



Thames Valley  
Children's Centre

## Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)-based services and supports for children and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

### SOUTH WEST REGION

Thames Valley Children's Centre is pleased to join its community partners,

Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent,  
Community Living – Central Huron,  
John McGivney Children's Centre,  
Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services and  
Pathways Health Centre for Children

in offering new ABA-based services and supports for children and youth with ASD in the South West Region.



### ABA-based services and supports will...

- ✓ Help children and youth with ASD develop skills in the areas of:
  - Communication
  - Social/interpersonal
  - Daily living skills
  - Behaviour management/emotional regulation
- ✓ Address behaviours that interfere with day-to-day functioning,
- ✓ Provide education to parents/caregivers on how to apply ABA strategies so they can help their children learn, maintain and generalize skills,
- ✓ Be informed by a review of the child's strengths and needs,
- ✓ Involve between two to six months of service depending on the child's or youth's identified needs,
- ✓ Typically be conducted between two and four hours per week, and
- ✓ Be delivered through individual or group sessions as appropriate in a variety of settings (e.g., home, school, and community).

## Who is eligible?

- Children and youth, 0 – 17 years of age (up to 18<sup>th</sup> birthday), with a written confirmed ASD diagnosis, including:
  - Autism/Autistic Disorder
  - Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS)
  - Asperger's Disorder
- Living in the South West Region (Bruce, Elgin, Essex, Grey, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth counties and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent)
- The written diagnosis must be provided by a family physician, paediatrician, psychiatrist, psychologist or psychological associate

## How to Apply?

Call the Thames Valley Children's Centre (TVCC) Intake Department at **519-685-8700 or toll free at 1-866-590-8822**. This is the central intake number to call no matter where families live in the South West Region.

Parents and caregivers can call directly or service providers may assist families to make a referral.

**Paperwork:** In order to confirm eligibility, the TVCC Intake Coordinator will ask parents/ caregivers to provide the following:

- Proof of child's / youth's age and address,
- Written confirmation of the ASD diagnosis,
- Copies of previous psychological and curriculum assessments, and
- A signed consent form for the release and sharing of information.

## When will services begin?

The TVCC Intake Department will begin taking calls as of September 1, 2011. Once a complete ABA-based training program has been developed and offered to community service providers in the South West Region, ABA-based services and supports for children and youth with ASD will begin, likely in January 2012.

Services are offered in French in FLSA designated areas. Interpretation services for all languages will be obtained as needed.

Thames Valley Children's Centre, in partnership with Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent, Community Living – Central Huron, John McGivney Children's Centre, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services and Pathways Health Centre for Children, receives funding from the Ontario Ministry of Children & Youth Services to provide ABA-based services and supports for children and youth with ASD in the South West Region (Bruce, Chatham-Kent, Elgin, Essex, Grey, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, and Perth).