# Introduction to Disability Services





### **Disability Services**



BOARD 5.1

### **Trans-disciplinary Team**



Teams are uniquely built to meet the needs of the child and family.

Our trans-disciplinary team may include:

- A speech-language pathologist
- An occupational therapist
- A psychologist
- A physical therapist
- A behaviour specialist
- A home facilitator
- A family coach





- A branch of Sturgeon Public Schools
- DS office is located within Gibbons School
- Started as a pilot project in 2010
- Specialized support provided by the Disability Service (DS) Team to compliment learning and functioning for families in the home/community.





### **FSCD Partnership for Family Centered Services**

While most staff are employees of Sturgeon Public Schools, the program and DS team is <u>funded</u> by the FSCD\* government program. \*Family Support for Children with Disabilities

Families of children in pre-kindergarten to grade 12 with extraordinary needs, can apply for DS services for their family and child through application through FSCD.

This is **<u>non-educational</u>** programming and geared to support skill development, participation, and functioning in meaningful day-to-day activities and experiences that will assist in both their life and educational journey.





### **FSCD Partnership for Family Centered Services**

**Family centered service delivery** reinforces the importance of viewing the family and child as an entire unit and respecting the values, cultural background and unique needs of each family.

Services to focus on the priorities and functioning of the family, and related to activities that are most meaningful to them.

The type, level and duration of FSCD services a family receives is based on the extraordinary needs of the child resulting from the child's developmental profile as well as strengths, abilities and resource needs of the family.

There are two types of services that Disability Services offers:

- Behavioural/Development Supports (BDS) 6 month contract when working on one targeted area of development. E.g., Behaviour
- Specialized Services (SS) more intensive support for 1 year, when working on 2 or more targeted areas of development. E.g., Behaviour, Communication and Mobility





# Who Can Apply for Services? Parent/legal guardian of children with extraordinary needs: • Who is under 18 years of age • With a diagnosed disability \*diagnosis for a disability that is due to a developmental, physical, sensory, mental or neurological condition or impairment, and/or health condition that significantly impacts their daily living activities such as eating, grooming, walking, interacting with others, playing, and problem solving (FSCD Disability Criteria) You may recognize a family that may benefit from support to find/access community resources or handling the day-to-day challenges of raising a child with extraordinary needs, etc. The child may have developmental delays and/or extraordinary needs in areas or communication, behaviour, self-care, or adaptive functioning. Service delivery is flexible and may include: • in person or virtual support, • direct or consultation, • connecting and/or partnering with other resources/services/programs.

### **Find Your Village**

Find Your Village is a unique collaborative project between Redwater Hype and SPS Disability Services for community members to join for conversation, connection and fun activities. We have events monthly to provide a safe space for community members ages 0 - 99.

**Our goal** is to provide a space where adults can come together to meet, to talk and to learn from one another, enhance communication, connect with others, build relationships and reduce isolation within our communities.

**Our hope** is that everyone will feel supported and valued, while connecting with other caring community members.

What: Topics are determined by the group

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## Share the Opportunity

Our biggest contributors to our success is Sturgeon Public Schools including school staff, clinicians, trustees, and community members who talk about the support and benefits that the Sturgeon DS Team provides.

Find out more about FSCD: FSCD

Check out our Website: Disability Services Website

Our Facebook Page: Disability Services SPS Facebook

Find Your Village Facebook Page: Find Your Village Sturgeon County



