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Speech and Language Services in Montreal: ON-ISLAND

For preschool-aged children:

If concerns are regarding language only:

- 1) Parents should request that a file be officially opened at their area CLSC (centre local de services communautaires:
<http://wpp01.msss.gouv.qc.ca/appl/M02/M02RechInfoSante.asp> to find the CLSC based on postal code) and request a language screening.
- 2) If your CLSC does not offer language screening or assessment services, your child may be referred to The Montreal Children's Hospital (MCH)

If the concern is about Autism Spectrum Disorder:

Children can be referred to the Autism Spectrum Disorder Clinic at The Montreal Children's Hospital, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Sainte-Justine, Hôpital Rivière-des-Prairies, or Douglas Mental Health University Institute.

If the concern is about Early Developmental Impairment (Global Developmental Delay):

Children for whom there are language concerns and concerns regarding possible delays in other areas of development should be referred to the Developmental Progress Clinic at The Montreal Children's Hospital or the developmental clinic at Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Sainte-Justine.

**Please note, all referrals for preschool children require a doctor's referral to be processed through the Central Intake Department, room D-289, fax: 514-412-4398, phone: 514-412-4496.*

If the concern is related to stuttering:

A request can be made for the child to be referred directly to their area rehabilitation centre by the child's doctor (Centre de réadaptation en déficience physique:
<http://www.aerdpq.org/les-crdp/coordonnees>.)

For any language concerns in a school-aged child, parents should discuss their concerns with the child's teacher and principal and request school speech and language services (see note below concerning children with severe learning difficulties).*

Alternatively, families may opt to consult a speech-language pathologist in **private practice**: Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec, www.ooaq.qc.ca (click on Où consulter?)")

*Our tertiary-care mandate allows us to serve, irrespective of the child's geographical location and age (0-18), children presenting with the following conditions: newly diagnosed neurological condition or unstable neurological condition (e.g., epilepsy), resonance disorders (including disorders due to craniofacial differences like cleft lip and palate), voice disorders (e.g., vocal hoarseness), traumatic brain injury (via Neurotrauma Program), or severe learning difficulties with or without concomitant attention issues (via Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Clinic or Learning Progress Clinic of the Child Development Program; a recent psychology evaluation is required). In the case of children with severe learning difficulties and/or attention problems, a prerequisite is that the difficulties persist despite modifications that were already put in place, suggesting that the current diagnosis is being questioned. The above information is applicable irrespective of the language(s) spoken by the child. For more information on speech and language development, visit:

<http://www.thechildren.com/en/departments/index.aspx?myDep=S&ID=63>