

Association for Bright Children - Peel Chapter

PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL TESTING and ASSESSMENT

Psycho-educational testing must be done by a psychologist or under the supervision of a psychologist. Results of the testing will be in a comprehensive report that should be at least 8 to 10 pages long (though some psychologists provide far briefer, less helpful and less meaningful written reports – check what you expect to receive and have paid for). You should review the report personally with the psychologist. Results are considered to be valid for two years.

See also the information in the file [OPA recommendations re: psychoed assessments.pdf], on "Practice Guidelines regarding Psychological Assessments and Reports Written for Clients referred for Gifted Identification", by the Ontario Psychological Association. That file is also on this ABCPeel.org website.

If you request an IPRC in writing to your child's school principal, the principal must initiate the process, part of which may be a psycho-educational assessment. The testing may be done by your Board professional staff through the school principal, or privately. The Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel District Catholic School Board recognise outside assessments that have been conducted by reputable, registered psychologists. If done privately a copy of the report may be provided to your principal for review by a Board psychologist; it will then be part of your child's official school record. You will be asked to provide written permission for the use of the external assessment by board staff.

The results of a psycho-educational assessment are one factor considered by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) when identifying a student as exceptional and gifted, and placing that student in an appropriate program. The student's academic and other needs must also be considered by the IPRC.

The following list is for information purposes only. ABC Peel does not promote private testing nor does it endorse any of the services that are listed here. Testing is available, for a fee, at:

- The ADD Centre, Director: Dr. Lynda M. Thompson, 50 Village Centre Place, Mississauga L4Z 1V9; 416-488-2233 or 905-803-8066; email: addcentre@gmail.com; www.addcentre.com
- Valentin & Blackstock, Dr. Ed Blackstock, 318 Oakwood Ave, Toronto, ON M6E 2V7; 647-351-7998; email: vbpsychology@gmail.com; www.vbpsychology.com.
- Chisholm Assessment & Counselling Centre, 1484 Cornwall Rd., Oakville, ON L6J 7W5; 905- 844-3240; Email: info@chisholmcentre.com; <http://www.chisholmcentre.com> (GRS available)
- Eastwood Psychologists, Dr. Adrienne Eastwood, 44 Main St. S., Brampton, ON L6W 2C4; 905-463-2069; <https://eastwoodpsychologists.com/>
- Greenoaks Educational Services, Michael Topa; 905-855-8016; email: greenoaks2@yahoo.com; www.greenoaks4learners.com

- Hospital for Sick Children, Department of Psychology, 555 University Ave., Toronto, Ontario M5G 1X8; 416-813-1500 (main line); www.sickkids.ca/Psychology; Please note: SickKids only does psychoeducational assessments by referral from family doctor or another specialist.
- Moss, Rowden, Freitag and Associates, Dr. Lynda Rowden, 341 Main St. N., Suite 200, Brampton, ON, L6X 3C7; 905-874-4737; fax: (905) 874-4268; email: psych@mrfsservices.ca; www.mrfsservices.ca
- The Neurodevelopmental & Educational Assessment Centre, 6855 Meadowvale Town Centre Circle, St. 316, Mississauga L5N 2Y1; 905-826-6042; www.neuroed.com
- Advanced Psychology Services, 9019 Bayview Ave #208, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1Y3, and 300 John St., Thornhill, 905-771-7000, www.psy-ed.com
- Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), Child Development Clinic, 252 Bloor Street West, 9th floor, Toronto, M5S 1V6; 416-923-6641 x2414; fax: 416-926-4708; www.oise.utoronto.ca/aphd/Prospective_Students/Programs/School_Clinical_Child_Psychology/index.html
- Wings Neuro Rehab Inc., 318 Oakwood Ave, York, ON M6E 2V7; 647-348-8322; www.wingsclinic.com

Ontario Psychological Association provides information on psychologists in practice. Contact 416-961-5552, 416-961-0069 or 1-800-268-0069; or www.psych.on.ca. See Referral page at www.psych.on.ca/Utilities/Find-a-psychologist.aspx.

See also:

For list of contacts in social services, school boards, and others:

<http://sites.utoronto.ca/kids/psychol1.htm>

Professional Practice Guidelines for School Psychologists in Ontario:

www.psych.on.ca/OPA/media/Public/OPA%20Guidelines%20and%20Reviews/Professional-Practice-Guidelines-for-School-Psychologists-in-Ontario-2013.pdf?ext=.pdf

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