a new therapist in September 2020.

Below is a summary of what will change in September 2020 and what will remain the same.

### Changing...

For all publicly funded schools in Thunder Bay and the District of Thunder Bay:

- ❖ **George Jeffrey Children's Centre** will provide Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy rehabilitation services in the Lakehead District School Board, Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board, Conseil scolaire de district des Aurores boréales, Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario, Superior North Catholic District School Board, Superior-Greenstone District School Board and Keewatin Patricia District School Board (Upsala). 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** Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy services remain the same.
- ❖ George Jeffrey Children's Centre will continue to receive and process referrals from school officials (Principals, Special Education Teachers/Facilitators, and Learning for All Teachers) for School Based Rehabilitation Services (SBRS).
- ❖ **The amount of Ministry funding available** for Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy rehabilitation services in schools is the same and there will continue to be a waitlist.
- ❖ North West LHIN Care Coordinators will continue to manage the Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and some Speech-Language Pathology services in private schools and in the home.
- ❖ The North West LHIN will still provide nursing services in publicly funded schools.
- ❖ Speech-Language Pathology services currently provided by the school boards will continue to be provided by the school boards.
- ❖ **School Principals, Special Education Teachers, Facilitators and Learning for All Teachers** will continue to make referrals for SBRS Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy for children eligible to attend JK until graduation from high school.
- ❖ SBRS accepts Speech-Language Pathology referrals for SK and higher grade levels where a qualifying speech concern is identified (articulation, fluency and voice concerns only). In Ontario, language needs (e.g. using or understanding of words), are addressed by your child's school board.
- ❖ Any **other services** that children and youth currently receive from George Jeffrey Children's Centre will stay the same.

## Helping Children Reach their Greatest Potential

Your child's health information will continue to be securely stored by George Jeffrey Children's Centre 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 SBRS therapist in September. We will continue to provide updates on George Jeffrey Children's Centre website ([www.georgejeffrey.com](http://www.georgejeffrey.com)). In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact George Jeffrey Children's Centre SBRS Coordinator, Tara Kydd at (807) 623-4381 ext. 6808 or toll free at (888) 818-7330 ext. 6808 or via email at [tkydd@georgejeffrey.com](mailto:tkydd@georgejeffrey.com)

