

# Inspiring Abilities. Enriching Lives.

## Our Vision:

A community where everyone belongs and participates.

## Our Mission:

Together with our community, KW Habilitation inspires abilities to enrich the lives of children, youth, adults and families.

## Early Learning, Child Care and Family Services' Mission:

Empowering families within Early Learning and Child Care using a strength-based approach, supporting children as they participate in their communities.



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Psychological Services



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## What is a Psychological Assessment

- An assessment that involves the collection of clinical information and testing that may lead to a formal diagnosis and recommendations
- All assessments are completed by a Registered Psychologist within the child care setting and occasionally the family may be asked to meet at the office
- Psychologists have in-depth training in understanding human development and behaviour that allows them to assess and treat a variety of cognitive, social, emotional and behavioural concerns. Psychologists are health care providers who are regulated by the College of Psychologists of Ontario

## Psychological Assessments

### Eligibility

- Child must be attending a licensed Child Care program to be eligible for an assessment
- Alternative assessment options - Benefit Coverage or Family Health Team - have been explored

### What Will The Process Look Like

- The Psychologist will provide the family, child care and Resource Consultant with checklist(s) to complete on the child's development and behaviour.
- The Psychologist will observe the child within the child care environment and speak with child care staff and the Resource Consultant.
- The Psychologist will spend individual time working with the child in a non-distracting place to complete various assessment activities.
- Once the assessment is complete, the Psychologist meets with the family and Resource Consultant to review the results and provide a diagnosis, if warranted, and strategies to support your child's needs. A report will be written and sent to the family.

### The Benefits of an Assessment

- Helps with future supports (school and community)
- Gives a detailed picture of where the child is developmentally
- Have a better understanding of the child's strengths and needs
- To ensure that proper supports are in place
- Assists to access appropriate services

### Referral Process

Psychology assessments may be considered when there is a concern about a child's cognitive functioning, learning, attention and/or behavioural concerns. This can be discussed with the Resource Consultant and a child can be presented for psychological service coordination, if deemed appropriate.



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