

What to Expect at Your Child's Communication Assessment

What to Bring

- any special equipment for your child (e.g. glasses, hearing aids, communication books, or seating equipment)
- any documents or reports received from other professionals (e.g. private speech and language report, hearing assessment, genetic investigations or diagnostic reports)
- a favourite book, toy or small snack (peanut-free) (not required)
- If you are involved with Early Intervention Services, please let them know about your appointment with us. With your consent, we will connect with other professionals involved with your child.
- You will be expected to stay in the room with your child during the assessment. You may be sitting on the floor to play with your child, so please dress comfortably.
- Please do **not** bring siblings to the appointment if possible.

When you Arrive

- Check in at reception.
- A play area may be available; however, caregivers must supervise their own children.
- Your Speech-Language Pathologist (S-LP) will meet you in the waiting room.

During the Assessment

- The S-LP will talk to you about your concerns and your child's communication, including the reason for referral, and any new updates.
- You may be asked questions about your child's developmental and medical history.
- The S-LP will play with your child and may invite you to join in on activities. Often, children are most comfortable communicating with their parents at this young age.
- The S-LP will assess what your child understands and says, as well as how and why your child communicates, and how clearly your child talks.
- The S-LP may use tests which involve having your child answer questions, follow directions using toys, point to pictures, or name objects or pictures.
- The S-LP will watch and listen to help to assess how and why your child is communicating.
- The S-LP may look in your child's mouth to see if there are any physical issues that could affect their speech.

Following the Assessment

- The S-LP will talk about the results with you and make treatment recommendations. You will be invited to share any goals and priorities that you have for your child.
- If your child is eligible for intervention, the S-LP may suggest parent training, parent-child sessions, consultations, a recheck, or a home program.
- The S-LP will give you some suggestions for things to do at home or in the community to help your child's communication development.
- If the S-LP has concerns in other areas of development, other referrals may be recommended, including Early Intervention Services, Developmental Assessment and Consultation Services (DACs), or feeding support.

What if I need to cancel my child's appointment?

- Please call the Speech- Language Pathologist as soon as possible.
- We will try to make another appointment as soon as possible. However we do book our appointments 1-3 months ahead of time, so you may need to wait.
- Please cancel your appointment if you or your child is sick.

We are looking forward to meeting with you and your child.
For more information, and additional resources, please remember to
visit our website at

www.childdevelopmentprograms.ca

Thank you!