



COCHRANE TEMISKAMING RESOURCE CENTRE
CENTRE DE RESSOURCES DE COCHRANE TEMISKAMING

December 15, 2023

Re: Upcoming Change to CTCRC's Speech and Language services

Dear Community Partners,

We are writing to inform you that **effective January 1, 2024**; Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre (CTRC) will **no longer accept referrals** for Speech and Language services for children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This decision was made in light of inception of the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) in 2019, who offers services and supports to children and youth under the age of 18 with a diagnosis of ASD.

We will continue to support children already active to our program and honour referrals received before January 1, 2024; however, services will be limited to an assessment and/or one block of therapy, and we will assist families with linking to the OAP.

We will continue to provide Speech and Language services to adults (18 years and older) with a diagnosis of ASD who are eligible for Developmental Services. Request for these services can be made through Developmental Services Ontario (DSO).

OAP offers services and supports to children and youth under age 18 with a diagnosis of ASD. Core clinical services are one of the streams of support provided. Based on a child's individual needs, this can include speech-language pathology. Please visit Ontario Autism Program's website at: <https://accessoap.ca/>, reach out via email at: info@AccessOAP.ca or call their toll-free number at: 1-833-425-2445 for more information about their program.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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