



*Welcome to*  
*The George Hull Centre*  
**PREVENTION AND  
EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES**

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## **Prevention and Early Intervention Services at The George Hull Centre**

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Prevention and Early Intervention Services (PEI) at the George Hull Centre offers a range of programs for families with children from birth to six years old, including:

- The George Hull EarlyON Child and Family Centres
- Early Abilities Preschool Speech and Language Services
- Every Child Belongs Special Needs Resourcing Service
- Right Help Right Now Consultation Service
- Family Group Conferencing
- Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition

All programs and services are offered free of charge.



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## **Locations of Service**

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Prevention and Early Intervention Services at The George Hull Centre are offered from a number of locations in our community:

### **200 Ronson Drive, Suite 102**

- Preschool Speech and Language Services
- EarlyON Child and Family Centre
- HUG Clinic
- Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition

### **81 The East Mall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

- Preschool Speech and Language Services
- Resource Consultation Program
- HUG Clinic
- Family Group Conferencing

### **25 Burnhamthorpe Road, Islington United Church**

- EarlyON Child and Family Centre

### **85 Mount Olive Drive – Highfield Junior School**

- EarlyON Child and Family Centre

### **135 Queen's Plate Suite 307**

- Preschool Speech and Language Services
- HUG Clinic

### **1900 Davenport Road, Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre**

- Preschool Speech and Language Services

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## The George Hull EarlyON Child and Family Centres

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The George Hull EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer programs to children (aged birth to six years) and their parents/caregivers at five different locations in Central and North Etobicoke. Regular drop-in and registered programs encourage positive adult-child interaction, provide exposure to toys, activities and materials and facilitate early learning. School readiness programs and kindergarten enrichment programs support children in their transitions to school. Our Early Childhood Educators and other staff provide information on child development to parents/caregivers through workshops and one on one discussions. They also support parents in identifying special or additional needs of their children and accessing referrals to specialized services as needed.

The Community Engagement Program provides rich volunteer opportunities for community members to gain experience and build their skills and it supports various community and centre activities that enhance life for children and families. Numerous events, such as the Community Breakfast and Spring Community Fair bring community members together.

The monthly detailed EarlyON Program Calendars are available on the George Hull Centre website.



### Central Etobicoke:

The Manager of the Central Etobicoke EarlyON Child and Family Centre is Isobel Vallely.

The Central Etobicoke Program Facilitators are Candice Crolla, Joanne Marciniak, Nancy McDowell, Carolina Montes, Sandra Villagra, and Rose White.

### North Etobicoke:

The Manager of the North Etobicoke EarlyON Child and Family Centre is Lynne Gregory.

The Family Engagement Worker is Zuzuky Diaz.

The North Etobicoke Program Facilitators are Romanie Moonsee, Farah Zafar, Patricia Scotland, Moonie Mohammed, and Syamala Srivarapathy.

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## Early Abilities Preschool Speech and Language Program

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The Preschool Speech and Language Program at The George Hull Centre is part of the Early Abilities community partnership that delivers speech and language services to children from infants to entry into kindergarten. The program offers assessment of a child's understanding and use of language skills and speech production, a treatment plan, parent training and consultation to caregivers, child care centres, and EarlyON Child and Family Centres as well as support and information sessions for parents and community members.

The Manager of the Preschool Speech and Language Program is Anna Rupert. The Intake Worker is Dian Bent.

The Speech and Language clinical team includes Ivone Branco, Yara Dlugosova, Sarah Greene, Joanna Kelly, Sara Kim, Sarah Lass, Talia Leszcz, Nicole Howe, Nima Sahar, Leslie Saleh, Linda Thai, Vaani Vivagananda and Elspeth Young.

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## Every Child Belongs Resource Consultation

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The Every Child Belongs service provides extra support for children in licensed child care settings. Resource Consultants assist childcare providers to effectively meet the needs of children with special needs up to the age of 12 years old. Consultants offer early identification, advice on programming for children with special needs, and problem solving. Consultants use a variety of strategies including observation, role modeling, and hands on training. Screening tools are used to identify specific developmental needs and guide recommendations to promote inclusion.

