

About the Ontario Autism Program

The Ontario Autism Program (OAP) offers support to families of children and youth on the Autism spectrum. Children and youth who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) by a qualified professional are eligible for the Program. Clients receive services and supports until the age of 18. The programs and services offered through the OAP at *Grandview Kids* include:

Caregiver-Mediated Early Years Programs, Core Clinical Services, the Entry to School Program and Foundational Family Services. Learn more about our offerings below.

Caregiver-Mediated Early Years

Caregiver-Mediated Early Years Programs support families with children ages 12 to 48 months, helping them learn new skills and meet individualized goals. Parents and caregivers will learn therapeutic strategies and specific techniques from professionals based on their child's needs. Our programming is offered alongside Lakeridge Community Support Services and the Regional Municipality of Durham.

Core Clinical Services

Core Clinical Services is one of the streams of support for children and youth registered in the Ontario Autism Program. Based on your child's needs, these Core Clinical Services can include Purchased Services at Grandview Kids, which is currently limited to Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) services. For more information, visit: grandviewkids.ca/purchased-services.

Entry to School Program

The Entry to School (ETS) Program is funded through the OAP at no cost to parents, and helps children with ASD prepare to enter school for the first time (kindergarten or grade 1). The Program has two components: building a child's school readiness skills and supporting their transition to school. For more information, visit: grandviewkids.ca/entry-to-school.

Foundational Family Services

Foundational Family Services Workshops are offered for free by Grandview Kids for parents/caregivers of a client with an OAP number. The workshops offered are informed by evidence and delivered by our Autism Services Team, covering a range of topics from Communication Success, to an Introduction to Toilet Training, to Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) at Home and many more.

Visit AccessOAP.ca to register. If you have questions about registering your child, call AccessOAP toll-free at 1-833-425-2445 or email them at info@AccessOAP.ca.

Learn more about the programs and services offered through the Ontario Autism Program at Grandview Kids by scanning the QR code or entering this link in your browser: GrandviewKids.ca/autism-program.



Purchased Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Service Offerings

Grandview Kids is proud to offer programs and services that help children and youth reach their full potential. In partnership with the client and their parents or caregivers, experienced clinicians provide services tailored to meet a child's or youth's specific needs and goals, which may be eligible for purchase through the Ontario Autism Program's (OAP) Core Clinical Services funding and Interim One-Time funding. Our Purchased Service offerings are separate from the long-standing, available programs at Grandview Kids and **do not** impact their wait times. The current applied behaviour services we offer are the *F.A.S.T.* and *Mediator* Models. Learn more below.

Foundational Applied Skills Training (F.A.S.T.) Model

Using the principles and teaching methods of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA), foundational skills are the focus of goals in this model. Skill domains of focus could include communication, play skills, behaviour management, imitation, self-care, and motor skills, to name a few (five or more goals are often focused on at a time in this service). This service option is most appropriate for children under 11 who would benefit from skill development in various developmental domains.

Mediator Model

Using the principles and teaching methods of ABA, goals are determined based on client and parent/caregiver input and assessment outcomes. A broad range of goal areas can be focused on, which may include behaviour management, communication, play skills, self-care, job readiness, motor skills, etc. (one to four goals are often focused on at a time in this service). This service option is appropriate for children up to the age of 18.

Please note: Grandview Kids lists all available Purchased Behaviour Services and groups on our *My Community Hub* website. You can register for these Services by creating a My Community Hub account. To learn more about My Community Hub and our Purchased Behaviour Services, visit grandviewkids.ca/purchased-services or contact our Service Navigators at **905-728-1673 ext. 2468**.

Family Engagement Program

Caring for a child or youth with physical, communication or developmental needs can leave some caregivers feeling isolated and alone. Our Family Engagement Team comprises caregivers to Grandview Kids clients and former clients (grads) who use their lived experience and specialized training to support others in their journey.

As soon as you're referred to Grandview Kids, you have access to several helpful Family Engagement services, including a Facebook support group, Paperwork Parties to help you fill out various applications, as well as Coffee Chats and community events to meet other caregivers. For more information on how you can access Grandview Kids Family Engagement services, contact FamilyEngagement@grandviewkids.ca.



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Visit GrandviewKids.ca for more information about our Autism programs and services.