



Family Centered

Parents and professionals work closely together to understand the strengths and needs of each child and family. The family helps to determine goals and activities and is encouraged to participate in the child's treatment program.

We recognize the importance of early identification and intervention to promote the long-term social, physical, emotional, behavioural and developmental well-being of children and their families.

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CHADS

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This program is offered free of charge through Alberta Health and Wellness

CHADS

Children's Health and
Developmental Services



CHADS offers skill-building and treatment activities for the families of children who have or may develop emotional or behavioural problems, developmental delays or disabilities.

Team of Professionals

The CHADS core team includes:

Behavioural Services:

Provides emotional/behavioural consultation to children with behavioural needs in one setting, groups, resource library, referral services and brief, solution-focused counseling. Child, couple, and family assessment/treatment services are offered. Open referral for children birth to 7 years of age.

Home Based Development Services (HBD):

Focuses on screening, assessment and treatment for children with developmental delays, disabilities and/or premature births. Open referral for children birth to 3.5 years of age.

Occupational Therapy (OT):

Focuses on difficulty with fine motor skills, visual-motor skills, perceptual skills, self-care skills, play skills or are having difficulty coping within their environment. These delays may be a result of physical impairments, developmental delays or difficulties with sensory integration. Open referral for children and youth birth to 18 years of age.

Nutrition Services:

Offers nutrition education and assessment in all areas of nutrition including dealing with sensitivities to food textures, picky eaters, delayed eating skills and general healthy eating for children. Open referral for children and youth birth to 18 years of age.

Pediatric Medical Adviser

Consults with CHADS team.

Physiotherapy:

Focuses on gross motor skills including posture, balance, coordination and the effect of muscles and joints on these skills. Open referral for children and youth birth to 18 years of age.

Speech-Language Therapy (SLP):

Focuses on the assessment and treatment of children for communication and feeding development. This includes pre-speech, early language, speech sound production, speech generating communication devices, use of picture symbol communication, sign language use, fluency (stuttering), oral motor, chewing, sucking and swallowing development. Open referral for children and youth birth to 18 years of age.

