



centre FOR
autism
services
ALBERTA

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Every child is unique. Every family is unique.

The Centre's Specialized Services (SS) are focused to meet the unique needs of children and families affected by autism and its associated challenges. With 25+ years of experience, the Centre has developed a philosophy and approach that is holistic, inclusive, values children and families, and prioritizes strategies that work for you.

WHY CHOOSE THE CENTRE?

- **Autistic people are valued!** Autistic voice and choice is embedded in our leadership, board, staffing, and volunteers
- **We are a non-profit organization** dedicated to improving the lives of autistic persons by offering a lifespan of support from early childhood to adulthood
- **SS families gain preferred access** to on-site preschool (PUF funded), the START Program, Respite, OT groups, and more!
- **Families may also be interested** in participating in any of our community and recreational activities, summer camp, workshops, and other programs the Centre promotes and develops
- **The Centre is the only accredited children's autism service provider in Alberta** (through CARF International) - ensuring a high-quality standard of care
- **Flexible delivery** including in-person and secure video-link technology options
- **No hidden fees.** The Centre manages all financial aspects of SS with the government

"The Centre has had a huge impact on our family. The staff gave us courage and strength when we needed it and celebrated the successes with us... and they never let us forget the successes." - Centre Mom



WATCH NOW!

**SPECIALIZED
SERVICES AT
THE CENTRE:
THROUGH THE
EYES OF
A PARENT**

PURPOSE
To **empower** autistic people and their families to **thrive**.

PHILOSOPHICAL FRAMEWORK

MISSION
To provide comprehensive and innovative supports and services to those affected by autism spectrum disorder.

VISION
Individuals with autism spectrum disorder lead meaningful, engaged lives.

VALUES

Collaboration
We build authentic partnerships.

People Focused
We seek to **understand** each person's specific context, dreams, and goals to **promote their achievement**.

Autistic Voice & Choice
Our services reflect what is important to **autistic people**.

Continuous Improvement
If **better** is possible, **we do it**.

- Changing Outcomes
- Empowering Families
- Enriching Lives
- Fostering Independence
- Transforming Community

PILLARS OF SERVICE

NEURODIVERSITY PARADIGM
We define autism as a developmental disability that affects how people think, understand the world, move, communicate and socialize. **The autistic brain is a natural variation.**

Person Centered
Understanding each person's specific context, dreams, and goals to support their achievement.

Family Focused
Recognizing that at different stages of life, family/guardians are key decision makers for and with their dependent.

Person, Family & Interprofessional Collaboration
We work as a team that includes the autistic person, their family, multi-disciplinary personnel, and other people from the autistic person's community.

Meaningful Participation
The environment and people within it adapt to meet each individual's needs, creating a sense of belonging and participation in all activities and settings.

Naturalistic Developmental & Behavioural
We integrate developmental and behavioural sciences using strategies in natural activities and routines to teach skills and promote success.

Evidence Based
Maximizing effectiveness by using empirical findings; professional experience; and values and preferences of persons served.

HONOURING DIVERSITY
Services are **inclusive** of and **responsive** to overlapping identities, culture, and unique experiences.

WHAT DOES SPECIALIZED SERVICES LOOK LIKE IN PRACTICE*?

- **You gain access to a multi-disciplinary team** of supervised and trained specialists in autism (usually a speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist, and behavioral case manager/behaviour analyst)
- **A yearly individualized service plan** is developed based on parent priorities and child need
- **Interventionists may be included** for child-focused teaching and modeling of skills
- **Services take place in home and community settings**
- **Services are coordinated** with other supports such as health and education
- **Staff provide regular written updates** and reports on needs, progress, and goals

*As a government funded activity, additional information is listed [here](#).



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