

Childrens Health And Developmental Services

CHADS is a regional program that offers skill-building and therapeutic activities for the families of children who have, or may develop, emotional or behavioural problems, developmental delays or disabilities.



Family focused

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.

CHADS

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

Providing
Therapeutic and Educational Programs
for children and their families



Healthy Children and their Families
functioning to maximum potential
in Southeastern Alberta

Team of Professionals

The CHADS core team includes:

Behavioural Services:

Provides behavioural assessment and treatment services to children and families, consultation services for parents and professionals and 1-2-3 Magic Parent Training Courses.



Home Based Behavioural Services (HBD)

Home Based Development focuses on screening, assessment and treatment of children with overall developmental delays, disabilities and/or premature births.



Occupational Therapy (OT)

Focuses on children who are having difficulty developing 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 or developmental delays or difficulties with sensory integration.



Nutrition Services

Offers nutrition education and assessment in all areas on nutrition including dealing with sensitivities to food textures, picky eaters, delayed eating skills and general healthy eating for children.



Paediatric Medical Adviser

Physical Therapy

Focuses on gross motor skills including: posture, balance, coordination, and the effect of muscles and joints on these skills.



Speech-Language Therapy (SLP)

Focuses on the evaluation and treatment of children with a variety of disorders or delays in speech, language and feeding development. This includes pre-speech, early language, speech sound production, augmentative communication, sign language use with speech fluency (stuttering) oral motor, chewing, sucking and swallowing development.



CHADS partner programs include:

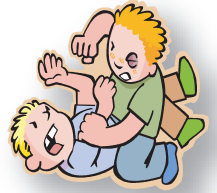
**Bridges Program,
Mental Health Services,
Parent Link Centre,
Schools,
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Program,
and
Southeast Alberta Child and Family Services Authority.**

Eligibility

Behaviour Services:

Accepts open referrals for children/families up to 7 years old, living within Medicine Hat and Brooks.

Refers to other services for those children with significant developmental delays, those who are victims of sexual abuse or have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.



Home Based Development:

Accepts open referrals for all children up to 3 1/2 years of age.



Nutritional Services:

Accepts open referrals for all children from birth to 18 years old.

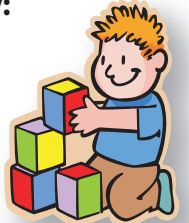
Occupational and Physical Therapy:

Accepts open referrals for all children up to 5 years old.

A Physician referral with diagnosis is required for children 6-18 years old.

Speech-Language Therapy:

Accepts open referrals for all children from birth to 18 years old with multidisciplinary needs.



If you have questions regarding eligibility, please contact the CHADS offices directly.