

## Our Mission...

The John McGivney Children's Centre provides rehabilitative services to the Windsor and Essex County community, enriching the lives of children and youth with disabilities and special needs by helping them reach their full potential.

## Our Vision...

The centre of hope, support and inspiration for children with disabilities and their families. Working together toward a future of participation, acceptance and opportunities.

## Our Beliefs...

- That we can make a difference in the quality of life (of our clients and families).
- In the value, uniqueness and diversity of the family.
- That each child has self worth and value, and should be treated with respect and dignity.
- That children have a right to live and be cared for in a safe environment.
- That the Centre is just one component of the broader community of organizations working together in a collaborative partnership to provide a continuum of services to children and families.
- In the right for staff to work in an environment that promotes respect, encouragement and professional development.



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# HELPING ABILITIES GROW

## JOHN MCGIVNEY CHILDREN'S CENTRE

### THE PEOPLE WE SERVE...

The John McGivney Children's Centre (JMCC) provides a variety of services to over 2100 children and their families. These services are provided at the Centre, in homes and in community schools throughout Windsor and Essex County and can be provided in both official languages to children from birth to 21 years of age.

Currently, the Centre serves the Windsor and Essex County child and adolescent population who most often present with one or more of the following:

- Neurological conditions e.g. cerebral palsy and head injury
- Birth defects e.g. Spina Bifida
- Muscle disorders e.g. Muscular Dystrophy
- Trauma e.g. fractures, post-surgical
- Illness e.g. cancer
- Unusual metabolic conditions
- Cardiovascular and respiratory conditions
- Cleft lip and/or palate craniofacial conditions
- Autism
- Orthopedic/musculoskeletal conditions
- Genetic disorders
- Developmental delays

### OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP FULL POTENTIAL...

We believe that our services and programs can and will make a difference in the quality of life of our clients and their families. We also believe that the children served by the John McGivney Children's Centre will have the opportunity to develop to their full potential.

A range of therapy services and programs are available to children attending the preschool or the school at the John McGivney Children's Centre and as an outpatient service to other children in the Windsor/Essex County community. Many of our children are served through the CCAC School Health Support Services and CCAC Pediatric Services at Home programs.

Implementation of our services and programs involves a multi-disciplinary approach that complements the broader rehabilitation plan as well as the lifestyle of the child and the child's family. The plan will also reflect the child's development and interests. Developing this approach for service includes consultation with the child's family and/or caregivers and educators in order to build the necessary supports that will provide a continuum of services in all aspects of the child's life, at home, and in the community.

We also provide medical clinics for additional medical support for your child, and to assist the multi-disciplinary team in determining rehabilitation goals, as well as appropriate services and programs.

**Preschool:** The Preschool program provides a happy, positive learning environment that facilitates creativity, curiosity, communication, independence, reasoning, and daily positive experiences for children 2-5 years old who have physical disabilities. This healthy and safe setting, which is integrated with able-bodied children, fosters the development of positive self-concept and encourages all children to reach their fullest potential.

**Specialized Therapies and Services:** Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, communication therapy, recreation therapy, social work, augmentative communication, seating/mobility and various family-centered resources compose the continuum of high quality supports we provide to children and their families to help promote independence and active roles in the world around them.

**Family Services:** Family Services provide a range of services, rooted in a family-centered model, aimed at enhancing a family's ability to become active planners for their child. These services are individualized to meet the needs and requirements of each family and include Social Work, Autism Program – South West Region, Behavioural Consultation and Psychological Services.

**Medical Clinics:** Specialty clinics are available at the Centre to complement the care our families receive from their own physician. Most team members will attend including each therapist, other community providers and any family members who wish to come. In addition, the Medical Director offers consultation to clinicians and parents regarding changing approaches to the treatment of certain conditions, and can offer support in the development of rehabilitation plans for families.

**John McGivney Children's Centre School Authority:** In collaboration with, and located in the Centre, the School is designed to provide a safe, equitable learning environment for children ages 4-21 that respects the uniqueness of a diverse community. Partnerships are developed with families, staff and the community to maximize learning outcomes. Integration into community school is promoted. Exemplary programs and teaching methods, along with intensive rehabilitation services, are kept current with Ministry of Education directives.