

## 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 is 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 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:

**ADD Centre**, Dr. Linda Thompson, 50 Village Centre Place, Mississauga L4Z 1V9 tel: (905) 803-8066

**Artemis Assessment & Treatment Centre**, Dr. Jill Pickett, 400 Matheson Blvd., Unit 16, Mississauga L4Z 1N8 tel: (905) 568-7691, fax: (905) 568-7693, website: [www.artemiscentre.com](http://www.artemiscentre.com)

**Dr. Ed Blackstock**, Wings Development Center, 129 Vaughan Rd., Toronto, ON M6C 2L9, tel: (416) 651-2577, fax: (416) 651-0249, email: [Ed\\_Blackstock@hotmail.com](mailto:Ed_Blackstock@hotmail.com)

**Fleming, Alcock and Vigna**, Dr. Mary Susan Crawford, 18 Kensington Road, Suite 403, Brampton, L6T 4S5, tel: (905) 793-8858, also at her Orangeville office, tel: (519) 942-0367

**Greenoaks Educational Services**, Michael Topa, 1135 Greenoaks Drive, Mississauga tel: (905) 823-5116

**The Harbour Centre**, 20 Stavebank Road, Suite 201, Mississauga, ON L5G 2T4, tel: (905) 271-7693, fax: (905) 271-9544, [www.theharbourcentre.com](http://www.theharbourcentre.com), Dr. Alison Day.

**Hospital for Sick Children**, Department of Psychology, 555 University Ave., Toronto, Ontario M5G 1X8, tel: (416) 813-7500 (main line) (Sick Kids only does psychoeducational assessments by referral from family doctor or another specialist, particularly for children with severe neurological problems, though others may be assessed.)

**Moss, Rowden, Freitag and Associates**, Dr. Lynda Rowden, Dr. Sharon Verneiro, Psychologists; Paula Moss, Speech and Language; Rosemarie Freigang, Psychological Associate. 49 Queen Street West, Brampton L6W 1L9 tel: (905) 874-4737, fax: (905) 874-4268

**The Neurodevelopmental & Educational Assessment Centre**, 6855 Meadowvale Town Centre Circle, Ste. 224, Mississauga L5N 2Y1 tel: (905) 826-6042

**Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)**, Child Development Clinic, 252 Bloor Street West, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, M5S 1V6, ON; tel: (416) 923-6641, extn: 2414, fax: (416) 926-4708; Diana Robinson - Program Assistant & Secretary, <http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/depts/hdap/people.html>

**Ontario Psychological Association**, tel: (416) 961-5552, or 416-961-0069 or 1-800-268-0069 providing information on psychologists in practice; [www.psych.on.ca/](http://www.psych.on.ca/), see Referral page at [www.psych.on.ca/split.asp?location=referral.asp](http://www.psych.on.ca/split.asp?location=referral.asp).

**Dr. Ray Petrauskas**, 56 Aberfoyle Cr. Etobicoke, tel: (416) 231-4358.

**Dr. Ronald Skippon**, 99 Strath Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M8X 1R8, tel: 416-231-0888, then press #2 to leave a message.

**Dr. Dick Steffy**, Department of Psychology, University of Waterloo, 200 University Ave. W., Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 3G1, tel: (519) 888-4567 x2548 , fax: (519) 746-8631, email: [steffy@watserv1.uwaterloo.ca](mailto:steffy@watserv1.uwaterloo.ca)

See also: <http://www.utoronto.ca/kids/psychol1.htm> for a (rather dated) list of contacts in social services, school boards, and others; you will have to check telephone numbers and contact names, but the list of organisations is excellent.

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