



A disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long term adverse affect on the person's ability to carry out day to day activities.



When Your Child Has a Disability

With the increasing availability of resources, children with disabilities are being diagnosed earlier. Some of the most important factors in quality of life are having a supportive family and home environment, social relationships, and participation in the community. These factors can assist in providing your child with the confidence and self-esteem to achieve more success as an adult.

Things You Can Do

If you think that your child may have a physical or developmental disability:

- See your Family Doctor and inquire about a referral to a Pediatrician
- Have your child assessed by George Jeffrey Children's Treatment Centre

If you think that your child may have a learning disability:

- Ask the school to assess your child
- Refer to the Children's Centre Thunder Bay for an assessment

Where to Find Help

George Jeffrey Children's Treatment Centre 623-4381

Provides a variety of services and supports to children, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy
200 Brock St. E.
www.georgejeffrey.com

FAIR START 625-8817

Provides screening for speech and language, large and small motor skills and social development
999 Balmoral Ave.
www.fairstart.ca

Children's Centre 343-5000

Provides a variety of mental health services to children, including intellectual and developmental assessments
283 Lisgar St.
www.childrenscentre.ca

For more information
about children's health
visit:
www.aboutkidshealth.ca



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www.norwestchc.org • 1-866-357-5454 (toll free)

Where to Find Help

Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program 473-3130 +1+3

Provides financial assistance and drug and dental card to eligible families
435 James St. S., Suite 111
www.cdrcp.com/cip_snf_acsd.html

Easter Seal Society - Northwest Region 345-7622 1-800-267-3778

Provides services for children, youth, and young adults under 19 years of age with physical disabilities.
91 Cumberland St. S., Suite 201
www.easterseals.org

HAGI Community Services for Independence 343-0414

Provides essential services such as housing, transportation and personal assistance for individuals with a disability
1201 Jasper Dr., Suite A
www.hagi.ca

Wesway 623-2353

Provides a diverse range of respite care services for families
1703 Victoria Ave. E., Suite 210
www.wesway.com

LU Gross Motor Development Clinic Lakehead University Fieldhouse 343-8752

Provides assessment and services for children with Developmental Coordination Disorder. The clinic is offered either in the fall or winter school terms
<http://kinesiology.lakeheadu.ca>

Thunder Bay District Health Unit Preschool Communication Services 625-5936

Provides speech and language services to children birth to SK
www.tbdhu.com/HBHF/SpeechAndHearing

Recreational Opportunities:

City of Thunder Bay Integration and Inclusive Services 625-2930

Offers basic recreation programs for children and adults with disabilities.

Websites:

Family Alliance Ontario
www.family-alliance.com

Ontario Association of Children's Rehabilitation Services
www.oacrs.com

Special Needs Opportunity Windows - SNOW
www.snow.utoronto.ca

Sunshine Dreams for Kids
www.sunshine.ca