The Manager of the Resource Consultation Program is Lynne Gregory.

The Resource Consultants are Joyce Fulton and Shanda Burnett.



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## HUG (Help Us Grow) Clinic

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The George Hull Centre HUG Clinic is available to families with children aged six and under who are currently clients of the centre. Social workers from the George Hull Centre Community Clinic provide single session consultation appointments with very limited wait times to families with concerns regarding their children's social and emotional development, behaviour, learning, communication or relationship difficulties. Often, these challenges are getting in the way of children experiencing success in their daily lives. Consultation appointments can be arranged by asking a staff member in the program you are currently attending to make a referral. If you and/or your child need more service than the consultation offers, then the counselor will help to make a referral for ongoing service at either The George Hull Centre or at another organization which will meet you or your child's needs.

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## Family Group Conferencing

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Family Group Conferencing (FGC) is an alternative culturally sensitive approach to child protection and working with families where the child is in need of protection. The FGC process brings together family members to construct a plan of care for their children that addresses concerns identified by child welfare/children's mental health professionals. The main objective of FGC is to empower marginalized families and give the extended family group a voice in the decision-making process to ensure the safety and well-being of children who are at significant risk of or in need of protection from abuse and neglect.

The FGC Ontario Provincial Resource is a provincial locus of expertise and best practice. We provide training and consultation to service providers and organizations across Ontario and maintain a provincial roster of FGC coordinators, trainers and mentors.

The Manager of the Family Group Conferencing Project is Amanda Lal.

The Intake Worker for the Family Group Conferencing Project is Rosemary Britto.

The Coordinator of the FGC Ontario Provincial Resource is Lynda Evans.



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## Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition

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The Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition (EBFC) is a collaborative group of community partners who work together to plan, develop and deliver services and programs that will improve the health and well-being of young children within the context of their families and their communities. Together, we work to create a seamless network of integrated services for all young children and their families in our community. Find out more about the Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition on the web at [www.ebfc.ca](http://www.ebfc.ca).

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## Client Rights

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As a client of The George Hull Centre, you have a right:

- ❖ To be treated with dignity, respect and without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or socio-economic status.
- ❖ To privacy and confidentiality, except when we are required to disclose or share information because of legal or professional obligations.
- ❖ To receive service in program spaces that are safe, clean and accessible.
- ❖ To make a complaint if you are dissatisfied with the service you are receiving.

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## Confidentiality

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Our policy is to keep information about your child and family confidential. Confidentiality means that information about your child and family that you share with staff may be shared with supervisors or other staff on the team for the purposes of case consultation, clinical supervision or quality assurance but will not be shared with anyone else outside the Centre without your informed consent.

However, you should know that there are some circumstances in which we are required to disclose or share information because of legal or professional obligations. These are the circumstances:

- ❖ The George Hull Centre must obey subpoenas, court orders, and search warrants.
- ❖ The George Hull Centre has the legal duty to report suspected child abuse and neglect to a children's aid society.
- ❖ The George Hull Centre may at times share information with others in extreme situations such as threats of suicide or homicide or serious risk of harm to self or others.

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## Complaints or Concerns

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The Centre provides clients with the best service possible. If you are ever dissatisfied with the service you are receiving or think something needs to change, we encourage you to speak to staff or the Program Manager as a first step. If you are still dissatisfied, you are welcome to contact Kim Curran, Director of Prevention and Early Intervention and/or Susan Chamberlain, the Centre's Executive Director.



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## Important Contacts

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### Prevention and Early Intervention Services

Kim Curran	Director	416-622-8833 ext 174
Rosemary Britto	Administrative Assistant	416-622-8833 ext 265

### Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition

Isobel Vallely	Coordinator	416-622-8833 ext 781
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### EarlyON Child and Family Centre

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### Early Abilities Preschool Speech and Language

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Dian Bent	Intake Worker	416-622-8833 ext 182

### Every Child Belongs Resource Consultation Program

Lynne Gregory	Manager	416-622-8833 ext 711
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### Family Group Conferencing

Amanda Lal	Manager	416-622-8833 ext 255
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