

Registration

To be eligible for IBI services through the Cambridge Child Development Centre, our clients must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a confirmation of diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder (specifically from Classic Autism to PDD-NOS) from a Pediatrician or registered Child Psychologist,
2. Be a resident of Ontario (children from Cambridge and surrounding areas will have priority for services, although we accept clients from other areas).
3. Be between the ages of 2-9 years old upon intake.
4. Have undergone an intake session with one of our Senior Staff, which would involve an interview with the parents only and an observation/assessment with the child.
5. Have been in contact with your Regional Program to determine your child's eligibility under our services for the Direct Funding Option as well as the designated funded therapy hours your child may receive (determined by regional program). Parents may also choose to provide their own funding for therapy if their child meets the above criteria. For more information on the Direct Funding Option for IBI therapy, please consult the Ministry of Child and Youth Services website: <http://www.gov.on.ca/children/english/programs/needs/autism/>



Integrated Preschool Program

The creation of our integrated preschool program is currently underway. Our anticipated start date is May, 2010. This program is primarily for use of our clients during therapy to promote generalization of social, play, self-help and academic skills learned in a one-on-one setting. Parents may also wish to enrol their child in one of our classes in order to supplement one-on-one therapy and to help facilitate a transition to a school-based environment. Parents of children enrolled or not enrolled in our IBI therapy program between the ages of 3-5 years are encouraged to participate. We plan to have a very high staff to child ratio; all staff will receive training in the principles of Applied Behavioural Analysis as they pertain to the school-based environment. For more information, please fill out the contact form located on our website: www.ccdcinc.ca.

The Cambridge Child Development Centre

INTENSIVE BEHAVIOURAL INTERVENTION



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“Step by Step,
Learning,
Together.”



Who Are We?

The Cambridge Child Development Centre was first established in October, 2007 by the Miller family in order to provide more options for parents seeking Intensive Behavioural Intervention for their child(ren) with Autism. We are a private, centre-based facility that provides Intensive Behavioural Intervention in one-on-one and group settings as well as school-based interventions through our Integrated Preschool Program. We are a new facility; we have yet to begin delivery of our services, yet we anticipate our opening to be in August of 2009. We are a facility dedicated to providing quality educational experiences for children with Autism as well as quality training for parents, Instructor Therapists and Senior Staff. We are passionate about learning – we seek out employees as well as parents who share our passion.

Our Services

Intensive Behavioural Intervention in a One-On-One Centre-Based Setting

In accordance with the Ministry of Child and Youth Services Autism Intervention Program Guidelines, we provide quality, one-on-one Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) based on the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis. This type of therapy is currently the only research-based government-funded treatment for children with Autism in Canada. IBI involves breaking down key skills from different developmental domains and teaching each small component of a skill systematically by prompting the child, fading prompts effectively and using dynamic, creative reinforcement. Our IBI program is supervised by highly-qualified staff with substantial experience in creating individualized, quality IBI programs for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Group-Based Therapy

As a centre-based facility, we are equipped to facilitate many forms of program generalization, social-skills, adaptive skills and play skills teaching within a small group-based therapy setting. Our preschool facility and common play areas are designed primarily for use with our clients.



Quality Training for Staff And Parents



Staff Training

Our Instructor Therapists undergo a month of intensive training prior to beginning one-on-one therapy with our clients. Our training program is supervised by our Program Director, who has undergone training in teaching both the theoretical and practical aspects of conducting Intensive Behavioural Intervention for children with Autism. Our Senior Staff also have substantial experience in providing training to Instructor Therapists and will be aiding in facilitating our training program as well as coordinating ongoing professional development for all employees.

Parent Training

At the CCDC, we have a team-based approach to Intensive Behavioural Intervention. We believe parent involvement in therapy is vital to achieving the learning goals established for any client. Our Senior Staff have experience in training individuals to learn the theory and implement the techniques involved in delivering Intensive Behavioural Intervention.