Children first for a stronger community
Who are we?

The Child and Youth Development Clinic is an interdisciplinary training facility for graduate students in School and Applied Child Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Applied Behavior Analysis and Speech and Language Pathology at Western University.

What do we offer?

The Clinic provides high-quality, affordable and comprehensive multi-modal and multisource psychological assessment and intervention designed to understand and enhance the cognitive, academic, neuropsychological/attentional, behavioral/emotional, and speech/language abilities of children and youth from three to 18 years of age.

Our assessment findings provide critical information about child and youth development and assist in identifying those children and youth who may need additional support services or intervention. We design and/or deliver evidence-based interventions tailored to the specific needs of your child or youth and work collaboratively with families and educators to build a shared understanding of how to best support your child.

Under the close supervision of highly-trained interdisciplinary experts from across Western University, including Registered Doctoral Psychologists and Speech and Language Pathologists, our students provide clinical services that emphasize the importance of connecting scientific inquiry to clinical practice.

How are we different?

The interdisciplinary nature of the Child and Youth Development Clinic enables us to provide a rich and diverse set of services that no single health-care professional can offer.

We do intake assessments that provide us with rich data and follow a comprehensive assessment protocol where every child receives intellectual, language, achievement, and neuropsychological assessments at a fraction of the cost of obtaining separate assessments in the community.

Following assessment, we determine where the child or youth has challenges and needs support but also where his or her strengths lie. We design a specific treatment plan, suited to the particular child, and stay with that child to help ensure the plan is properly implemented across necessary channels and with all necessary stakeholders whether here in the clinic, at home, or at school.

Our cost model is based on financial need and operates on a sliding scale determined by income and personal financial circumstances.

Why?

Currently there are thousands of children in the community whose needs are not being met. We want every child to be able to access these types of services, not just those who have the economic resources. Our desire is to ensure the health of our children now, to ensure the health of our society in the future.

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