



Toronto Partnership for Autism Services (TPAS)

TPAS is a community based service that helps children with autism, and their families, through Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) and related services. Families may choose either the Direct Service Option delivered in partnership with Surrey Place Centre, Adventure Place, Aisling Discoveries Child and Family Centre, The Etobicoke Children's Centre, and Geneva Centre for Autism, or the Direct Funding Option, delivered by an approved private provider.



IBI is:

- ▶ a scientifically proven treatment
- ▶ provided for a minimum of 20 hours/week
- ▶ delivered through one-to-one and small group instruction
- ▶ requires frequent, direct measurement of child performance/progress
- ▶ designed to target a broad range of developmental areas and improve key learning skills e.g. cognitive, language, social

The goal of IBI is to increase the rate of learning. Children have different outcomes with IBI however; treatment research suggests that up to 40 - 50% of young children may make substantial progress over a 1 to 2 year period. In order to do so, intervention should be provided intensively during children's best learning periods.

Applying for TPAS

Parents with children who:

- ▶ live in Toronto and
- ▶ have a confirmed diagnosis of Autistic Disorder or fall toward the severe end of the autism spectrum.

Getting a Diagnosis for My Child

A physician or a registered psychologist can diagnose autism.

Eligibility

A screening appointment is conducted to determine eligibility and suitability for IBI.

Parent Education and Support Services

Parent Education and Support Services begin immediately for all eligible children. Services were designed to build a foundation of knowledge to support child development and to link families with resources in their community.

Transition Services

IBI is not intended to be a long term replacement for school. TPAS provides supports to children and families that help to make the transition from IBI to new environments as smooth as possible. This includes linking to Connections for Students, a collaborative program with Surrey Place Centre and the public school boards.

Contact Us:

For more information, call Surrey Place Centre (lead agency) 416 925-5141 or visit www.surreyplace.on.ca

