

Dear Parents,

Do you have a child, between the age of 2-4 years, who has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder or demonstrates deficits in areas of development such as communication, play and social skills?

St. Lawrence College will be opening a clinic at the Centre for Behavioural Studies in November 2018. In this clinic, we will offer curriculum assessments for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and related disabilities.

What are curriculum assessments?

Curriculum assessments (e.g. Verbal Behaviour Milestones Assessment and Placement Program, or the Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills-Revised) are helpful to parents, educators, and service providers in understanding a child's strengths and areas for development across a number of common learning domains including, but not limited to, communication, play, social, self help, motor and imitation skills. Upon completion of the assessment, a written report will be provided to you, which you can share with any person who is involved with your child's care. Please note that curriculum assessments are not a diagnostic tool.

When and how long are the sessions?

The assessments will be completed over the course of 4 weeks, starting the week of November 19, 2018. During this time, your child will be scheduled for approximately 2-3 sessions per week taking place over 1-2 hrs. There is some flexibility around the scheduling of the sessions, and in some cases, we may ask to observe your child at home or daycare (with your permission and at the discretion of the daycare) to assess some of the skills.

Where is the Centre for Behavioural Studies?

A completely renovated, purpose built and accessible clinic space is located in the Newcourt House building on the corner of King Street and Country Club Drive (southwest corner of the college campus, near the residences).

Who is providing these sessions?

Students of the Autism & Behavioural Science Graduate Certificate program will conduct the assessments under the guidance and supervision of a Behaviour Therapist or Clinical Supervisor. Note that students will work independently with your child some of the time.

How much does it cost?

\$200 is the total cost which includes: materials required to complete the assessment, completion of the assessment, supervision, a written report, and a follow up meeting to review results upon your request.

Will my child be eligible for this service?

If your child has a formal diagnosis of ASD/related disability, or you have significant concerns about their development, and they are aged 2-4 years old, they are eligible. The service is designed for preschool children, so if your child attends a kindergarten program, they would not be eligible. Once you express your interest, a clinician from the Centre for Behavioural Studies will speak with you to determine if this service is the right fit, and if not, will refer you to other available services that we offer.

How do I sign up?

Please visit our website (below) and fill out a "Request for Services" form quoting the "Preschool Assessment Clinic" on the form.

<https://www.centreforbehaviouralstudies.ca>